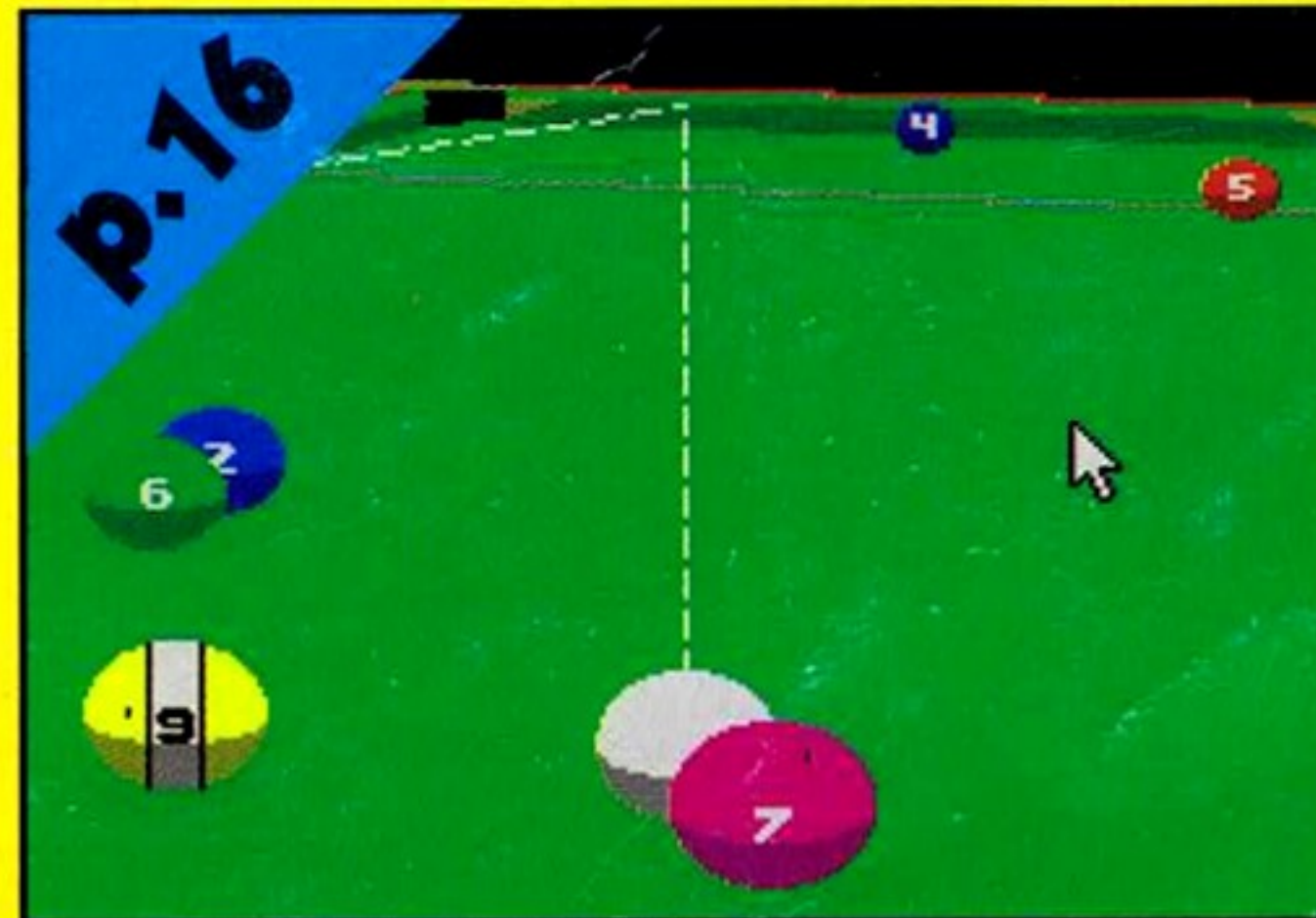


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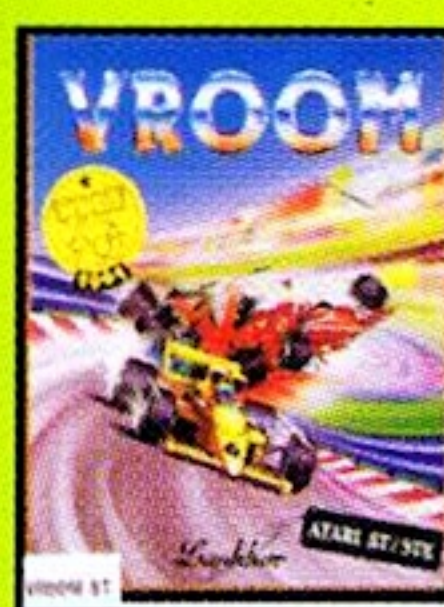
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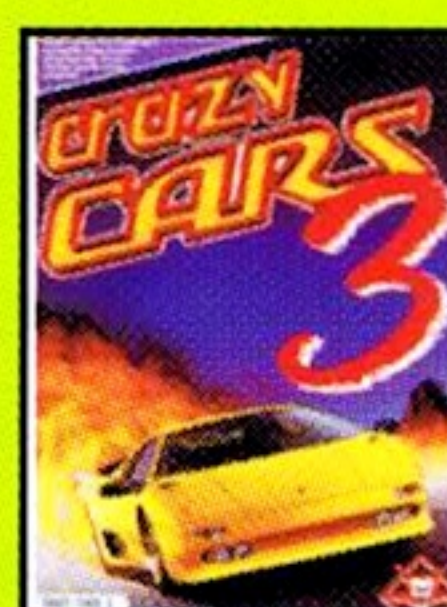
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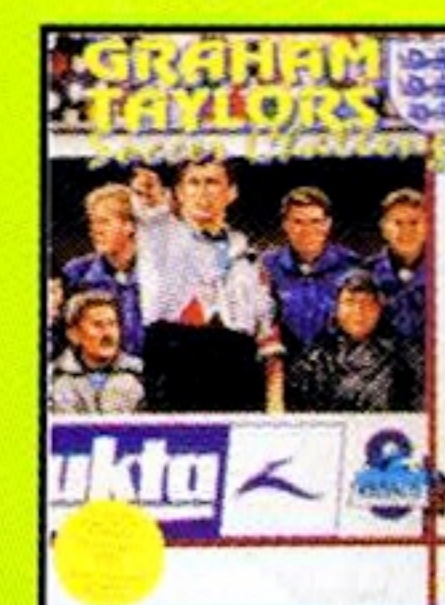
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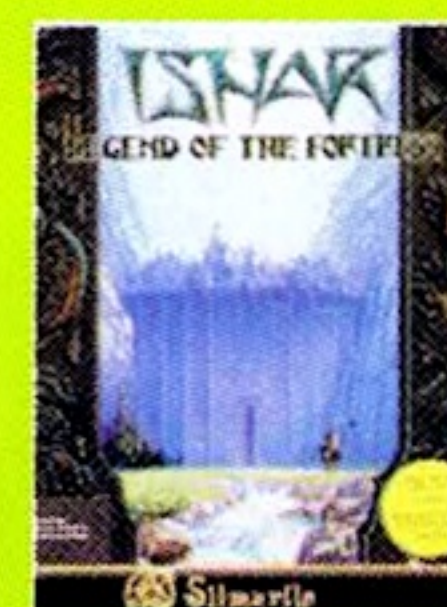
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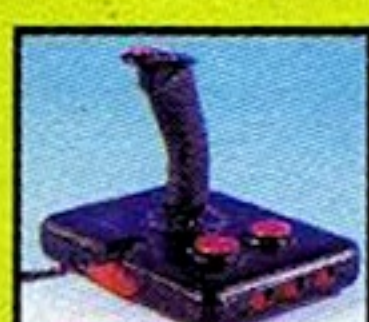
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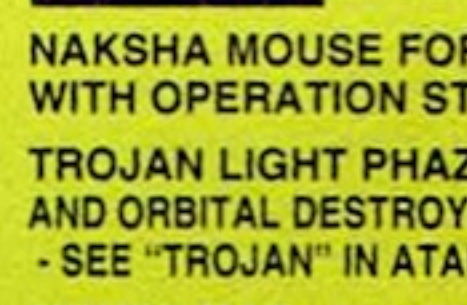
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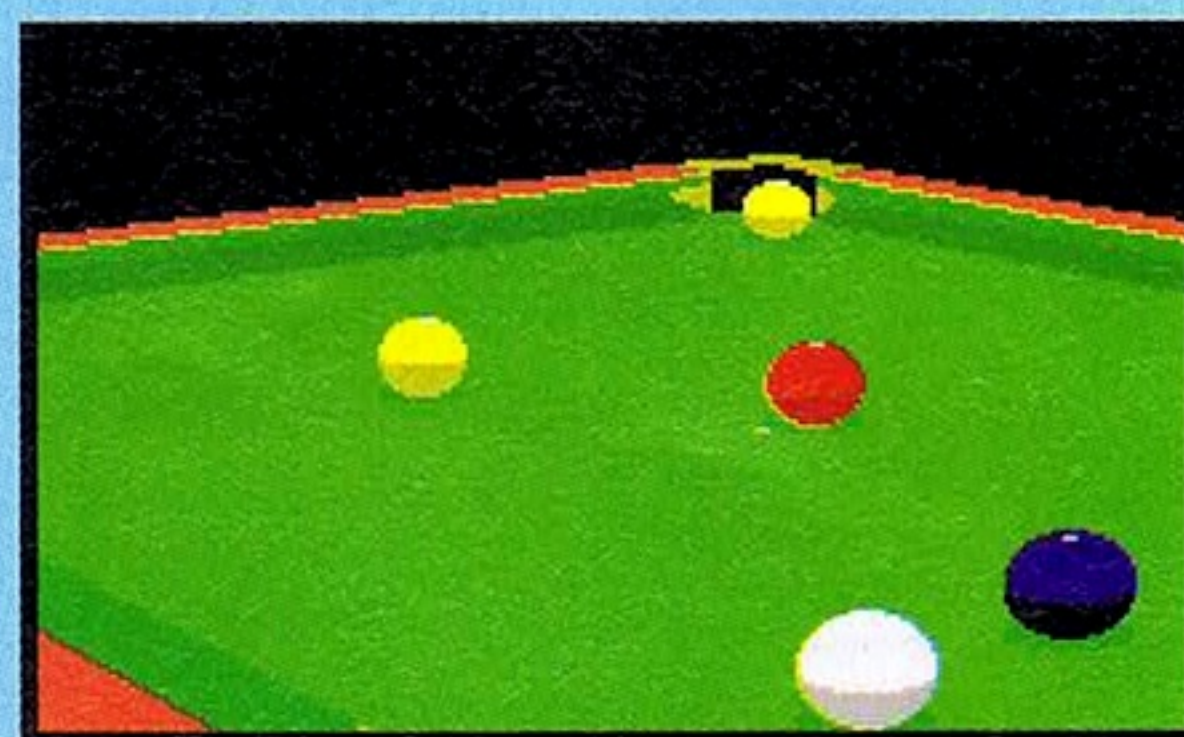
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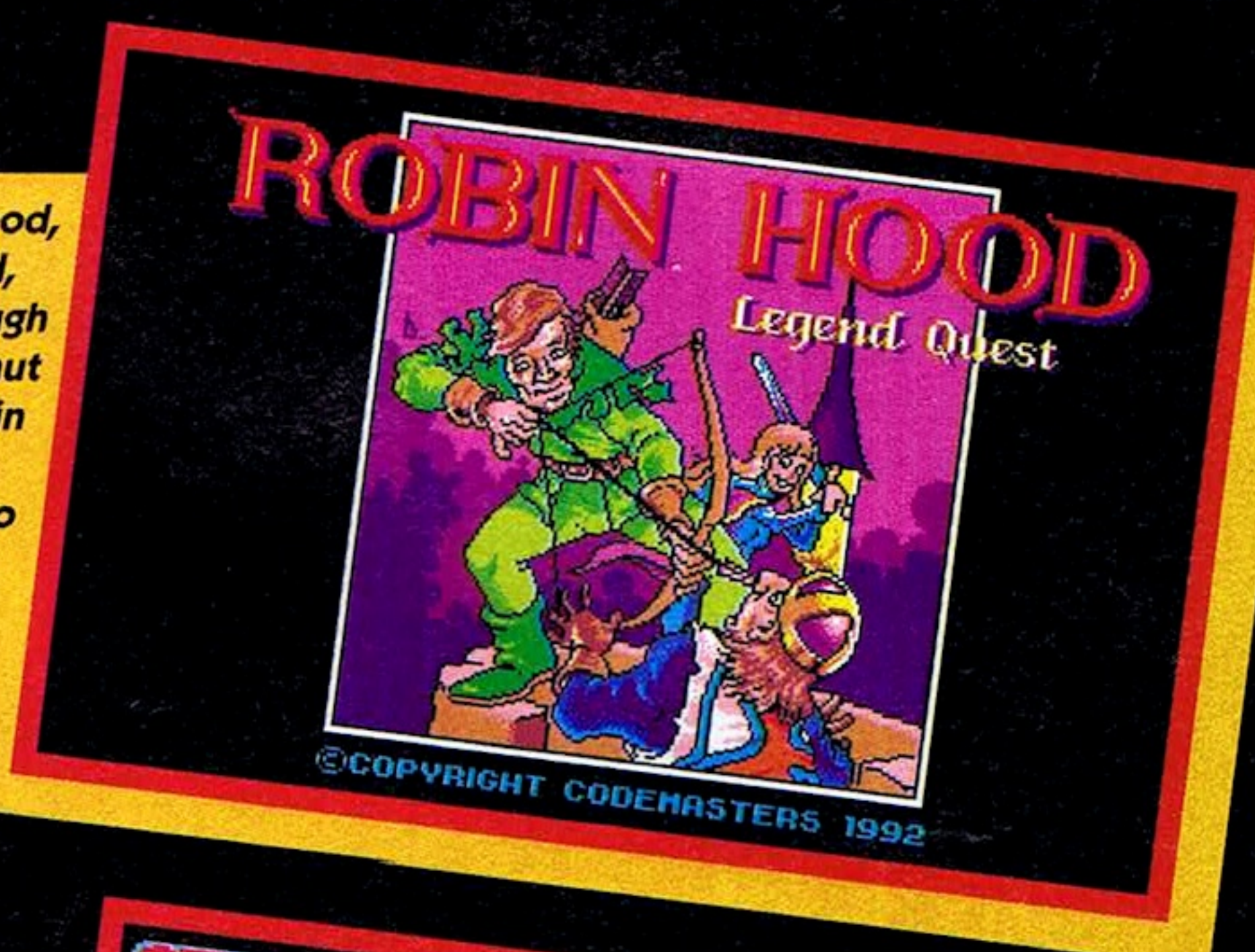
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ROBIN HOOD

Exclusively designed for this very tome by Code-masters (extra special thank you's and big sloppy kisses to Beno and the lads!) This is a demo of the very latest game featuring the man in the tights! If you fancy a wander around ye olde Sherwoode Foreste then this is the one for you! To load Robin Hood just double-click on the Robin.PRG file and wait. After a while hit the fire-button and you'll get into the demo!

● Robin Hood, Robin Hood, riding through the glen (shut up - Ed). Join our green tighted hero as he fights to rescue the fair maiden



3 TOP PD GAMES

FOKKER

We tried to get it on last month we really did but Risky Woods was just too big! This is by the same guys that brought you Guy Fawkes a couple of issues back. It's a two-player dog-fight which is loaded by double-clicking on Fokker.PRG. So don't forget to get your mates round!

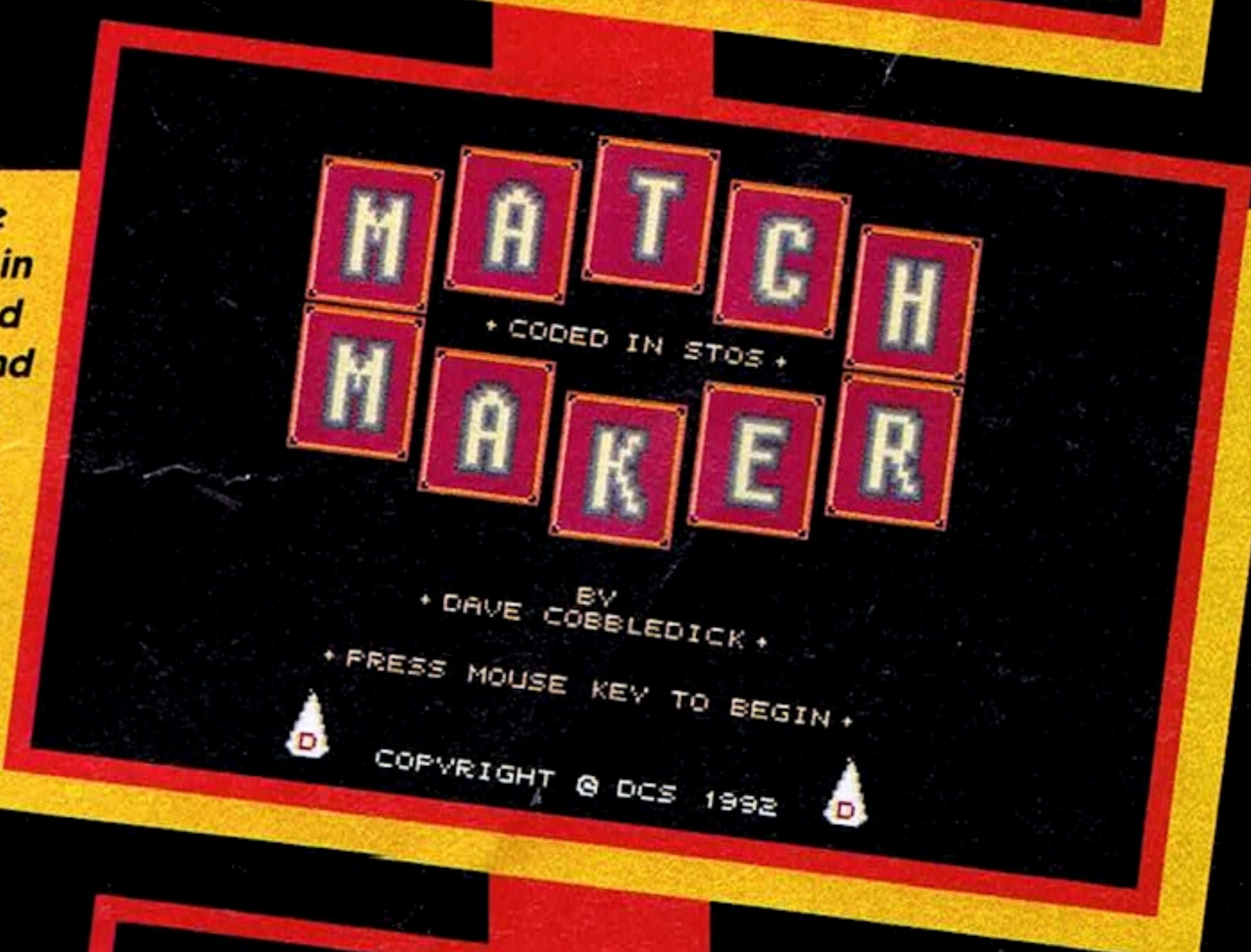
● It's back to the First World War when gentlemen took to the skies and blew each other out of it. All very chivalrous of course!



MATCH-MAKER

Dunce Cap software's smart tile-matching game. It might sound really childish but when you introduce a strict time-limit and a saveable high-score table then you're in for hours of endless competition to beat those scores. Run it by double-clicking on Match.PRG.

● Match the pictures up in the specified time limit and it'll be onto the next level before you can say "I love you" like the game does!



INSECTICIDE

Reviewed in the PD pages last month if you want the full low-down on it. Take control of the big, bad ladybird as she shoots all the other insects to bits. Read the DOC file on disk for full instructions. Double-click on Insect.PRG to play.

● A dastardly plan involving insect domination is being hatched. Only you as a little old ladybird can save the day!

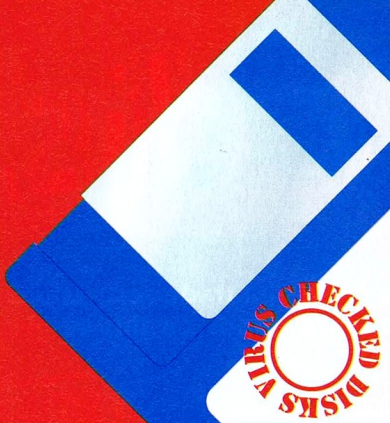


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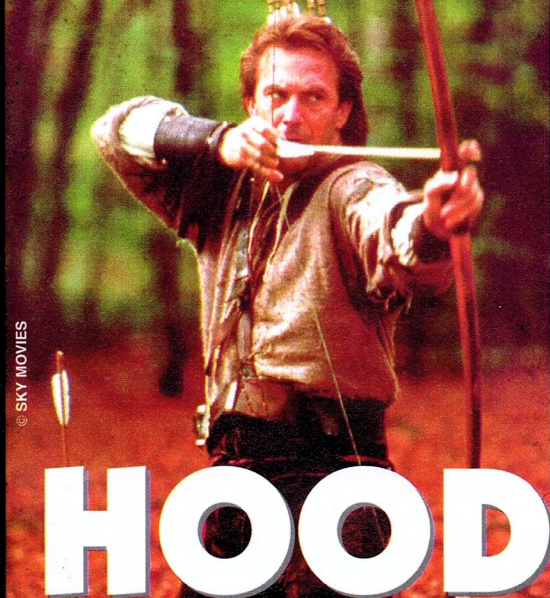
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ROBIN HOOD

Excuse the movie star photo just above. There are no Americans in this game which takes Robin back to good old England

DEMO INFO

COMPANY: Codemasters

RELEASE DATE: Out now!

GAME TYPE: Platform

PRICE: £7.99

Loads of merriment and chicken legs being roasted over open fires.

And not a sign of Kevin Costner (do ya wanna bet - Sue?). Codemasters have gone all green as they take a trip to Sherwood forest. Yep, Rob's back at a bargain £7.99. We got into touch with the budget kings themselves and they came up with this exclusive playable level for us.

This Robin Hood game's a platform romp so expect plenty of leaping from ledge to ledge in pursuit of the way



● I'm not sure those tassled boots really go with those green tights. What kind of fashion statement is our Robin trying to make?

off the level. The game is joystick controlled and is started with the joystick fire-button. All the other moves are just what you'd expect. Enjoy the demo.

ENTERING SHERWOOD

Load the demo as instructed on the previous disk page and when the title screen comes up, hit your fire button to take you to the next screen. Once you're on here, press the button again and you'll go straight into the demo. Now it's a case of left, right, up, down and fire until you finish the demo and rush to the shop with your eight quid.

● You've come to a dead end. You'll now have to go and retrace your steps and climb back up that ladder to head for somewhere new you haven't been to

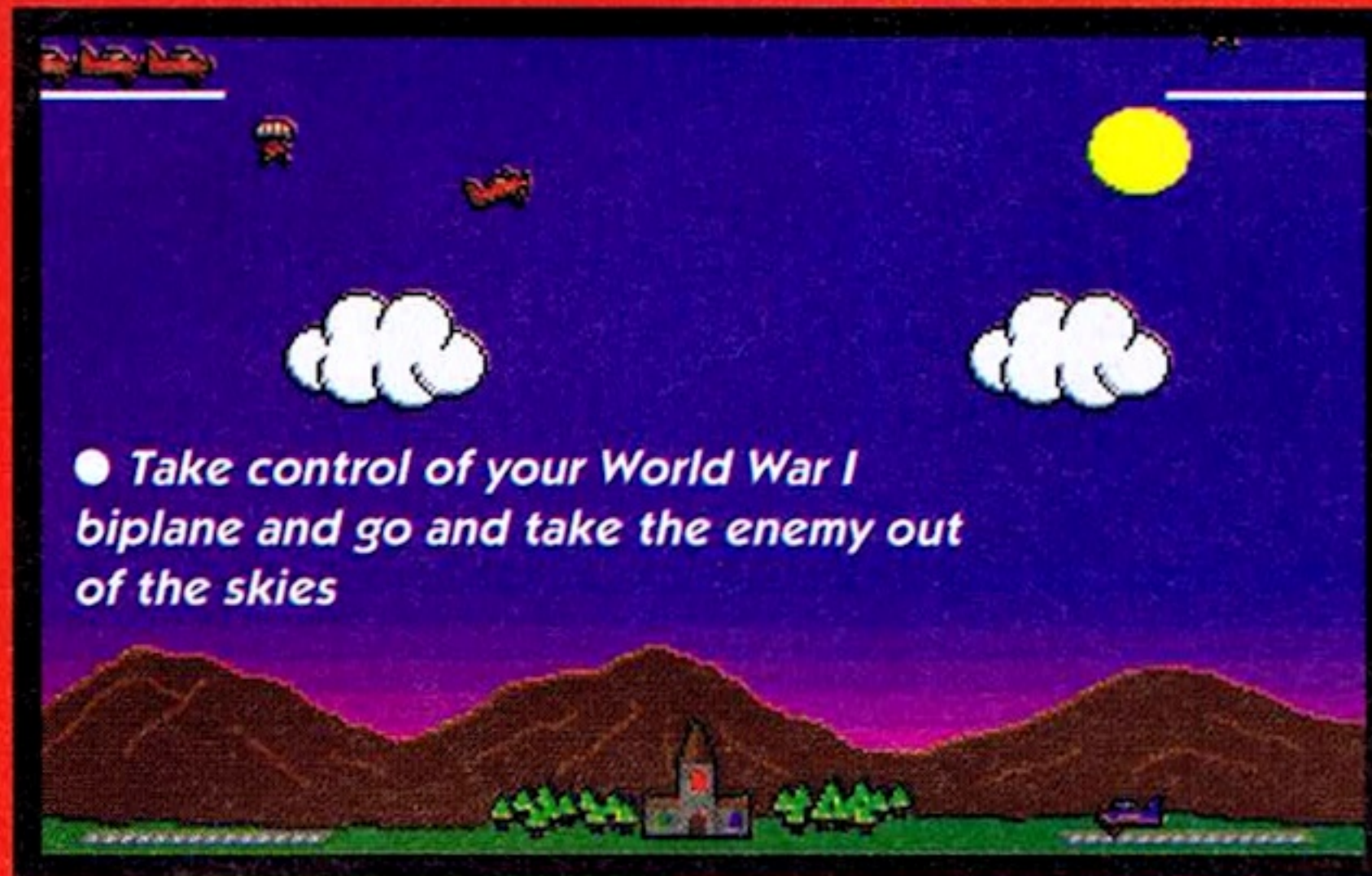
● With your bow drawn and at the ready you progress carefully through the demo killing all in your way

3 INCREDIBLE PD GAMES

Here's a selection of the best PD available on the ST at the moment. There's hours of fun and games on this disk we promise you...

Fokker is a full game but only a demo of the total product. To play this successfully you'll need two players and two joysticks plugged in. Take off in your biplane by pushing the stick to the right (or left depending which player you are). Fire your gun with the button and try and blow your opponent out of the sky.

You'll also see enemy parachutists and other stuff floating down. Blow them away for extra bonus points.



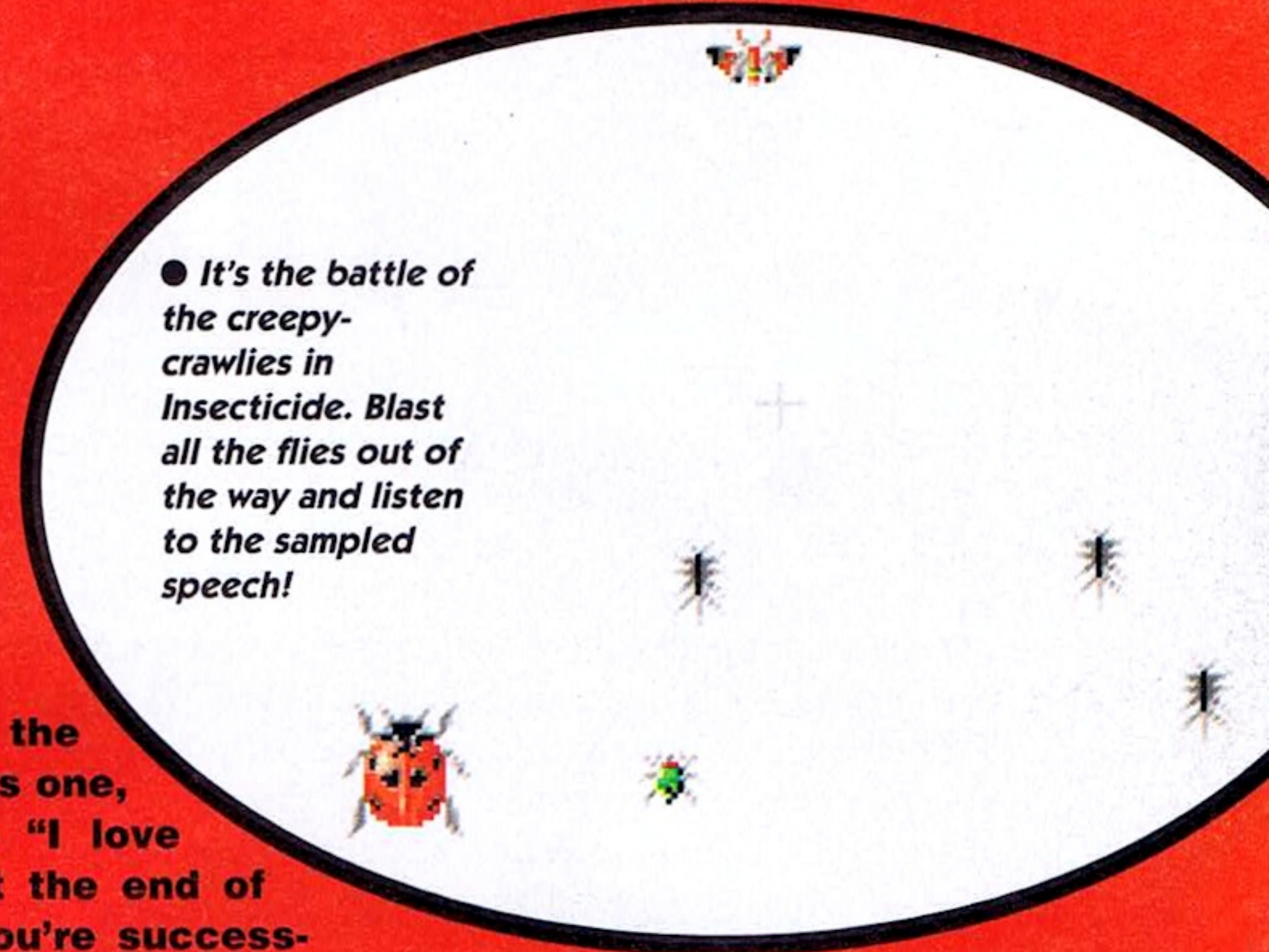
Check the address on demo so you can send your cash off and get the latest version.

Match-maker is well smart this. It got played in the office a lot, which is bizarre when you consider that it is basically a kiddies game with a bit of a challenge thrown in! You've got six progressively bigger grids full of pictures to match up and all in a tight time-limit.

The game is mouse controlled and you select tiles to flip over by clicking on them. When you select a second tile one of two things will happen. First they might match. If this is the case then both tiles will remain with their pictures on show, if they don't match then both tiles will be turned face down again and you'll have to remember where they are for

next time. Turn the sound up on this one, if only for the "I love you" sample at the end of each level if you're successful and complete it.

Fans of insects everywhere will be flocking to play **Insecticide!** Taking control of the big ladybird you must get through levels that get progressively harder and harder. It's basically a shoot 'em up where you have to blast the flies and other insects away.



There's a full documentation file on the disk which is worth reading (well I found it quite amusing anyway) and will tell you everything you need to know about getting your ladybird to fly and all other top stuff like that! Enjoy the disk!

HOURS OF FUN

All of the games are easily loaded. Just follow the instructions on the previous disk page. Each piece of PD is accompanied by a text document giving you more information. Simply find these on the disk, double-click on them and then click on show. All the details you need including how to register for shareware will then be revealed to you at your leisure.

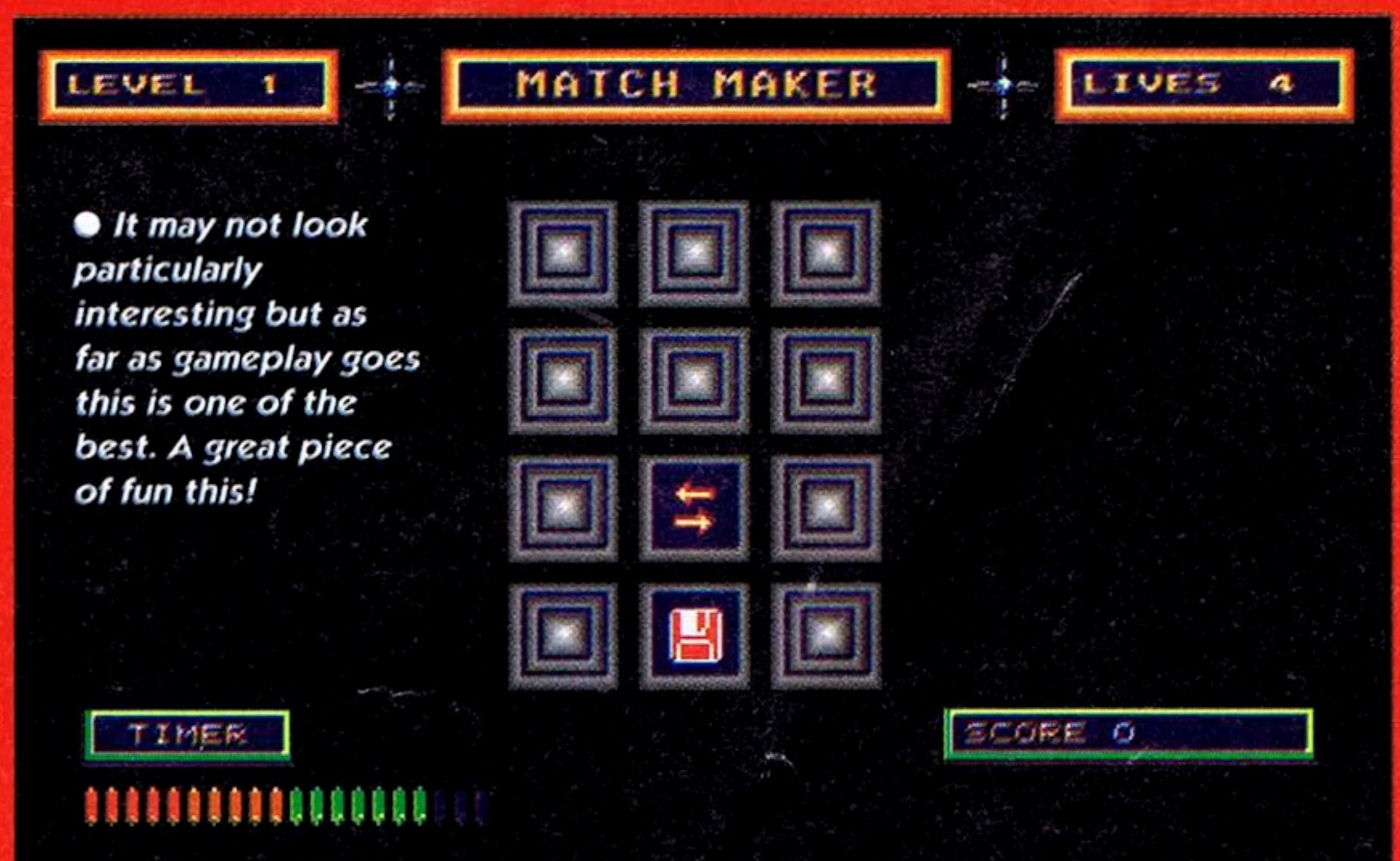
DEMO INFO

COMPANY: Various PD

RELEASE DATE: Out now!

GAME TYPE: Various

PRICE: FREE!



MONKEY BUSINESS

ST Action would like to take this opportunity to apologise for a misunderstanding regarding the Guy Fawkes demo on the December coverdisk. The demo was coded by a group known as the Code Monkeys. In the same issue another programming team called the Code Monkeys had one of their products reviewed on the Megasports compilation. We wish to make it clear that the two products are not by the same team and we apologise profoundly to both parties for the confusion caused.

STories

Music and computer games can be mixed!

WILL IT BE WORTH THE W-8?

We've seen a few records in the chart which take some sort of inspiration from various games, Tetris and Sonic to name a couple. But is it possible to create a computer game based on a record? Well top rave posse "Altern 8" seem to think they can. The game that's on the drawing board at the moment features scenes from some of their music video tracks taken off their album 'Full On Mask Hysteria'. The chances are it'll be a platform game in which you control a radiation-suit wearing raver throughout all sorts of weird and wonderful levels. If the game is as good as the music videos we've seen then I'm sure we are in for a totally original psychedelic trip. Oh by the way if you're interested their new single Brutal-8-e (pronounced Brutality) is in the shops now, go and get 'em boys.



Star sequel

News has just come in regarding the future release of Ambermoon. The sequel to last year's strategy hit 'Amberstar'. It promises to be twice as big as the original which scored 92% and received an STA1 rated award. The sequel is graphically better and not only are your characters viewed from above but a new 3D scrolling system is employed when wandering around the many dungeons dotted around. This in itself is an exciting advancement because programming like

this has never been seen on anything other than high level PCs. Another feature besides the obvious like the improved gameplay and graphics is the 100 magic spells and seven different classes of magic that ensure your sorcerors will have little time on their hands to do anything other than learn and cast spells. However, it's 'don't hold your breath' time because no definite release has been announced. One thing for certain is Thalio don't rush their games out.

Beaver fever

Every computer and console has a character that you immediately associate with it, Sonic with the Mega Drive, Zool with the Amiga and so on. But what about the thousands of ST owners? Well it seems Grandslam have set themselves up to change all of this with their latest Atari release. Beavers introduces a brand new character - one Jethro Beaver into a strange world of platform related antics based around - you guessed it - Beavers! The graphics are as cute and full of colour as you would probably expect. But one thing still disturbs me

greatly. What the hell is that racoon doing with that large, dangerous-looking chain-saw? Well I'll leave the answer to that tricky poser until next month when the game should be released. So watch out for a full review then.



Code of honour

Those masters of code - Code Masters - have followed up there plethora of budget games with a new release. Fire Hawk is a shoot 'em-up which is being programmed as you read this. Basically you're the pilot of a revolutionary helicopter gunship and you have to rescue POWs, shoot down loads of planes and avenge the death of your friends. The game incorporates eight-way scrolling and a brilliant 3D sub-game that should ensure it soars high into the charts. Unfortunately you'll have to wait until February before you can buy it.

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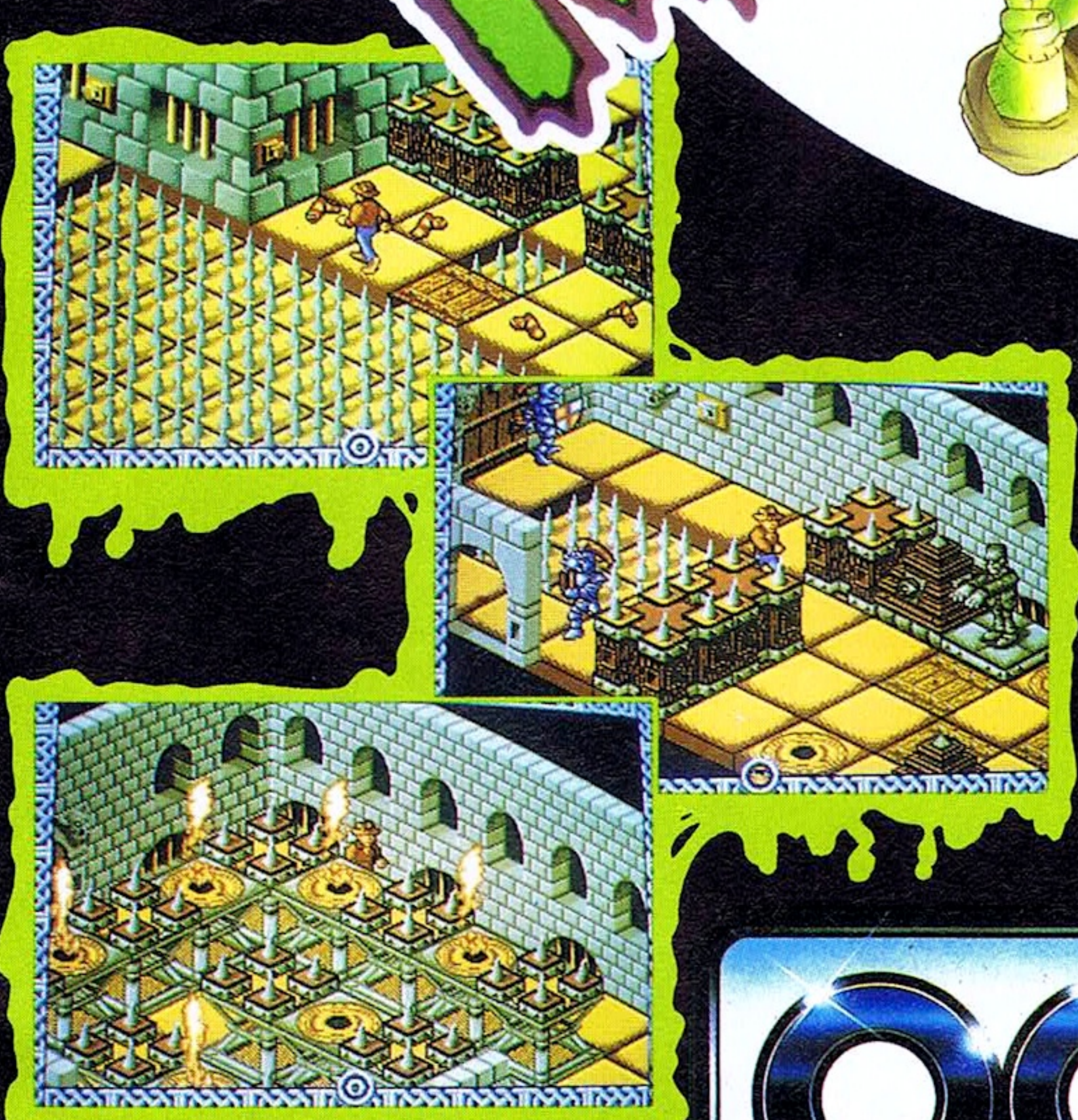
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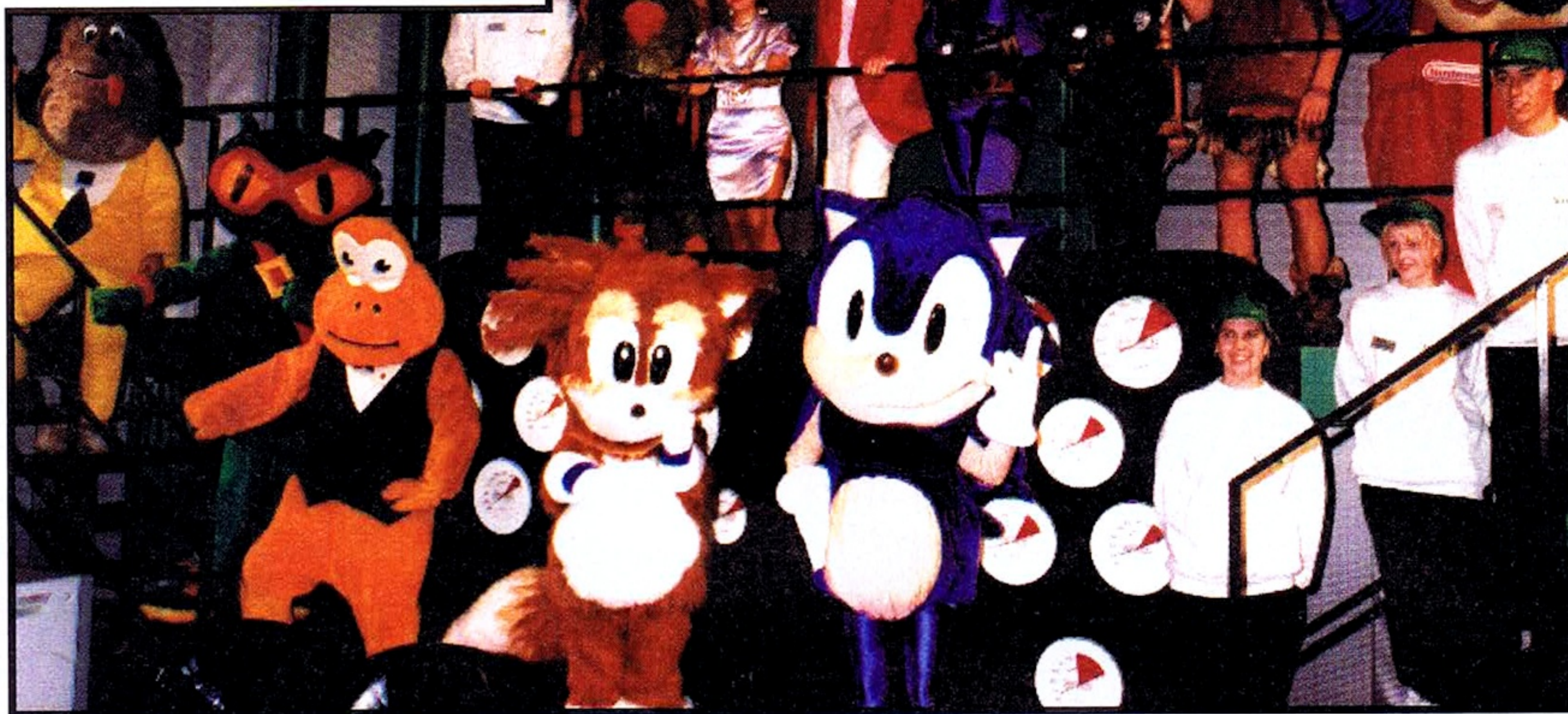
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STories

During the run up to Christmas, the computer world witnessed one of the most successful shows ever. Gamesmaster Live at the NEC in Birmingham was visited by some 74,281 people who by all accounts enjoyed every second of their time there.

The show was helped by its regular recreations of the Gamesmaster telly programme. Yep, even Dominik Diamond was there to present it! Besides all the daily challenges the show also staged the Comet World Championships where the UK battled it all out on the Super Nintendo version of Street Fighter II against a Rest of the World team composed of players from Japan and the USA.

The heats for the finalists had attracted some 250,000 entrants at various Comet stores throughout the country. The six that were eventually chosen fought it out in front of a live 5000 audience and in the end the UK beat the ROW team 6-0 (Hooray!)



● Gamesmaster Live brought together a whole host of video game superstars under one roof - The National Exhibition Centre in Birmingham

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Crusaders in space

Space Crusade was a massive hit for Gremlin last year and it's no great surprise that they've done this sequel. Titled the Voyage Beyond and

scheduled for launch before the end of this month, this game comes as either an expansion disk priced at £14.99 which you must use in conjunction with the original Space Crusade disks or the stand-alone £25.99 job!

The new disk features 23 missions, more difficult than the last lot, and a whole host of new bad guys that can wipe you out instantly. Fans of both the board game and first computer game should be in for a rare old treat when this gets here!



Frantic phone-line fun

Europress Interactive have opened a new phone line that will contain a special readers competition only open to those who phone. Simply call 0891 515434, answer the following question and leave your name and address before February 28th 1993 to win £250 worth of ST software.

Which of these is not a character in Streetfighter II?

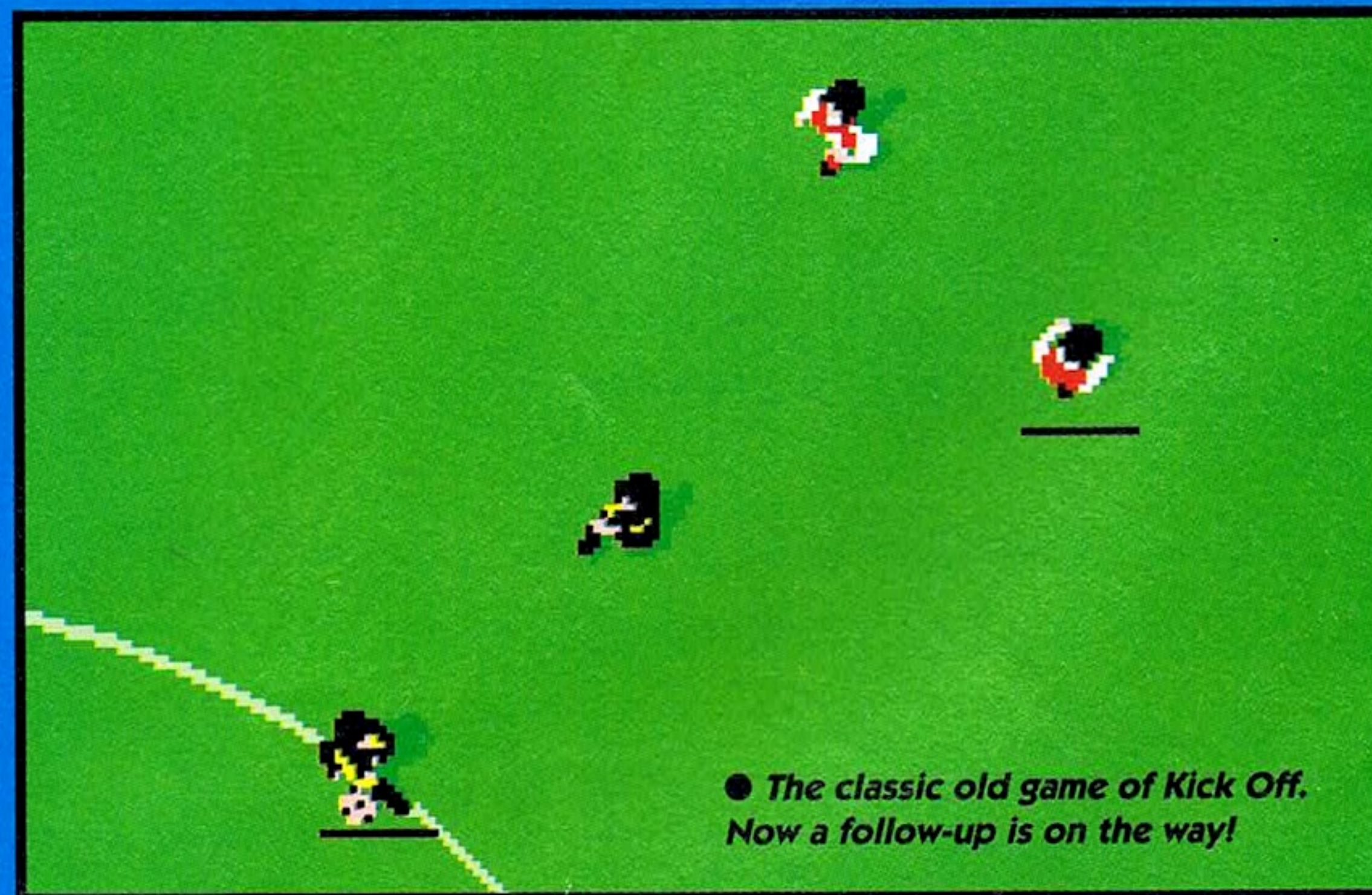
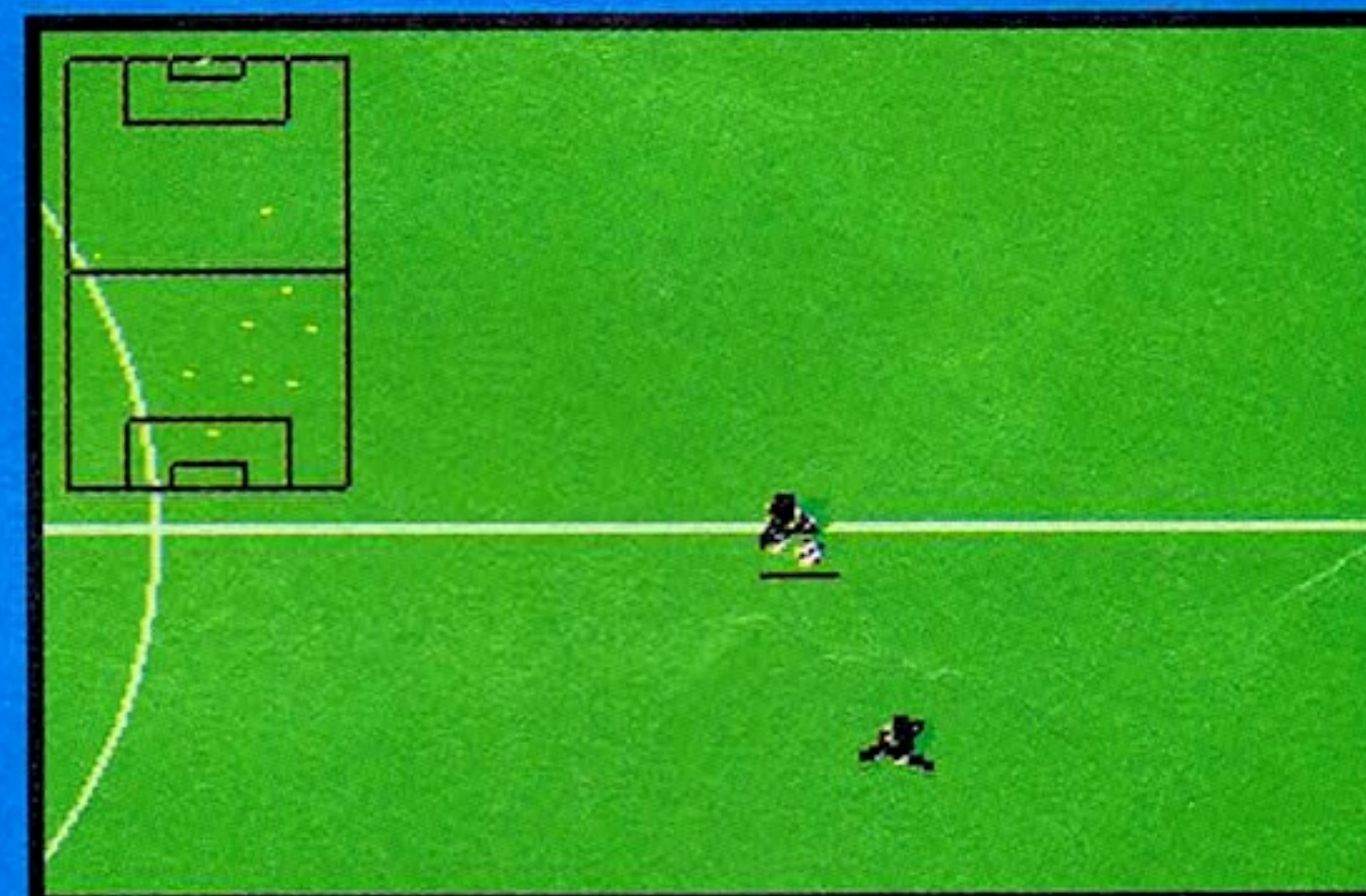
- A) Ryu
- B) Brad
- C) Honda

Calls are charged at 36p per minute off peak and 48p at all other times. The call will last under two minutes so ask first if you don't pay the bill!

Virgin set to score

You all remember Dino Dini? The guy that did the massive Kick Off 2? Then you'll also remember the fuss that was kicked up when Anco announced there would be no Kick Off 3 for the ST. Disappointing news for all ST owners but coming from nowhere really comes the hot gossip that old Dino Dini has been signed up by none other than Virgin Games.

Dino is now working on a football game for Virgin called Goal! which apparently will be a successor to Kick Off 2 (now to me that sounds like Kick Off 3 under a different name). Apparently though Virgin will be adding their own influence to the game as well. It looks as if it could be something a little bit special. Watch out for a full preview in the coming months before the game is released at the end of April/early May.



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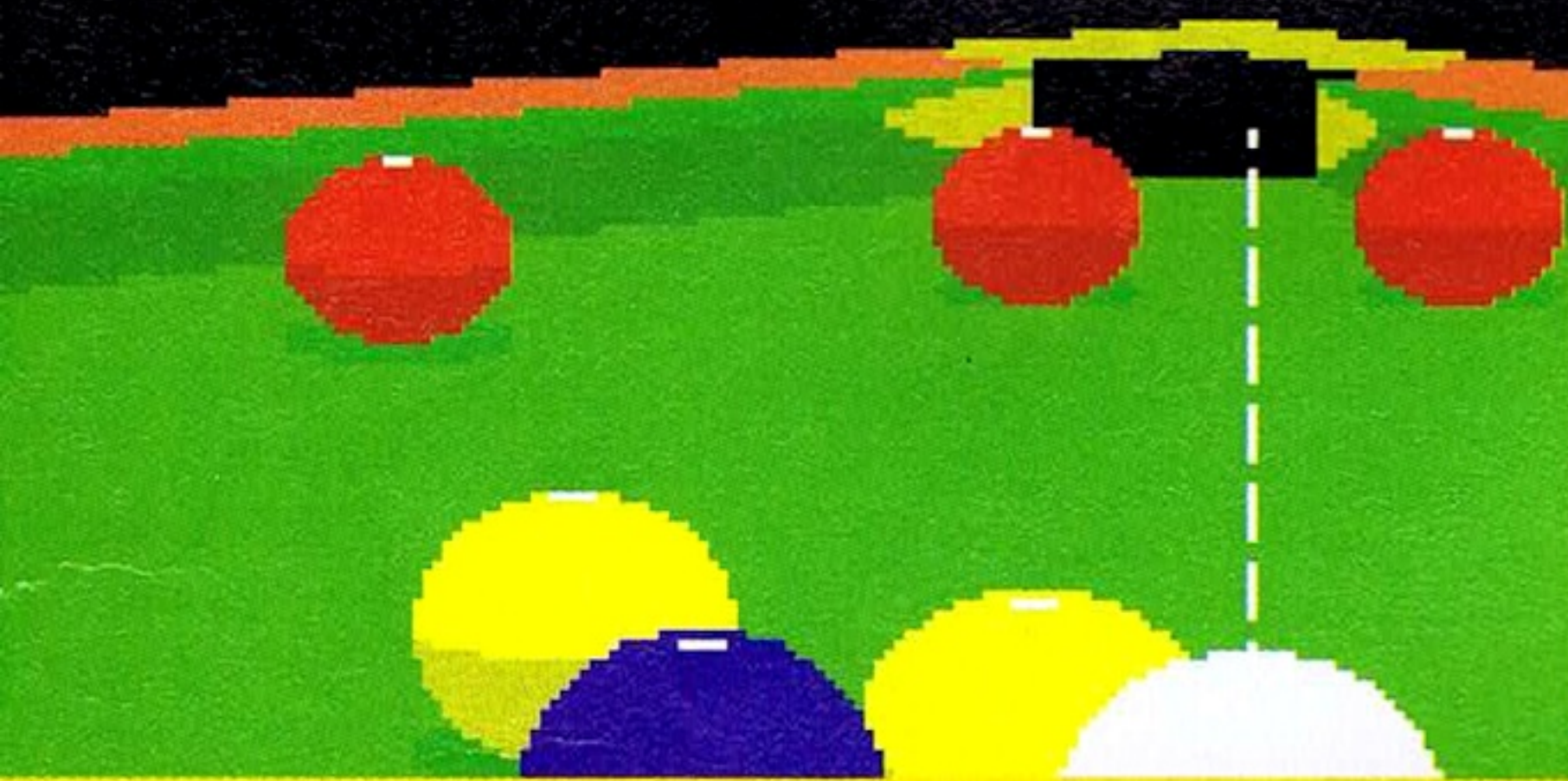
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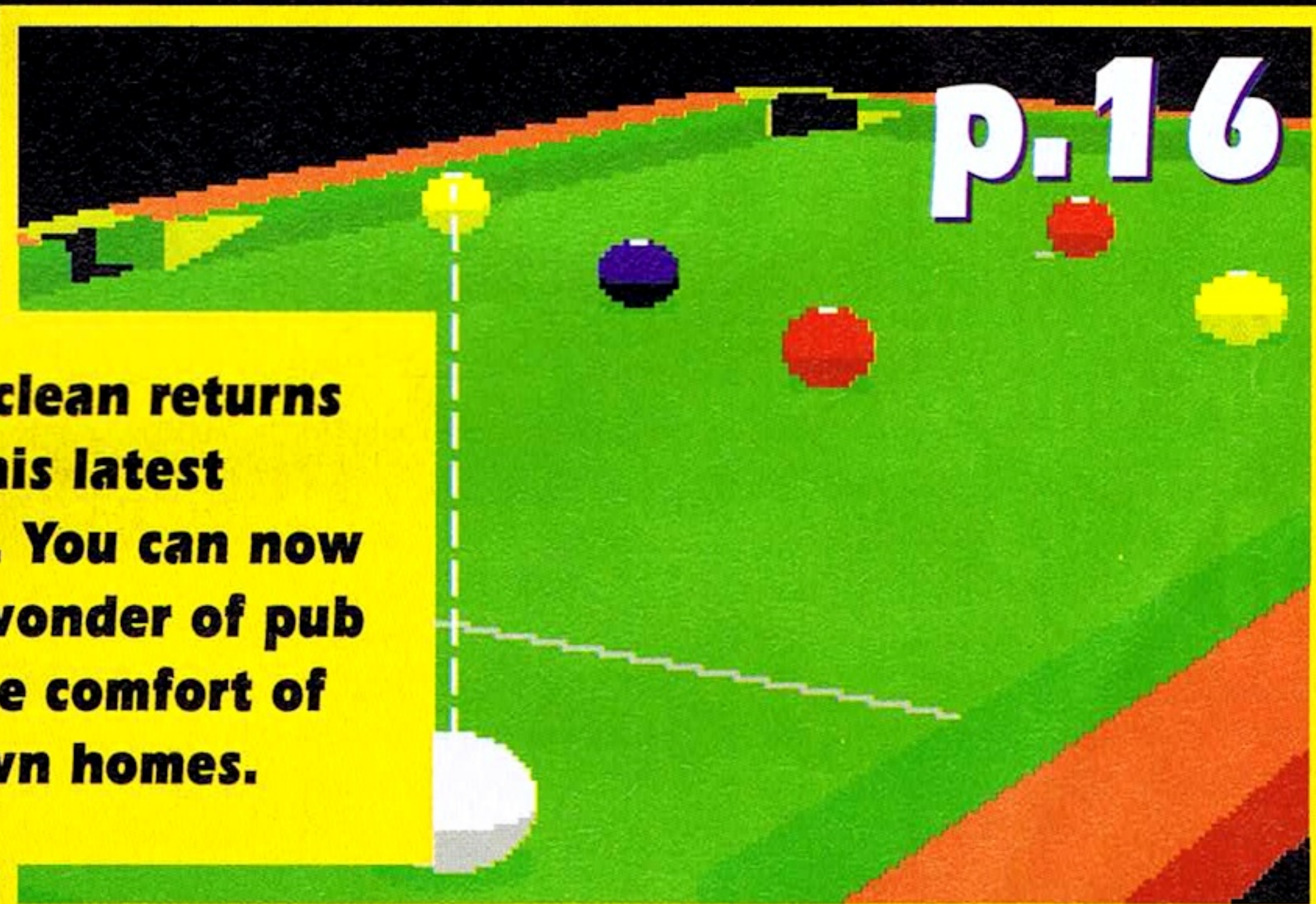
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Archer Macleans Pool



Archer Maclean returns with his latest conversion. You can now enjoy the wonder of pub pool in the comfort of your own homes.



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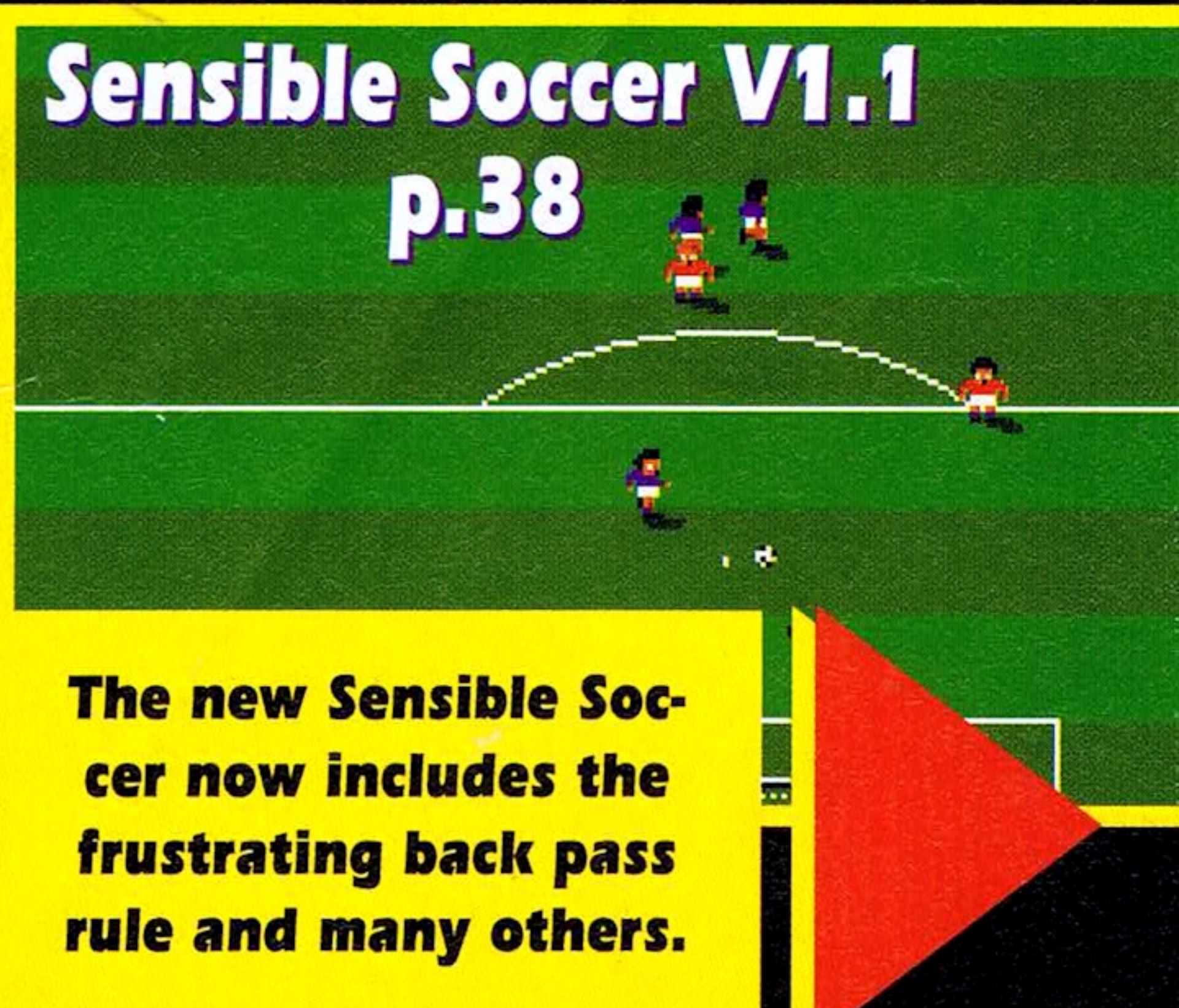
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The best beat'em-up ever hits the ST head on. But has it been worth the wait?



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The new Sensible Soccer now includes the frustrating back pass rule and many others.

PLUS:

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● 9-ball rules are slightly different to the normal pool regulations. Here you must pot the lowest numbered ball on the table first before finally potting the 9-ball

ARCHER MACLEAN

The meister returns with yet another outstanding product for the ST. This time pool gets the Maclean treatment!

Most of you will remember the incredible Jimmy White's Snooker that Archer Maclean was responsible for a while ago (1991). It was devoured by all corners of the media who hailed it as a

milestone in advanced computer technology.

Although a snooker sequel is already pencilled in for '93, this latest offering incorporates several variations of pool.

The cynical among you

may well ask the one burning question: is it just snooker with different coloured balls? Well, yes but then why fix something that isn't broken?

A majority of people would much rather play pool because of its simplicity and

faster game time than indulge in a long and often tedious game of snooker.

Okay the game! After you sit there for a while watching the handsome title screen (lots of different coloured balls rotating around the



● USA 8-ball is a much easier game to play. You must pot all your chosen colours (red or yellow) and then sink the black to win. You have an easy shot on the yellow over the pocket



● With just the right amount of backspin to keep the cue-ball in place, you set up an easy shot for the last yellow in the middle bag. This looks as though the match could be over





- 2** ● You sunk the first ball and you can now try a difficult plant shot on the 2-ball. If you hit it right, you will send the 9-ball flying into the bottom left-hand pocket



- 3** ● How top are you? You played the shot to perfection and the game winner is gently making its way to the corner pocket. This is perfectly legal and you have now won the game

CLEAN'S POOL

screen while various logos fly around in pretty colours), you then come face to face with the options screen.

Snookered?

There're a lot of different options available to you so I'll try to tell you about the most notable differences between this and Snooker.

The first thing that has been subjected to a radical change is the number of opponents you can play. 20 individual players can be challenged ranging from Disaster Dave to Jimmy Brill.

Some of the opposition are ridiculously easy but things start to get a little difficult when you start playing

the higher ranked players.

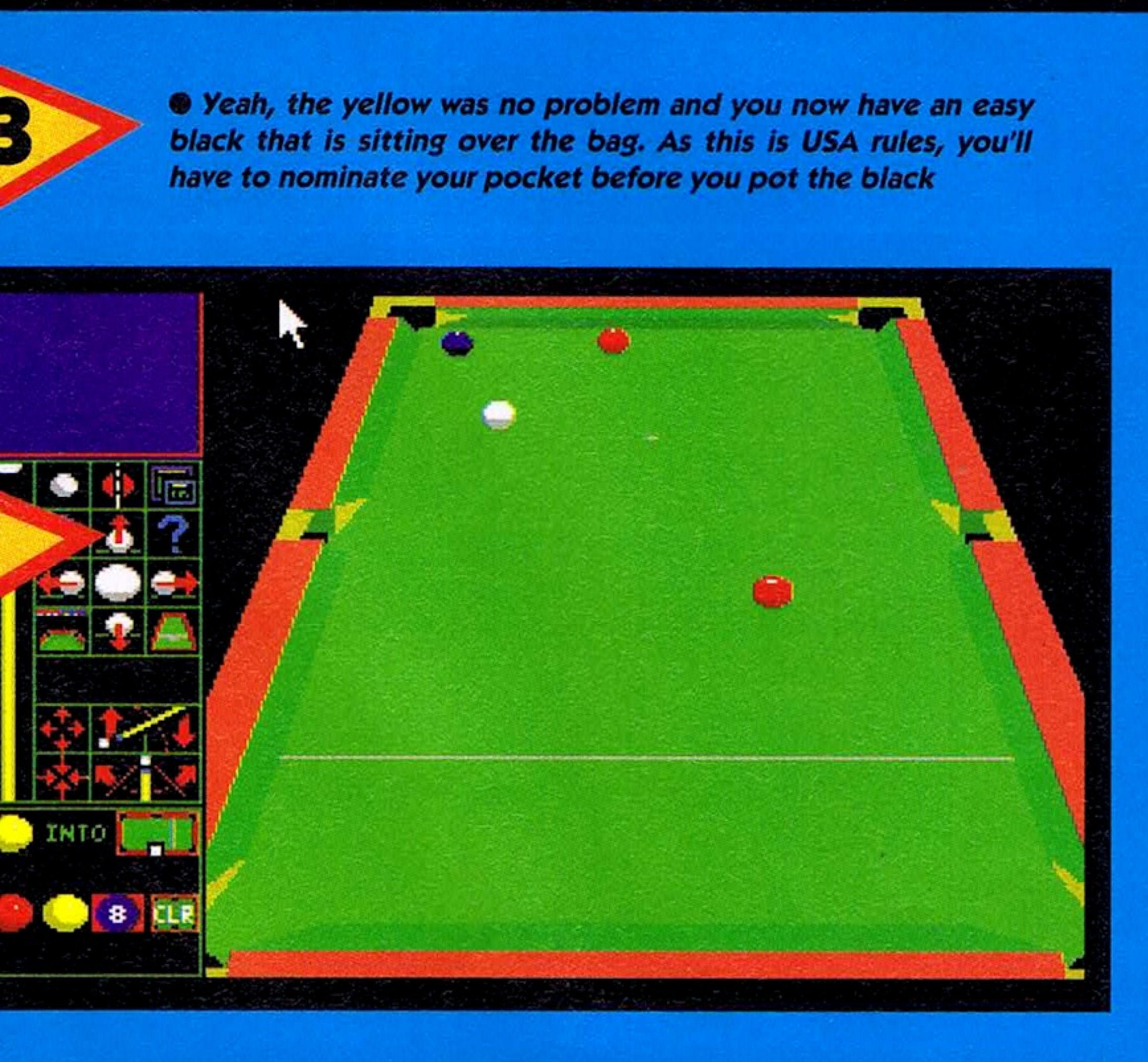
Each player's name represents their ability and playing style. For example: Steve Safe will play a very cautious game whereas Flash Harry will try to be completely reckless and smart.

The gameplay suc-

a handy menu screen.

Next on the 'improved' list is a "practice game" option that allows you to play against any one of the 20 computer opponents.

As well as being a good vehicle for your own improvement, you also get to see how



- 3** ● Yeah, the yellow was no problem and you now have an easy black that is sitting over the bag. As this is USA rules, you'll have to nominate your pocket before you pot the black

As a fan of pool in general and the most impressive Jimmy White's Snooker, I looked forward to this transition with eager anticipation. Pool is more instantly appealing because of the simplicity and shorter game time than Snooker. On the art and sound front, there are more samples and brighter colours. An excellent product. Smart!

cessfully attempts to recreate the individual rules of three pool variations - Basic UK eight ball, USA eight ball and nine ball tournament.

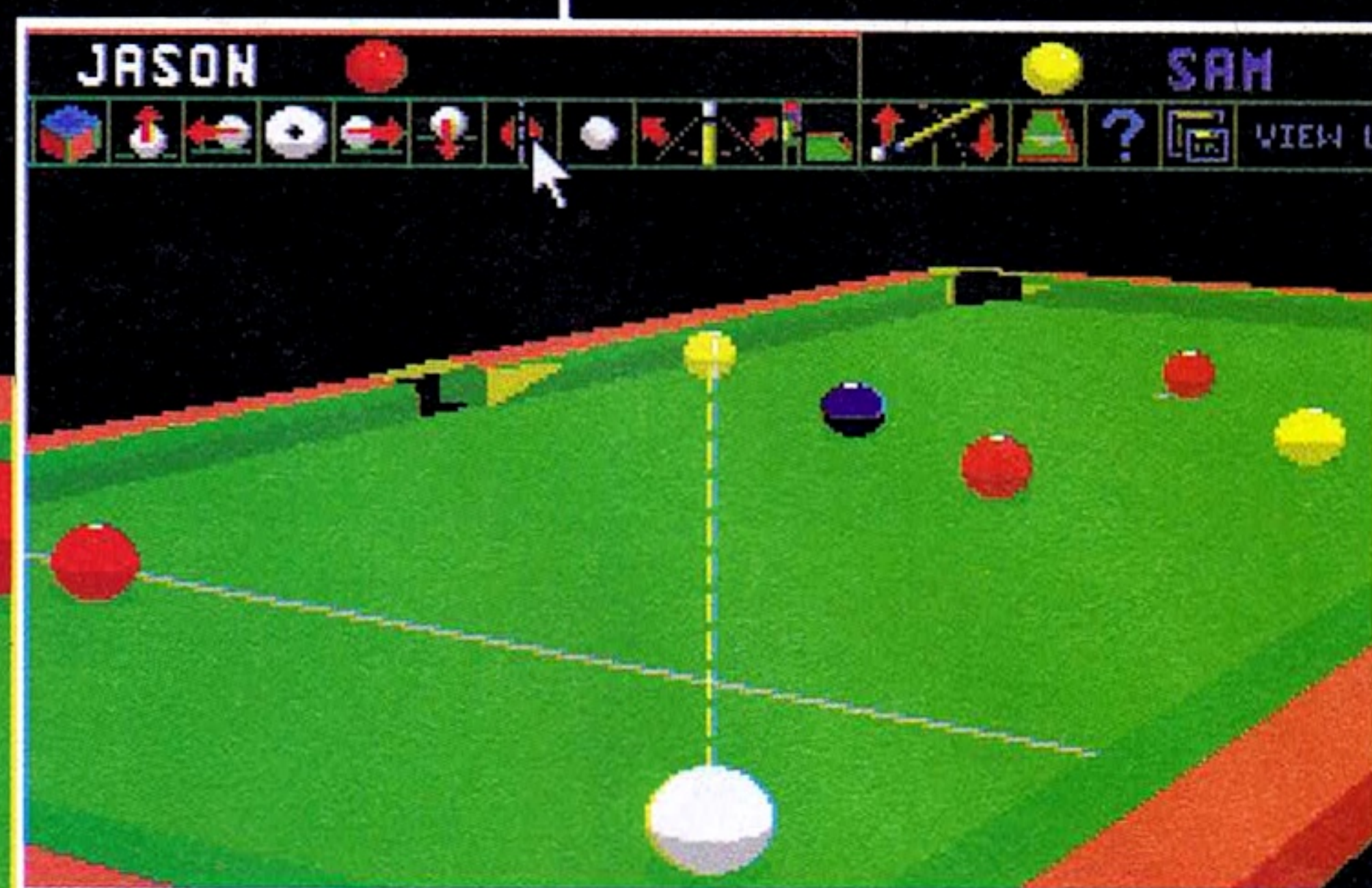
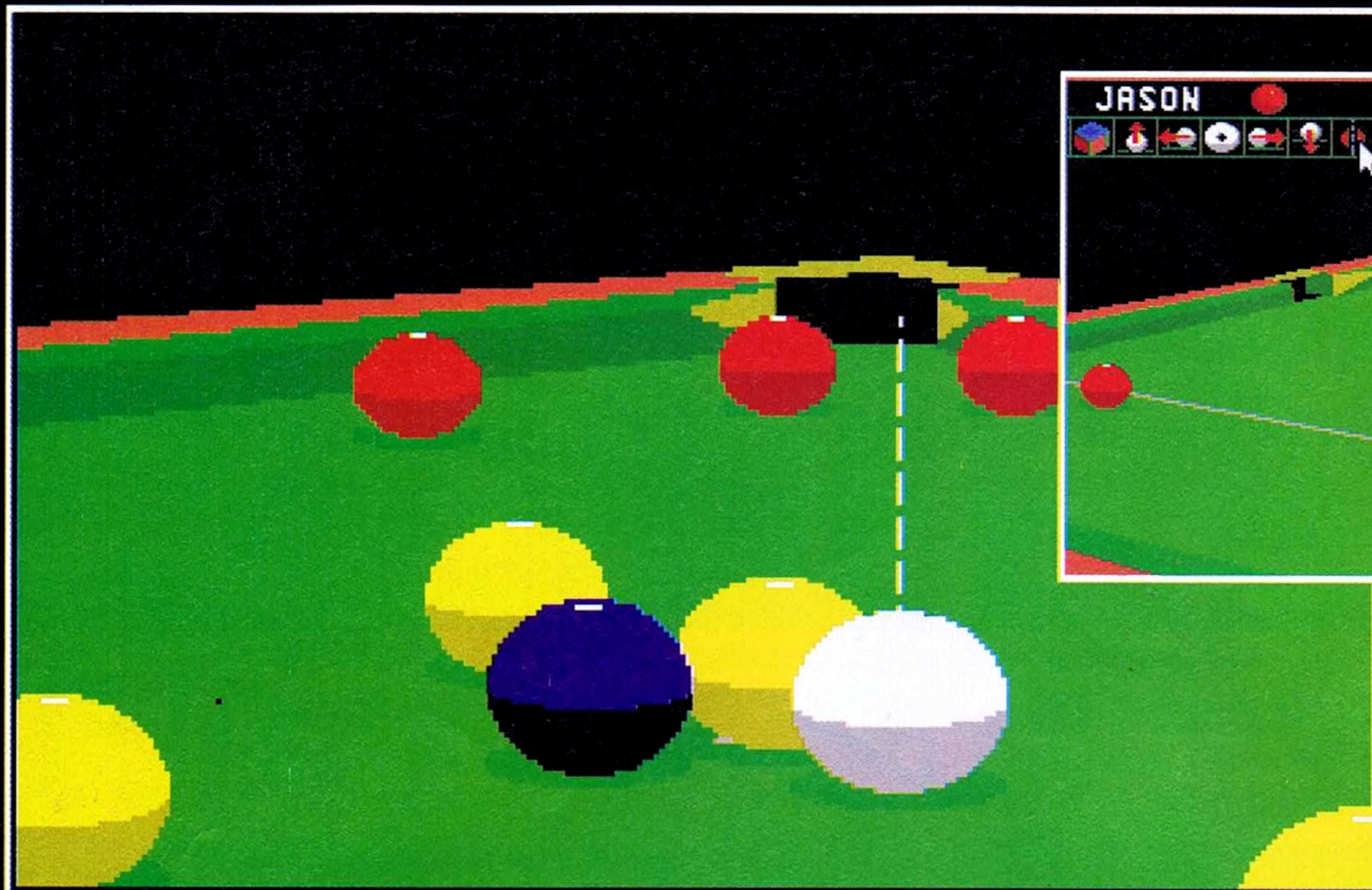
Ooh, what a carry on!

The differences are minimal but include such posers as No 'D' line for breaking and foul shots, two shots carry on, free balls and object balls must make contact with at least one cushion.

Fortunately, the rules can be slightly altered to suit your preferences with

good your opponent is before your next match begins.

The computer will also offer you



● Above: Attempting a tricky cushion shot can be made easier with the help of this direction line. It will show you the direct path of the cue-ball

● Left: Before you take any shot, you can rotate the table in any direction and also zoom in or out on any ball to get a better perspective

limited advice on positioning, aiming and generally improving your skills.

As there is no real score representation in pool, two new scoring systems have been created. In eight-ball you have a smart device called the Rankometer system that gives you a total score out of 100.

It calculates how many balls you have potted, how many fouls you committed, how long you have been playing and how many shots you have taken in total.

Fastest cue in the West!

The nine-ball is slightly different as you are scored on

average pot time. Since the idea is to pot the nine ball the fastest, it is the only really accurate way to calculate a score.

Score to settle

Every score is saved to disk on the tournament ladder where there is now more than four times the available disk space of Snooker.

Another neat inclusion is the immediately accessible help screens.

Since any manual can appear daunting at first, these menus will offer you all the hints you need to know as well as explaining the various icons and describing

their functions.

Archer Maclean, programmer, industry legend and all-round speed fiend seems pretty pleased with his achievements,

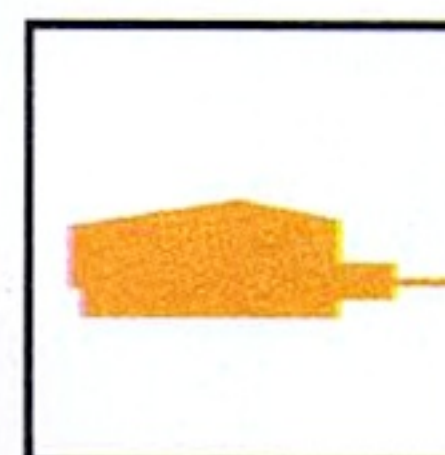
"Pool has taken the best part of a year to write. It is 15,000 lines of code bigger than Snooker, and I have encountered serious problems compressing the much larger program and its operating memory into the normal 0.5 mb ST.

Fortunately, everything is there and it all works incredibly well." He's right, you know, it does! Jason



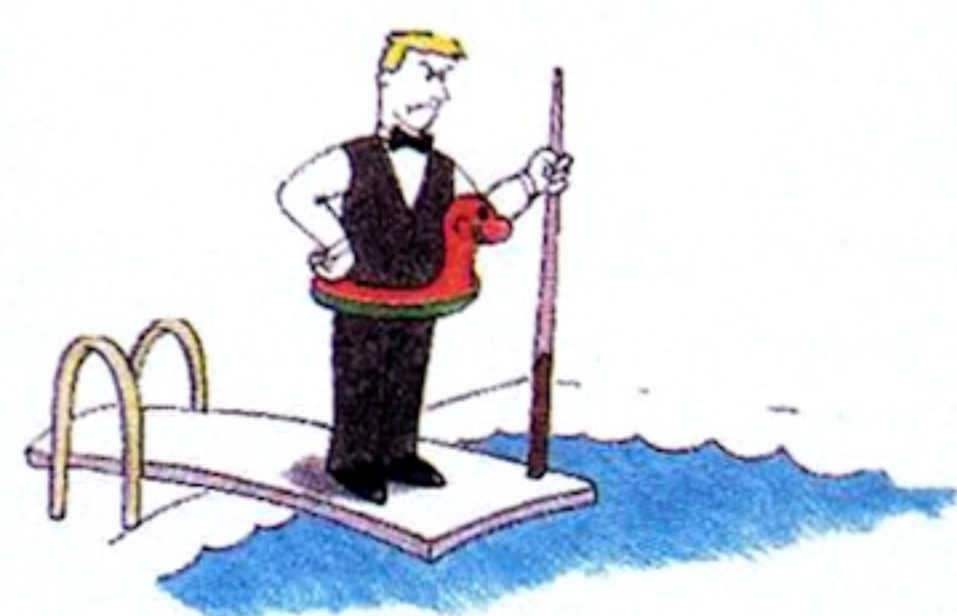
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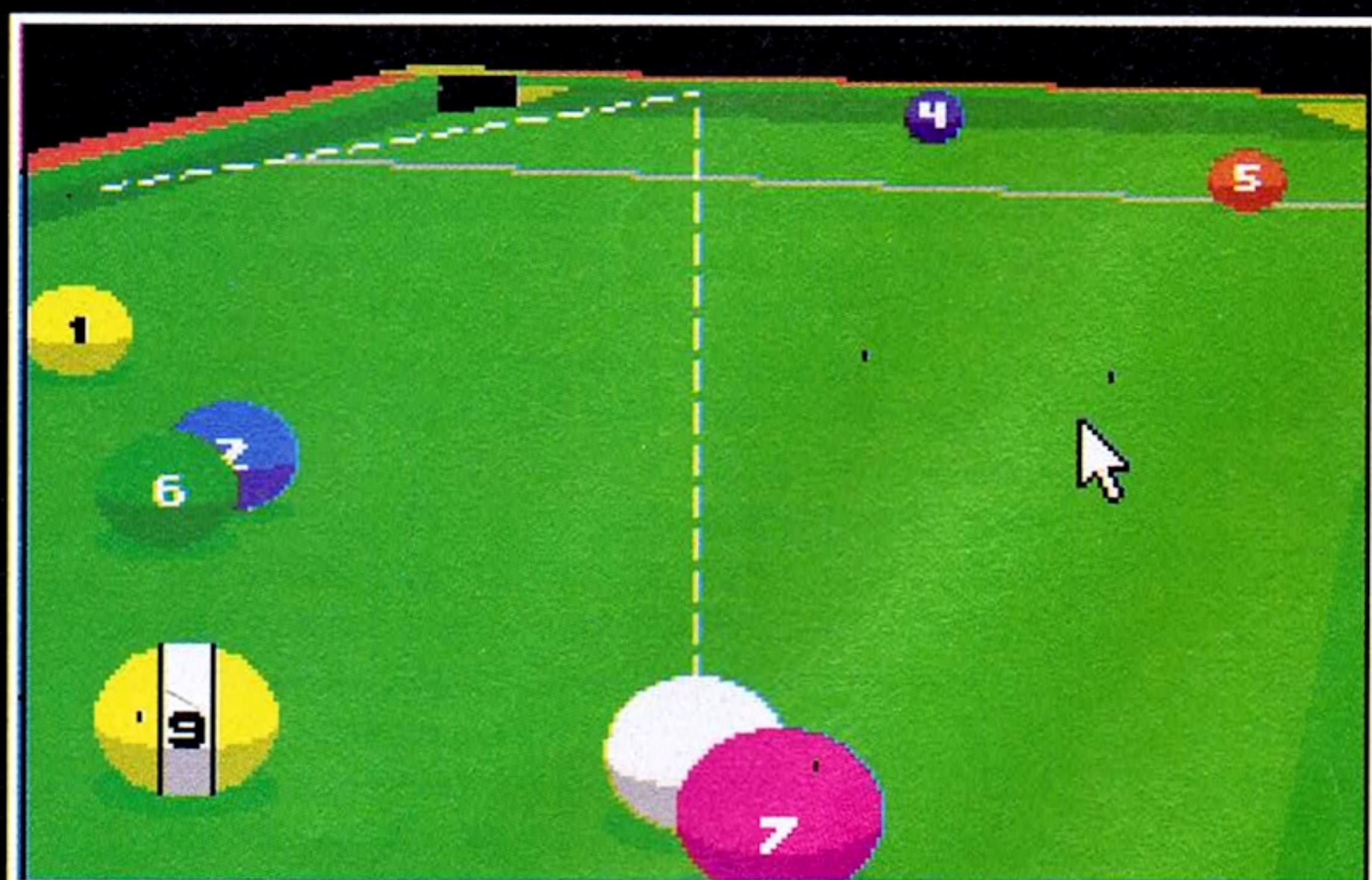
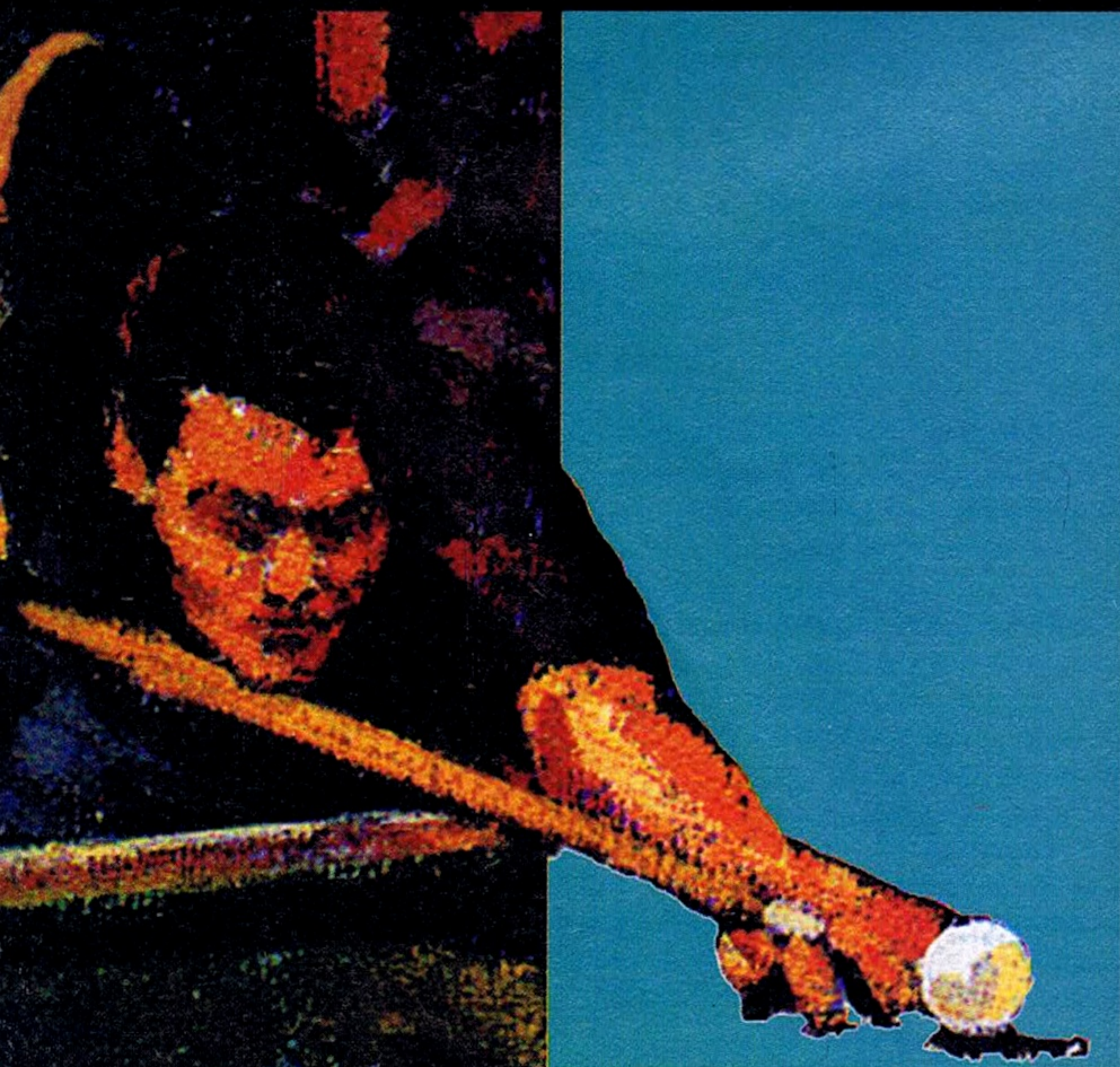


1-8 PLAYERS

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● Hmm, you are just about to take a vital shot when...The little black things you can see are flies. They buzz around the table if the computer thinks you are taking too long on a shot. Ooh Archer, you're such a card. How we laughed!

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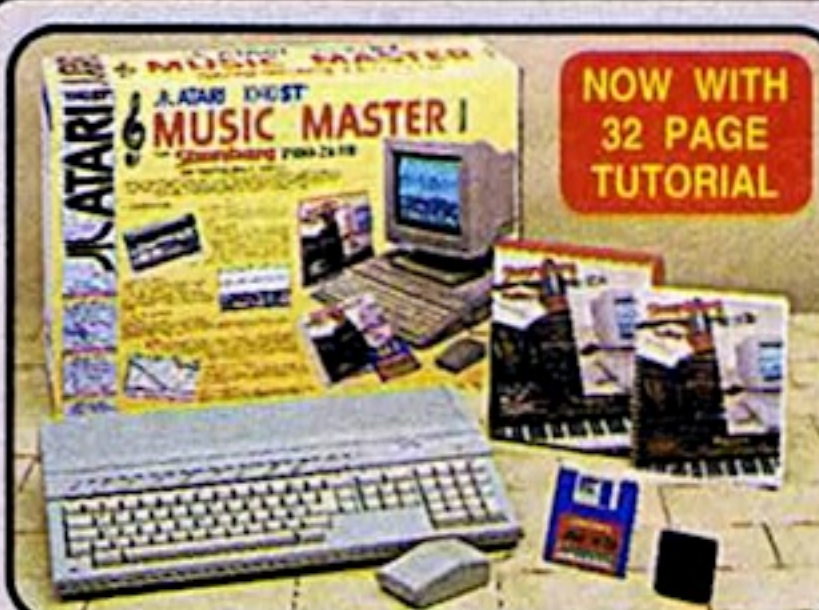
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WWF EUROPEAN

Those fashion victims of the ring are back. Can the guys with more make-up than Mary Quant improve on the original?

1

MACHO MAN RANDY SAVAGE

HEIGHT: 6' 2"

WEIGHT: 245 lbs

BORN: Sarasota FL.

FINISHING MANEUVER: Elbow off the top ropes

FAVORITE QUOTE: Oh yeah!!



2

BRET 'HITMAN' HART

HEIGHT: 6' 0"

WEIGHT: 234 lbs

BORN: Calgary, Canada

FINISHING MANEUVER: Sharpshooter

FAVORITE QUOTE: I am the excellence of execution



3


HULK HOGAN

HEIGHT: 6' 6"

WEIGHT: 383 lbs

BORN: Venice Beach

FAVORITE QUOTE: Train say your prayers eat your vitamins and believe in yourself



Nominees for the Mr Sad 1993 title are...

1. Macho Man Randy Savage is apparently well known for his 'elbow off the ropes' manoeuvre rather than his appalling fashion sense!
2. The Hitman practises the 'Sharpshooter' move to finish off his opponents. He claims to be the excellence of execution!
3. Whaay! Here he is. The Hulkster has got to be almost touching 50 by now. At least he doesn't look it! Yeah, right and I'm the Queen Mother!

Large men with excessive facial hair wearing leotards and generally sweating and grunting a lot isn't your usual storyline for a game is it? The sequel to WWF has finally arrived and this time you can bring a friend! The European Rampage Tour is about to begin.

The first WWF was released when the popularity meter had just exploded through the roof and many people rushed out to buy it purely because of the name attached.

This time the fever has slightly levelled out so does this mean that the game will be any better?

Maybe, but most people will be

It all looks very nice but has it ironed out the playability and longevity problems of the first one? Maybe, but more of that later!

Ready trek!

During the trek across Europe, you will come across the following tag teams: Money Incorporated, featuring Irwin R. Shyster and Million Dollar Man Ted Dibiase; The Nasty Boys, featuring Sags and Knobbs; Natural Disasters, featuring Earthquake and Typhoon, and finally, if you're good enough, The Legion Of Doom, featuring Animal and Hawk.

Each team must be defeated in a one fall competition before you can progress on to the next match.

My main gripe has a lot to do with the playability and longevity. You will find yourself pressing the fire button a lot and the first six matches you play shouldn't present too much of a problem. Although it is all nicely done and well presented, I found myself terribly bored after a short while and feel it could have been a lot better.

sceptical due to the rather poor and unexciting quality of the original. Although not completely dire, it suffered because of rather inadequate and frustrating gameplay.

All dressed up

In this latest excuse for men to wear make-up, you must guide a newly formed tag team through various European cities, defeating opposing tag teams until you can finally make a challenge for the supreme title - European Rampage Tag Team Champions.

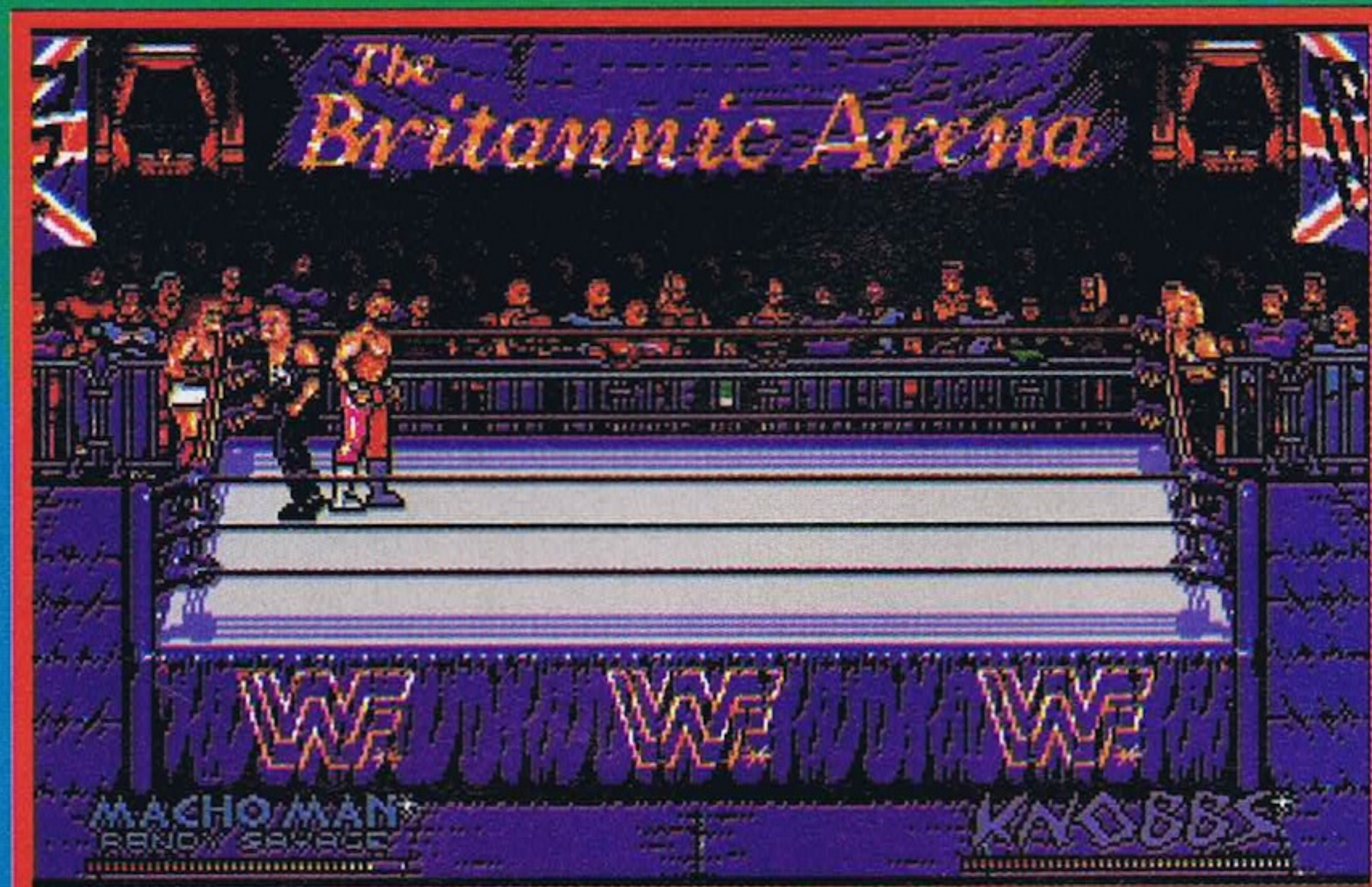
The first round is held in London, followed by Munich and then Paris.

The final championship match against the Legion Of Doom will be held in Madison Square gardens, New York, if you can be bothered to play it for long enough that is!

Each city features the same wrestlers although they do get slightly harder the further you get.

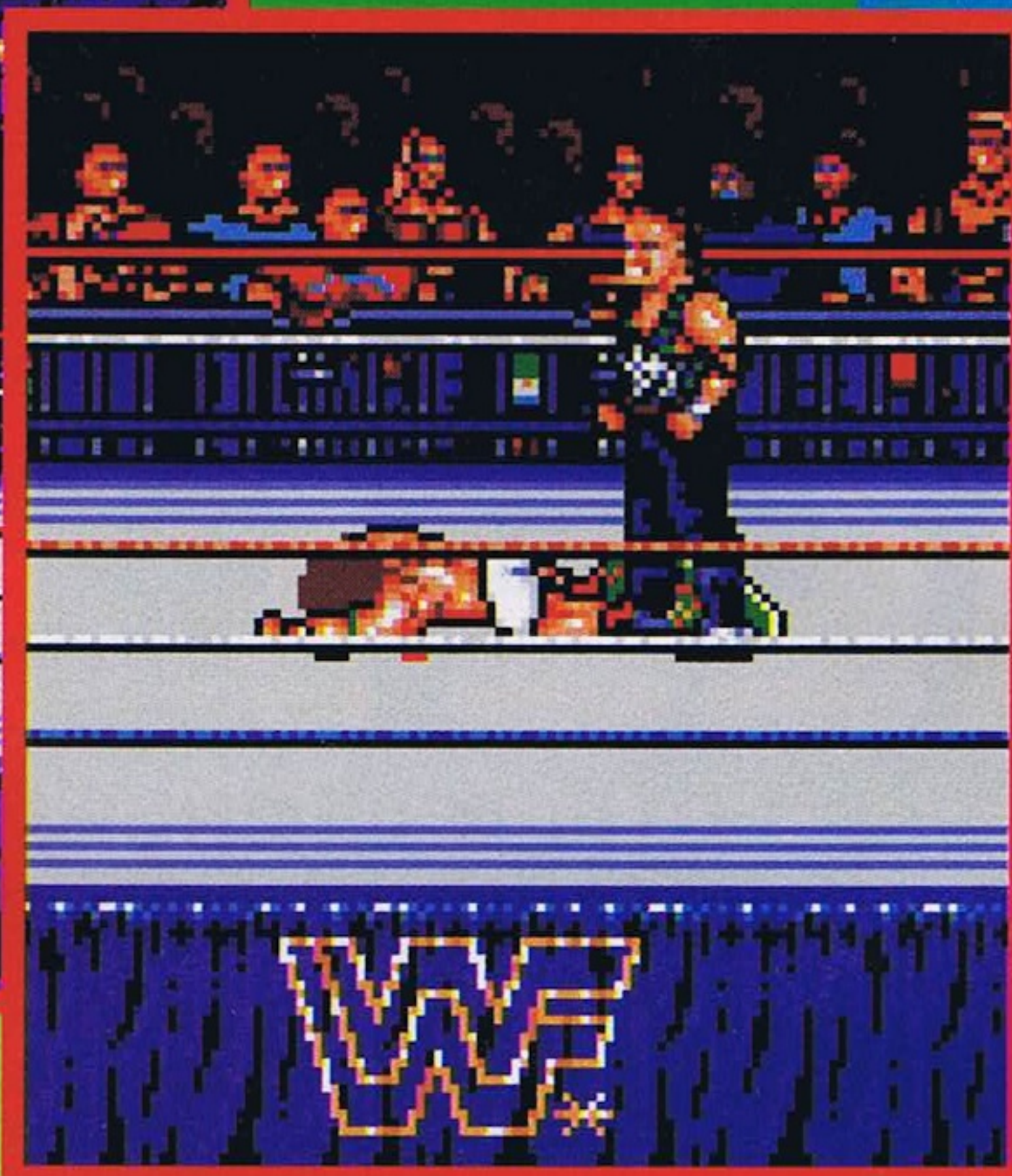
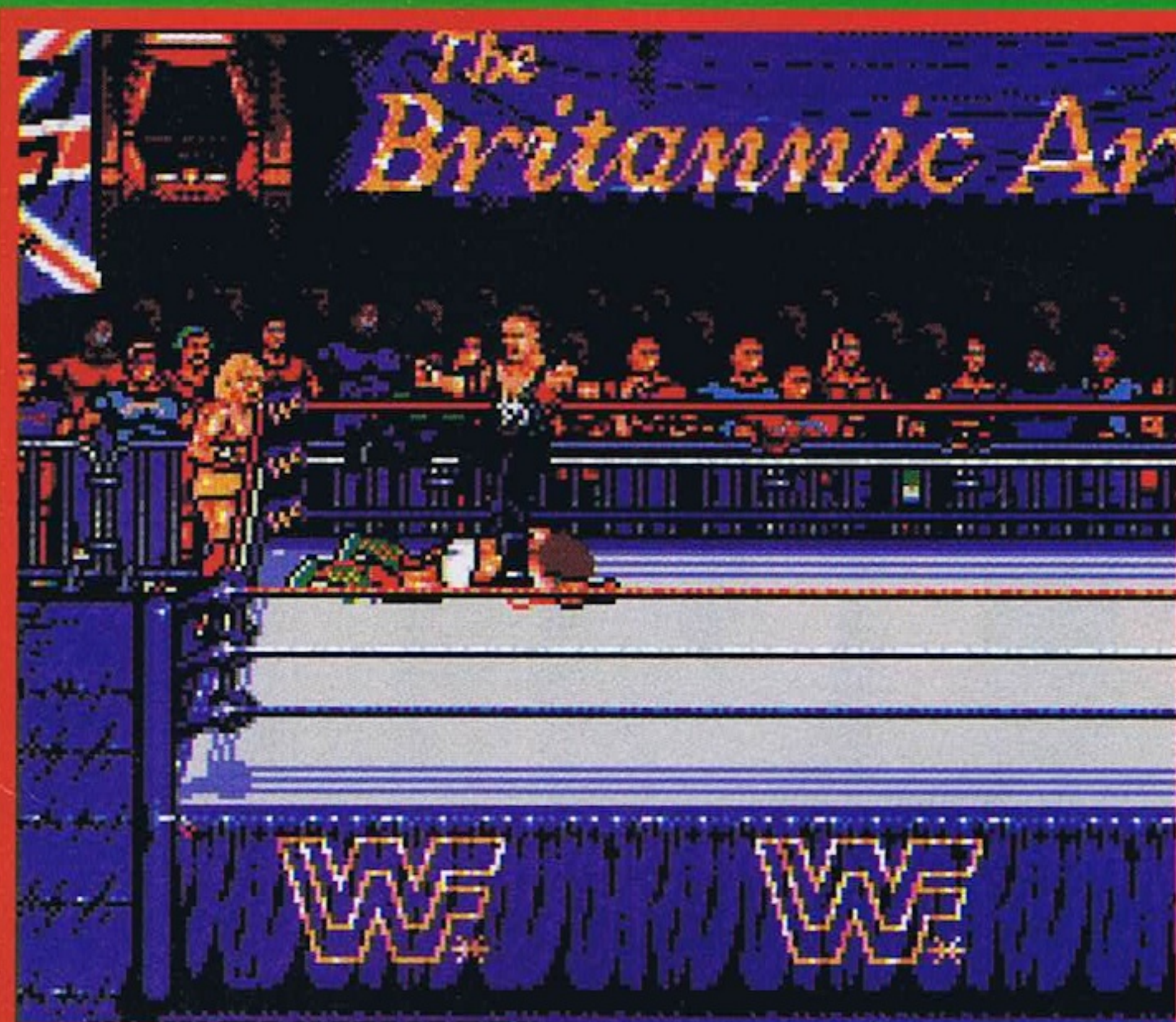
This is very disappointing as it soon becomes a case of "been there, seen it, done it!".

After choosing a one or two player game, you must then decide



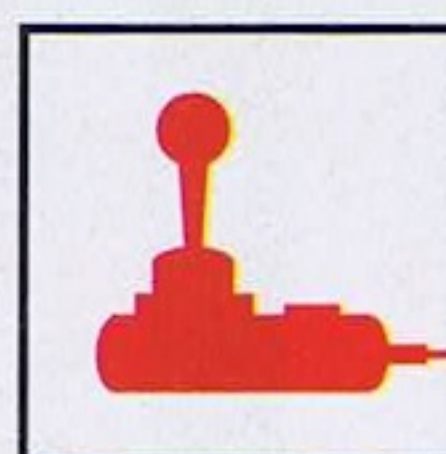
● "Hey, fellas, I'm over here!" Geesh, all I want to do is headlock you to death. Are they blind or what? Maybe I should come back later?

RAMPAGE TOUR



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1/2 PLAYERS

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which two of the four available wrestlers will make up your talented tag team.

Hulk Hogan, Randy Savage, Bret Hart or the Ultimate Warrior can be combined to make a pretty lethal team. After a brief introduction by match commentator Sean Mooney, it's straight in to the ring.

Each player is represented by a strength bar that can be depleted in several ways: being struck by an offensive blow, performing a move that misses your opponent, running into the turnbuckles or being knocked down by your opponent will all result in a loss of energy.

Whichever player is out of the ring will gradually regain some of his lost energy until he reaches peak fitness.

The various moves your character can perform are all done by using a combination of joystick moves and considerable use of the fire button.

Moving target

Directional movements, defensive stances and attacking moves are all done this way. The aggressive moves executed will depend on your distance from your opponent.

If you are very close, you will perform an elbow and being far away will result in a standing slap and so on.

Other moves that can be implemented when you are running or in mid-grapple include such old favourites as: the flying kick, running dive, drop kick, elbow drop, knee slam, arm lock, head lock, arm twist and a variety of throws.

All these will result in a considerable loss in energy. If that wasn't enough, you also get to give them a

slap when they're down as well!

You can lose a match in one of two ways. The first way is pretty obvious - you get such a physical slapping that you can't throw your opponent off you when he decides to take up residence on your face. This results in a three second count-out and the match is deemed over.

Ring-related fun

The second and less aggressive way to lose a match is for one or both teams to be counted out. A clock will begin counting if one of the wrestlers climbs out of the ring.

If it reaches 10, that team will be disqualified. The match is not over until one team has re-entered the ring so it is possible for both teams to be disqualified. If this happens, a rematch will have to be played.

If you happen to be receiving a considerable beating, you may decide to let your partner get some stick as well.

A tag is performed when you go over to the side of the ring and press the fire button. Their hands will slap together and an exchange will take place, allowing you to get a much needed breather and putting him into the thick of action.

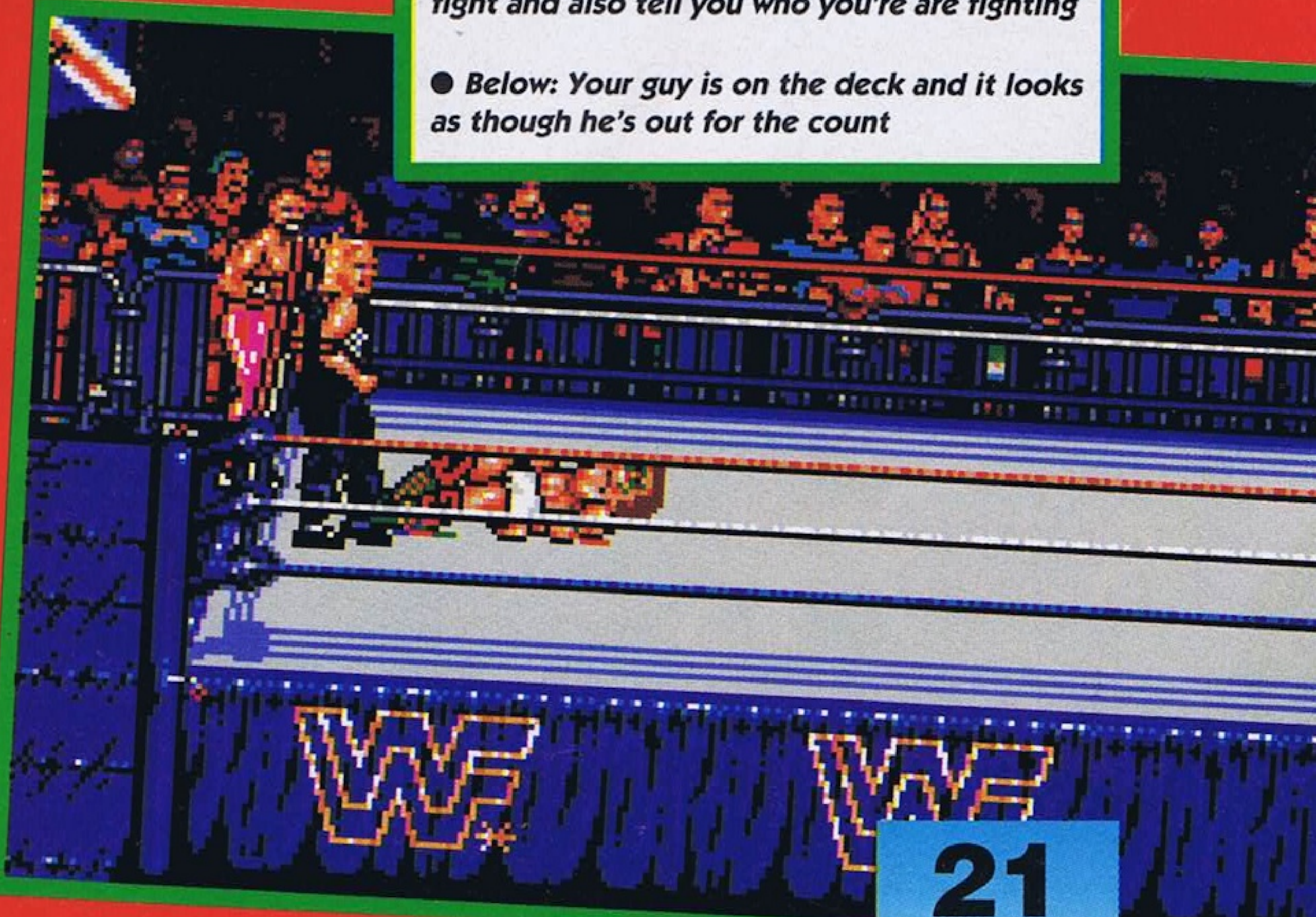
● Above left: One clothesline later and the guy's on the floor. You may now proceed to stand all over him

● Above: A nice close-up of you eating canvass! Maybe you should try something different, like hitting back



● Above: Sean Mooney will report on each fight and also tell you who you're are fighting

● Below: Your guy is on the deck and it looks as though he's out for the count



71%



● Martial arts specialist Ryu launches a face-smashing kick. Fortunately for US Marine Guile, the blow doesn't connect



● Blanka forces the energy from within to create a force field of raw power. The girlie Chun Li stands back in awe

STREET FIGHTER

The hype wars have started and the battle between the wrestlers and the street fighters ensues.

We've heard it all before but this time "there will be only one!"

Every year powerful warriors from all over the globe compete in a series of hand to hand battles. Each and everyone of these warriors are skilled in their own form of fighting be it a martial art from the orient to the pugilistic skills of a competent

street brawler. You get the option to choose one from a selection of eight characters who each have their own reasons to enter the competition. Ryu, the most popular of street fighters, joins because he enjoys fighting!

Good looking girl

Whereas Chun Li, the only girl competitor, has got herself involved in order to reap revenge on the ultimate adversary - M.Bison - a ruthless killer who murdered her poor, defenceless mother.

Unlike your bog standard beat'em-up the players have their own set of moves and cosmetically and in every other respect differ.

Only after a

few hours of playing will you decide which is your favourite character. Strangely some of the participants have the incredible power to perform all sorts of weird and wonderful attacks.

Ryu and Ken can evoke earthly energies and channel them through their hands. This creates a fireball which can cause great trouble and not forgetting pain for a would be target.

Chatup line

Each and every battle is decided upon the best of three bouts. You'll have to kick your

● It ain't cricket 'Arry, so why not take advantage as your opponent pauses for a breather?



● Arrgh, the mutants have mutated in a Blanka Vs Blanka battle to the death

● Right move, wrong time. Ryu's foot will crash down on the mutant Blanka. It's a shame he's charged up

● Gille blocks Chun's groin-height kick. Maybe he should give up now. Next time he might not be so lucky



ER II

opponent out cold to win. Once that battle is won it's on to the next fight which takes place in some exotic location known to a select few.

Seedy nightclub

Once you defeat the first seven enemies you'll be thinking what a waste of money - I've completed it now. Well tend to those

killer Vega who resides in a nightclub somewhere in Spain wears a metal mask and has two razor sharp blades welded onto a metal gauntlet. Scary stuff I think you'll agree?

To be perfectly honest Street Fighter II was a project that should never have been undertaken. However it has and the programmers have pulled out all the stops. Surprisingly the graphics and sound are incredibly similar to that of the arcade machine. But it's not all smiles because the gameplay isn't particularly good - still you can't have everything.

From this point on the game takes a more sinister turn as the damages you sustain are no longer superficial bruises and black eyes but more along the line of slashes and internal injuries.

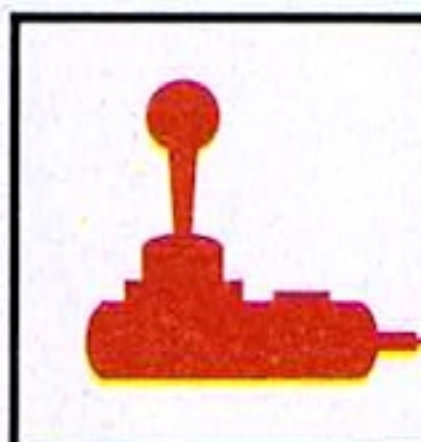
Good kicking

If you're lucky you'll leave the competition limping as opposed to inside a black body bag.

Two player fun has never been so easy to resolve if you

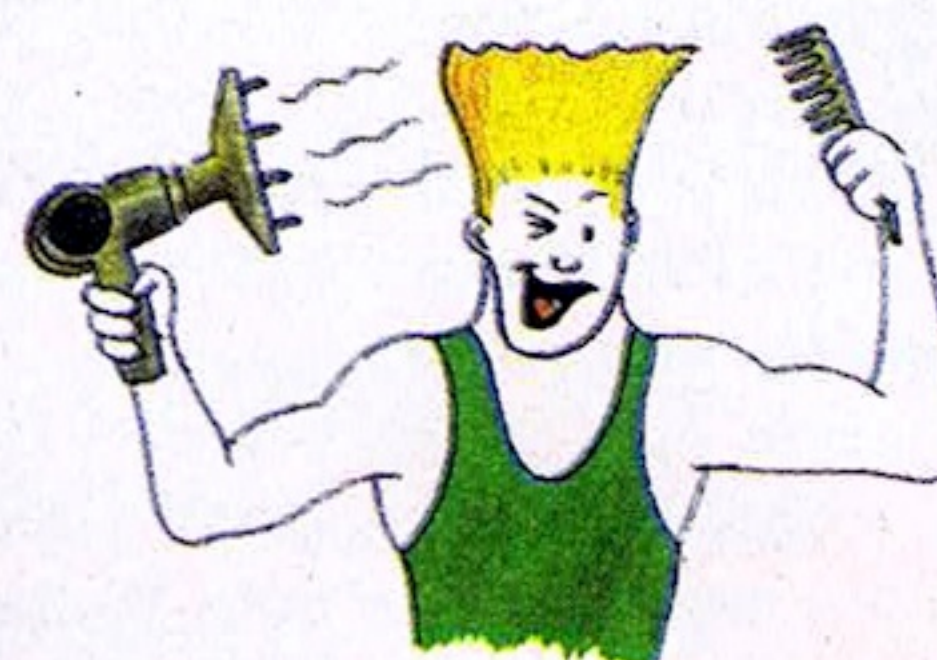
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1/2 PLAYERS

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find yourself having a grievance with a pal on how good you are. Rather than hospitalising each other simply plug in a second joystick, choose your players and get stuck in.
Brad Li

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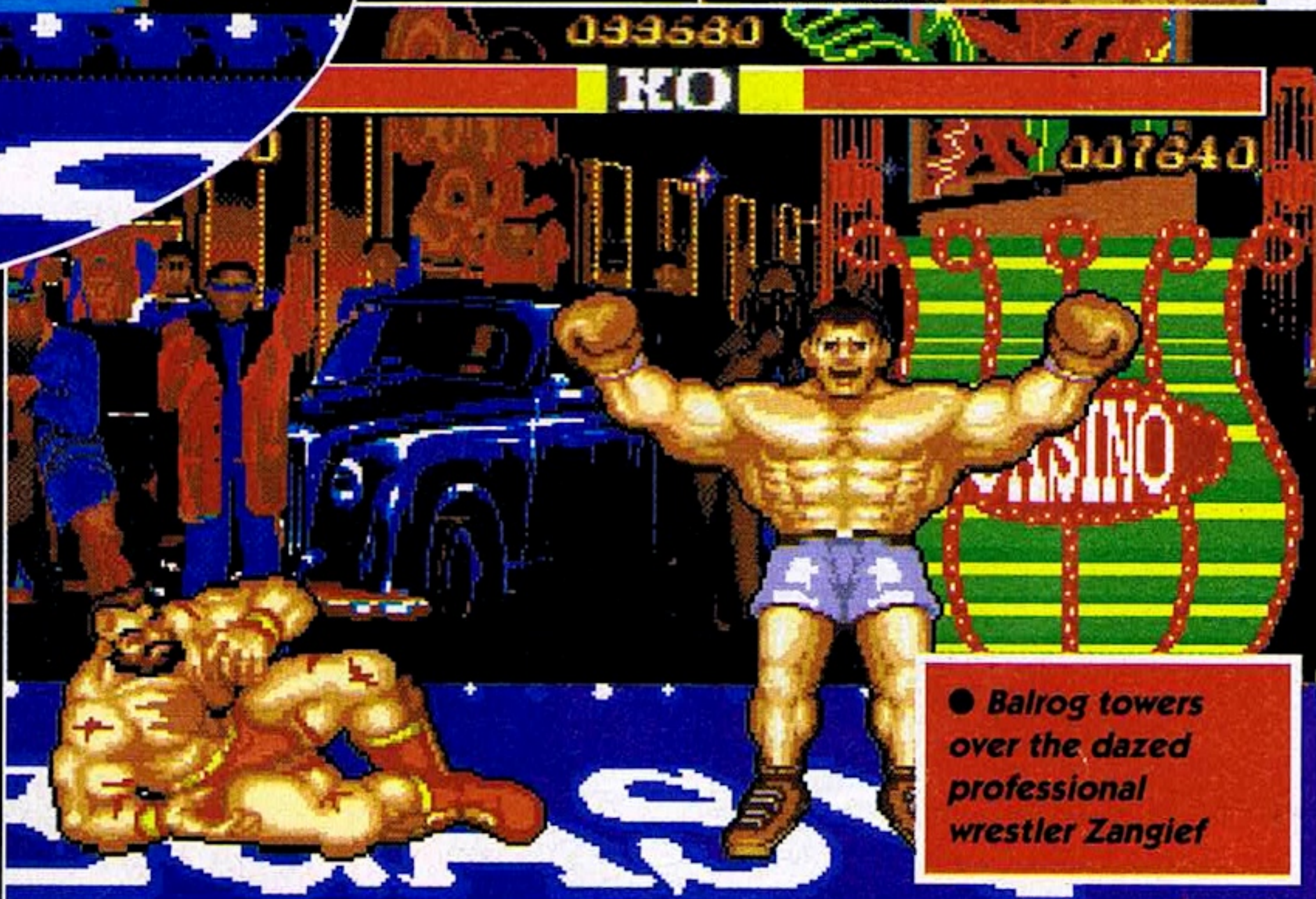
wounds because you'll find another four street fighters are willing to take you on.

If you thought this game was dirty, then hold on to your belt because it gets even dirtier. The

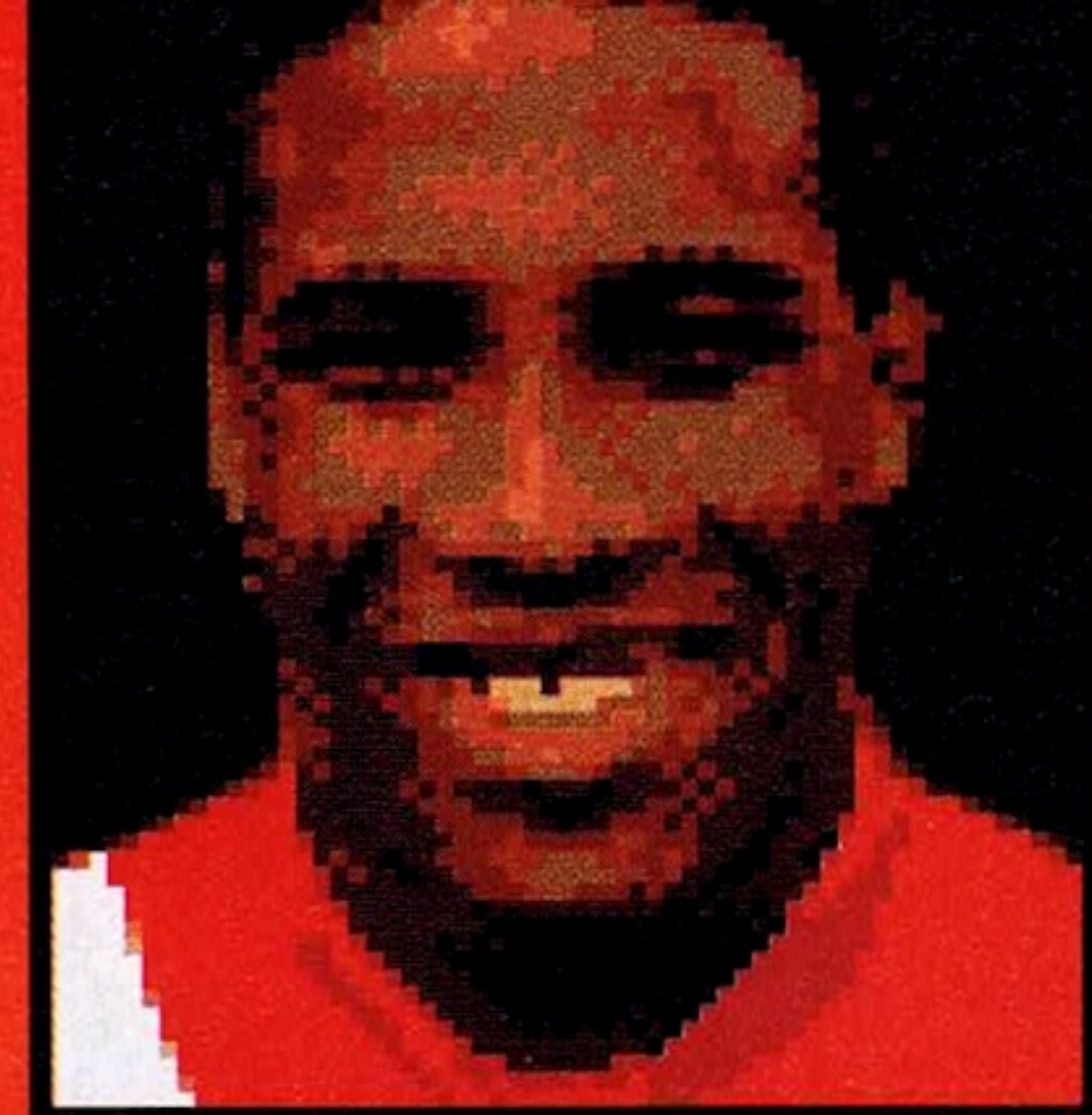
● The Big bad wolf didn't have anything on the Indian fighter who goes by the name of Dhalsim



● Balrog towers over the dazed professional wrestler Zangief



LIVERPOOL



It's been in the pipeline for ages. It's now been released but how does it way up against the likes of Sensible Soccer V1.1?

After you've watched the rather long winded intro which gives you an insight into the history of the club it's on to the user-friendly options screen.

From here loads of things can be toggled with, such as match length, which can be from 10 minutes to a full blown game. If you fancy brushing up on your soccer skills then the practice option is definitely the one for you.

You'll have the whole length of the pitch to work out some strategy for your up and coming games. When you get bored firing balls at the keeper and tired of passing the ball up pitch simply press escape and hey presto the options screen re-appears.

The cavern

It's up to your personal preference if you keep the after-touch toggle on - you'll be able to banana kick the ball with ease if you do. Before it's time to actually play a proper game be it for the football league or even the FA cup, you can change the team selections as well as the position each player plays.

Doing this couldn't be simpler, you've got a screen full of digitised pictures of the squad and the flashing border indicates the statistics of the man in question.

Each man has a percentage for



● This screen enables you to choose which players you would like in your team. Im not sure about that balding goalkeeper with the moustache though!

each of their skills be it aggressive-ness, fitness and so on.

Once that little formality is out of the way it's down to business, you know, one hundred and one percent and all that! The first thing you'll

skills.

The actual feel of the game is really nice and should suit the beginner computer football fan providing an easy entrance into this mould of game.

Not so much a serious simulation, this is one of those games that you'll dig out when you've got a few friends around. However this is not to say the one player game isn't fun. Liverpool has exceeded my expectations in every shape and form. I can't think of a more enjoyable way to spend those boring Sundays - more tea Vicar? Well done Grandslam!

notice about this football game is the unusual viewpoint in which the game is played.

None of this birds eye view type stuff. It's all third person perspective as the ball is centralised and followed throughout the game.

The main sprites are surprisingly large and each of the players have the ability to perform all sorts of leg type

Unlike the popular Kick Off series and Sensible Soccer the ball actually sticks to your foot and is only released with a tap of the fire button.

This allows fledgling footballers to perform all sorts of fancy dribbling. If you're interested in taking the ball off the opposing team then you'll have to run in to them and try to take the ball.

Alternatively you can go for a sliding tackle. But if you mis-time it

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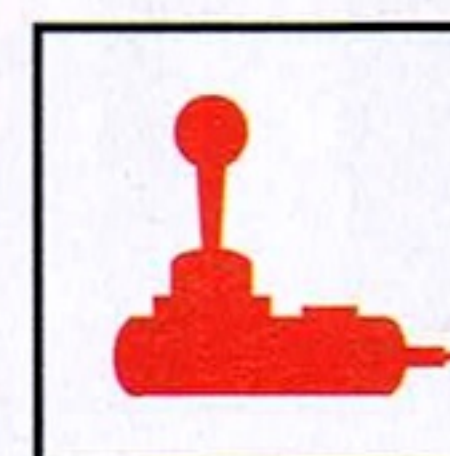
● Soccer's hard man Vinny Jones dribbles like a baby and leaves the Liverpool defence staring into empty space



● Doesn't look as though the man in the Liverpool strip has much chance of intercepting the throw in

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1/2 PLAYERS

Produced by Grandslam



INFO

then you'll end up with mud on your face and legs (that's not funny - Ed).

Beware when attempting tackles because if your challenge is too heavy it's possible you'll receive a yellow card or on severe cases a red one.

Bowl cut

The attention to detail on the graphics is surprisingly good and all the kits are in there - Liverpool's Candy strip, Manchester United's Sharp strip - it's got them all.

One little gripe is the awful music which you have to endure at the start of the game, how bad is "You'll never walk alone"?

Well it's even worse coming through the monitor speaker, turn down the volume, that's what I say. All in all, a pretty fabby game. **Brad**

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3 tough games join forces on a compilation in what is possibly the biggest fight so far promoted by Ocean...

1 Pit-Fighter

Generally beat em-up games, have a cliched plot, you know rescue a lady or revenge someone's death. However Pit-Fighter places you in the pyjamas of one of three prize fighters. Each is skilled in a field of pugilism. The fights take place in various seedy locations, car parks and wharfs are just two examples.

In one player mode the player must kill his opponent using whatever moves he has in his arsenal. Since its an illegal fight the only rule is there are no rules. Kicking while your opponent is down is commonplace as is the use of knives and other weapons found littered around the "pit". Each time you defeat an adversary you progress onto an even tougher combatant. The ultimate goal is to kill the reigning champion pit fighter "The Executioner".

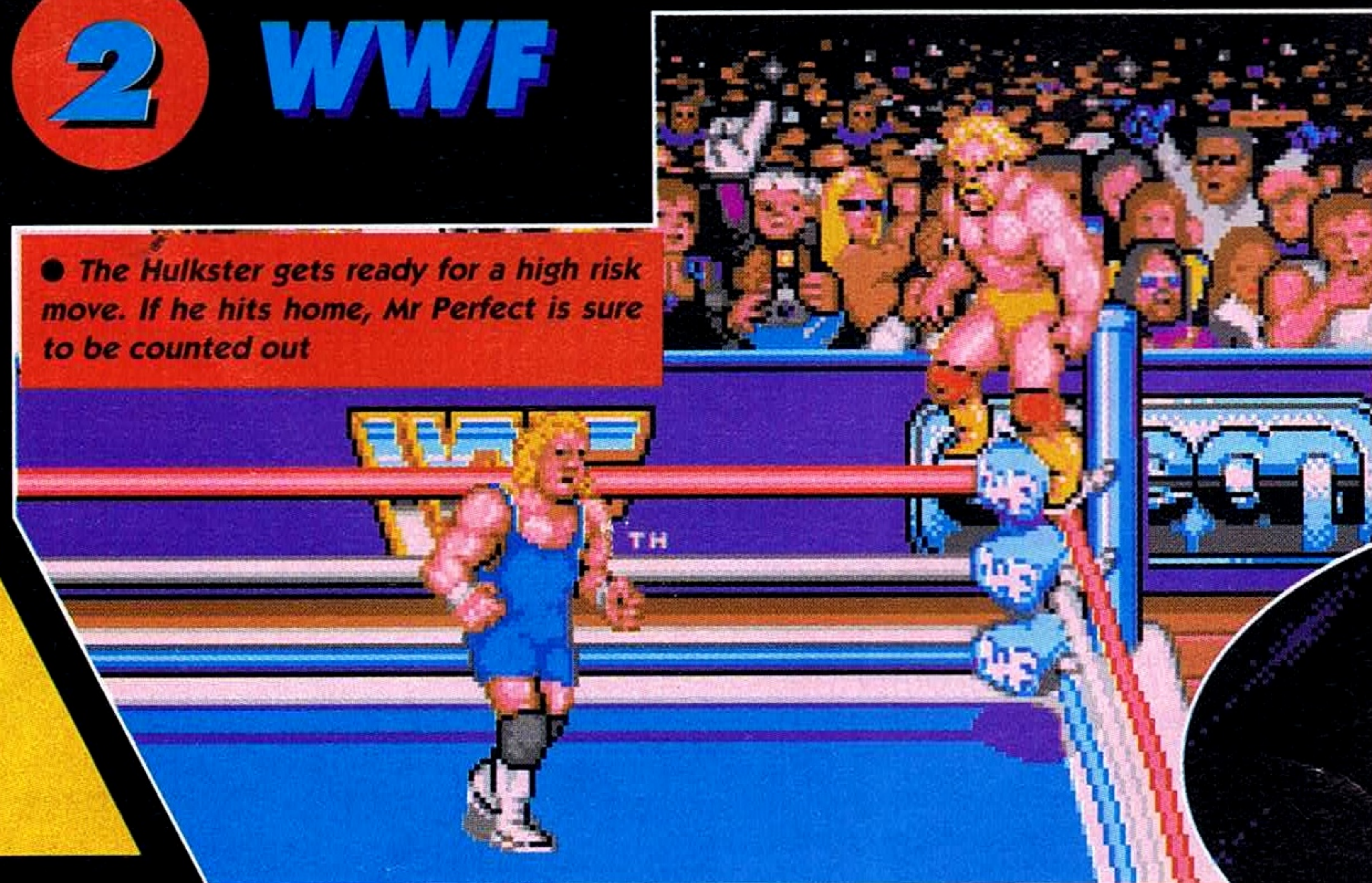
You'll have to compete in 10 bouts of violence before you get a shot at this big man. The tenth match pits you against two crazy musclemen intent on resting you to peace. Bear in mind if you are defeated you'll lose the best prize, your life. The plus side to fighting is that you'll receive thousands of dollars in prize money and sometimes even a brutality bonus for being especially vicious. Blood sports at their best.



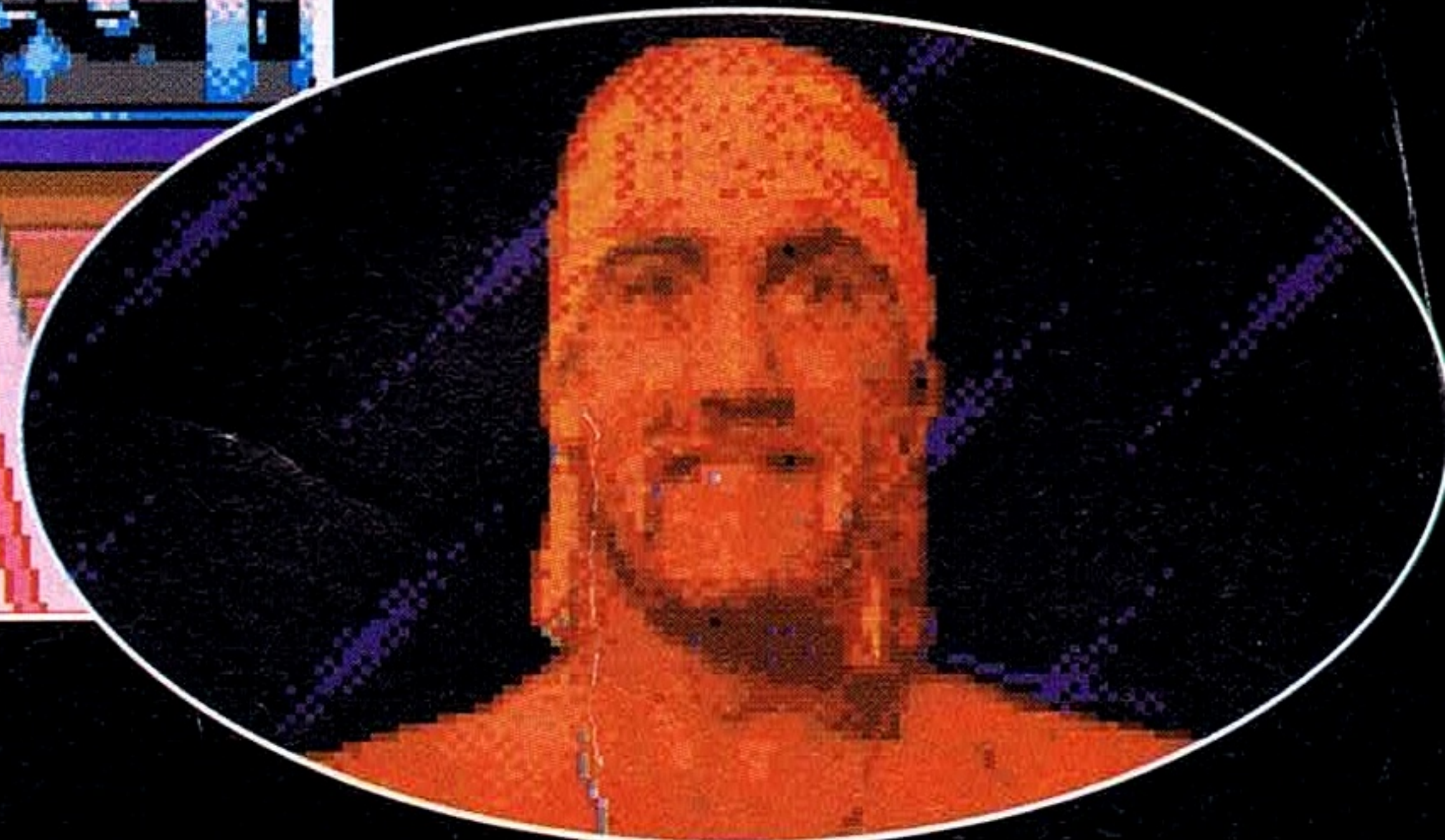
● The street fighter Ty reels back after receiving a well aimed knee from the over weight power house who calls himself the Executioner

2 WWF

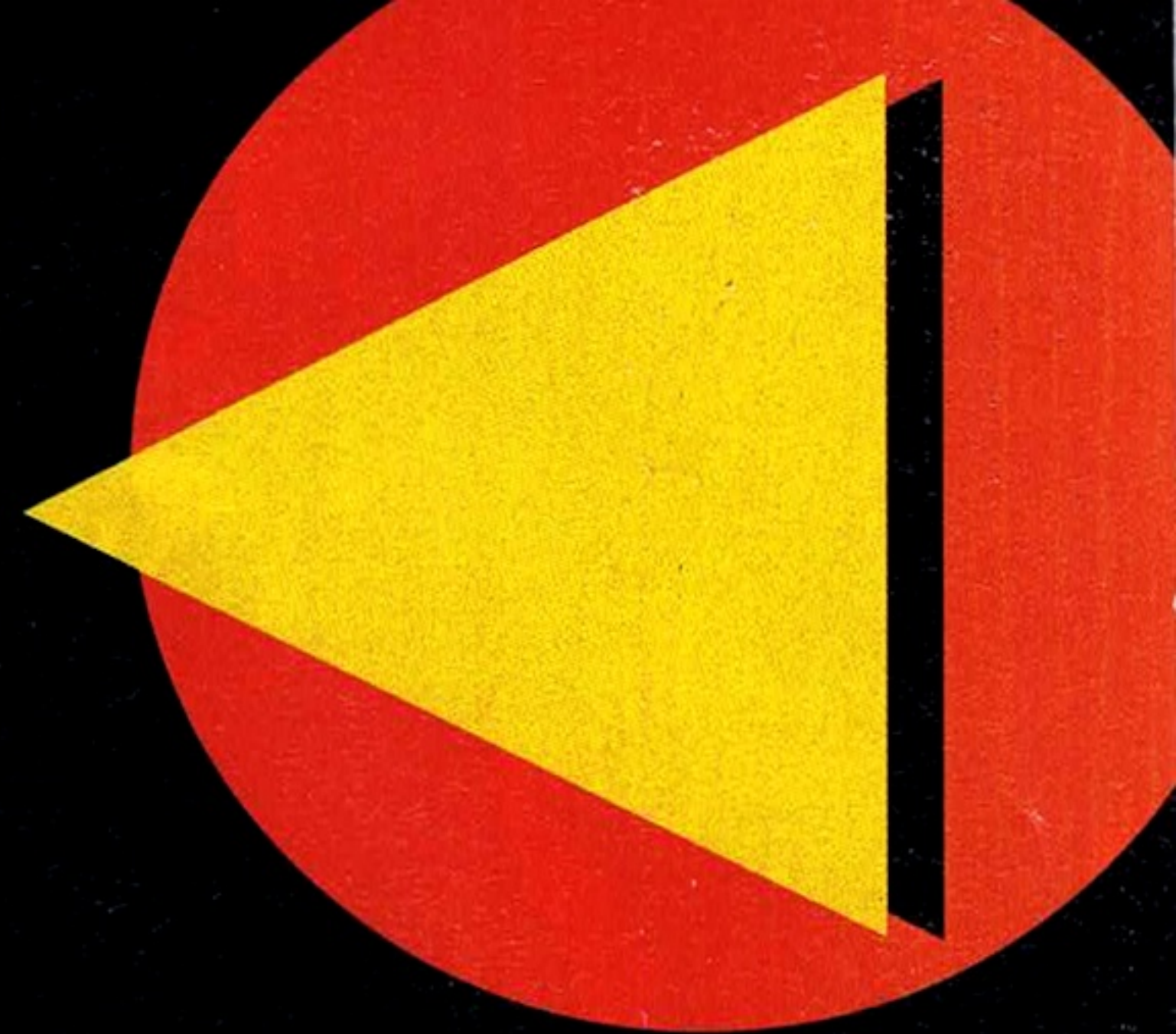
● The Hulkster gets ready for a high risk move. If he hits home, Mr Perfect is sure to be counted out



Hulk Hogan, the British Bulldog and the Ultimate Warrior are just a few of the big nobs that can be seen in this wrestling rampage. Yep, using the joystick and your gaming skill you can use all sorts of popular wrestling moves in order to ultimately become the worlds undisputed heavyweight champion.

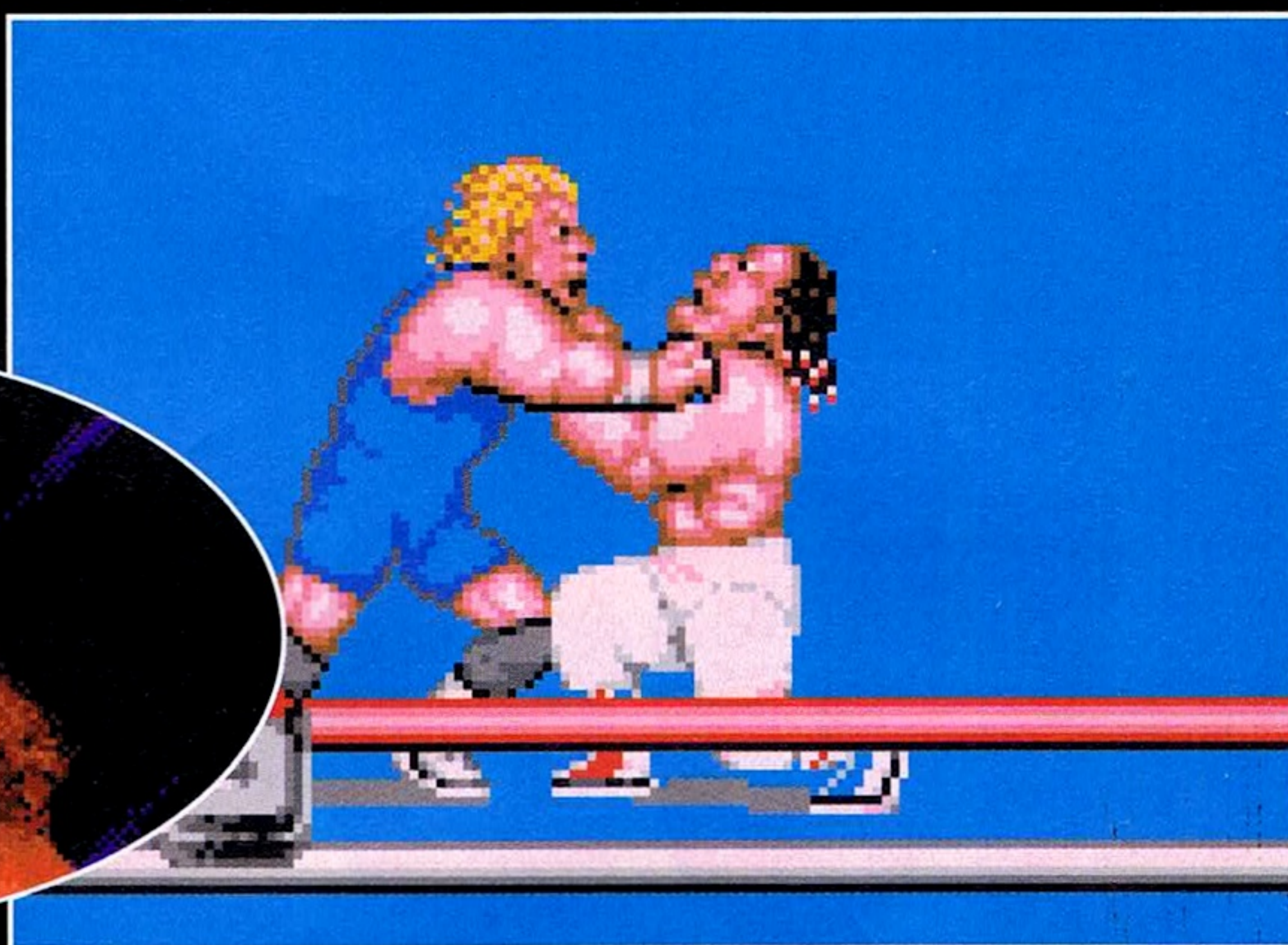


WRESTLING FREIGHTER



Once the baby-oil is smeared in, its off to the square circle for a bout of body slamming action. If your a wrestling fan you'll be pleased to know that all the popular moves are in there ranging from the over used clothes line to such high risk manoeuvres like jumping off the top rope. My personal favourite trick is to closeline the opponent then piledrive them into the canvas(hehe).

All the characters are well drawn, but there is something lacking from the playability - the game is just too clinical. When two opponents get a grip of each other its simply a case of waggling the joy-stick, the one who waggles the fastest executes a move. As you can imagine, not much skill involved. If only the gameplay reflected the same quality of the graphics. Still you can't have everything it seems, these days anyway!



● Mr Perfect grapples with The British Bulldog, just one of the sweat pouring bouts you'll have to compete in if you're ever to win the championship belt

3 Final Fight

Mayor of the city and ex-professional wrestler Mike Haggar, has had his daughter kidnapped by the Mad Dog gang, they've threatened to kill her if the police are notified. With the help of a couple of his friends, they go on a trip through downtown in order to rescue the girl. The gang will come across all types of weird and powerful adversaries who will use everything and anything to stop the liberation of Jessica. Early on in the game the baddies simply punch and kick you to submission. Later on the gang gets nasty and isn't content in knocking you unconscious and all manner of swords



● After a few games you'll find yourself having a favourite player character, as you can see here. I've already got to grips with Guy - the nimblest of the fighters


and the like are used to stop you in your tracks, permanently. The type of offensive moves available to you vary on which character you choose, my personal favourite is Guy who's martial skills have been honed to perfection through years of deadly training. The six levels should keep even the hardest player against the ropes for some time.

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I'm not going to pull my punches with this one. Final Fight, and Pitfighter suffer from dodgy graphics, but they both have the redeeming quality of having great gameplay. The odd one out in this package has to be WWF the graphics are colourful and arcade like, yet the gameplay isn't very good. All that taken into account the package is still quite a generous offering and should prove to be hard hitting enough for even the most veteran of joystick jockeys.

Brad

84%




● There's one thing you can be sure of in Gobliins 2 - that guard won't let you past just like without trying to stop you



● Another beating is received for trying to pilfer the bottle behind the two old chaps. Pity they caught you!

GOBLIINS 2

Faster than you can say the word "sequel" the new Gobliins game arrived on these shores...



It only seems like yesterday since the first Gobliins (these spellings are getting confusing) game was here. We previewed this towards the end of last year and it's finally dropped through the ST Action mailbox now the Christmas post has calmed down!

The first game surprised a lot of people and won a lot of friends through

its novel approach and unique gameplay. To be honest though Gobliins suffered from a lack of logical puzzles, good as it was, there was an awful lot of messing about to solve the problems.

Two's company

It did seem to just be a case of clicking and using everything possible in the most illogical of ways (that sounds like Mr. Spock!). Eventually (well possibly) you'd find the solution and it'd be onto the next level!

Anyway, Gobliins 2 takes it's bow and this time there are two of the little beggars whereas before there were three (well that


almost explains the freaky spelling...almost but not quite!).

Fingus and Winkle are the two Gobliins in question this time around. Now Fingus is the diplomat of the two and is the ideal character to talk both him and his friend out of tricky situations.

Winkle on the other hand is a bit of a lad - a joker. A characteristic that will come in very handy on some of the levels.

What now?

There's no point in getting yourself under any illusions. The puzzles are as obscure (if not more so) as the original and without a shadow of a doubt, you will get horrendously



● Now what next? It's another one of those mind-blowingly frustrating puzzles to beat

● Getting a good hiding from the Notable's sausage can't be very pleasant. You'll have to get it a different way



stuck before very long.

We thankfully had the aid of Coktel Vision's very own Emmanuelle so we were never stuck for long as the solution was only a international phone call away. You on the other hand...

Try it all out

You really do have to try everything on everything to succeed. This time though there are more things to try things out on so a lot more time can be wasted doing totally the wrong thing.

Up to now it's sounded like I'm having a real go at this game. I'm not. It's weird but despite all it's annoying features I really do like it.

The graphics are really nice

More of the same for Goblins fans. If you liked the style of the first game you'll adore this second offering from Coktel Vision. If you hated it originally don't look for any new style here. The game's funny to watch and play but there's always the fear of getting terminally stuck somewhere. Top drawer stuff but it's a difficult ride alright.

and very cartoony. The sound is amusing – garbled goblin talk, just like the first game, but above all the game is funny.

Even when you do something wrong the comical actions of the duo will always make you smile. The behaviour of both the pair of them and the other characters in the game is always extremely violent (a la cartoons in general!).

work the puzzles out you're guaranteed a laugh. To an extent, it makes the frustration worth it in the end.

Sentenced to life

The whole thing is totally mouse-controlled and a combination of left and right clicks will take you through the game. The right mouse button will bring up and allow you to control and manipulate objects in your

inventory. Either of your two Goblins will be able to use any item as they share the same inventory.

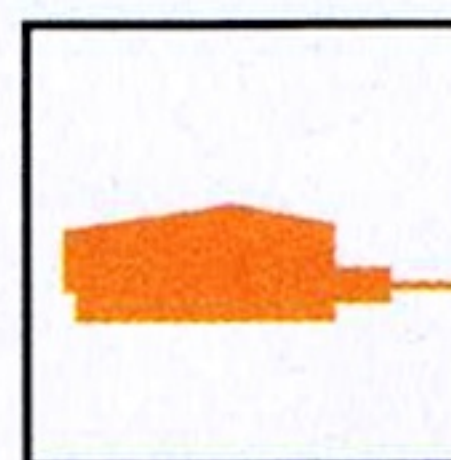
There's a really large game here that could well take you several years of your life to finish. Alternatively you could always play it and it could knock several years off your life when you throw yourself off the roof in frustration.

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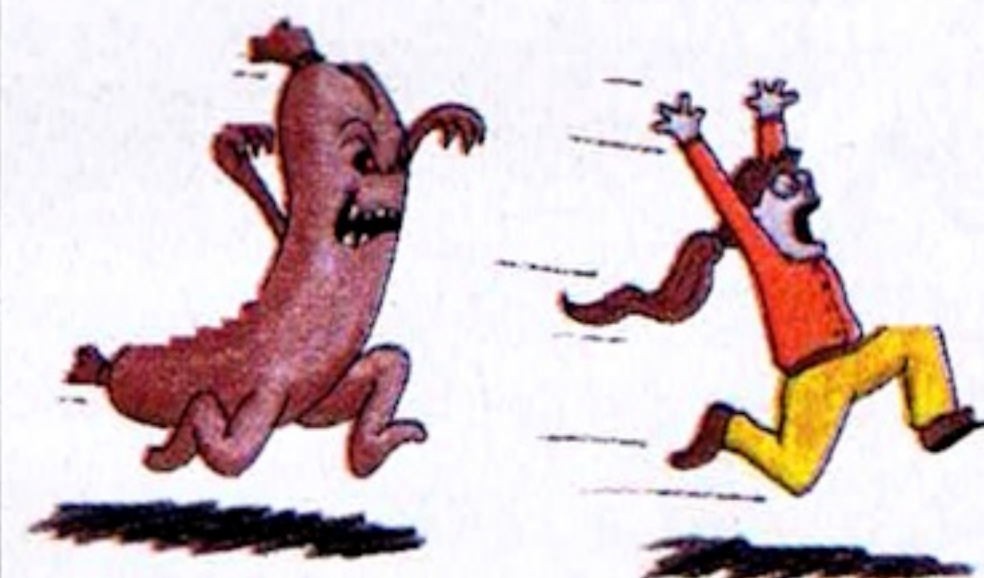
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● This is no ordinary tree. In fact, without this tree's help you will not be able to get much further into the game



● You've finally got past the dreaded giant and must now head towards the castle where the prince is





LETHAL

Join Riggs and Murtaugh as they are forced back on the beat!



Hmm, another Ocean movie licence that appears as a platform game. We've seen this approach before, methinks? Anyway, the burning question is - is it any good or is it just hoping to sell by name and brand alone?

Although it is called Lethal Weapon, the storyline is surprisingly similar to the recent Lethal Weapon 3 film.

The two streetwise detectives, Riggs and Murtaugh, are called to the

scene of a bomb scare. Riggs' enthusiasm gets the better of him and he goes in before the bomb squad can arrive. He cuts the wrong wire and the building goes up in a huge explosion.

After the dust settles, the chief immediately demotes them to uniform - the boys are back on the beat.

It doesn't take them long before they're in the thick of things again. After foiling a pretty straight forward robbery attempt, they discover an unusually

large quantity of weapons that have been confiscated by the police.

Internal Repairs!

An internal investigation is already underway and Riggs and Murtaugh want in. Unfortunately, their superiors deem them too irresponsible and they must prove their worth before they can win

back their shields. This is where you come in.

You must help the two rogue detectives complete four missions before they are allowed to join the main investigation. Each mission has a set objective that must be completed in order to progress. The fourth mission can only be attempted when the first three have been suc-

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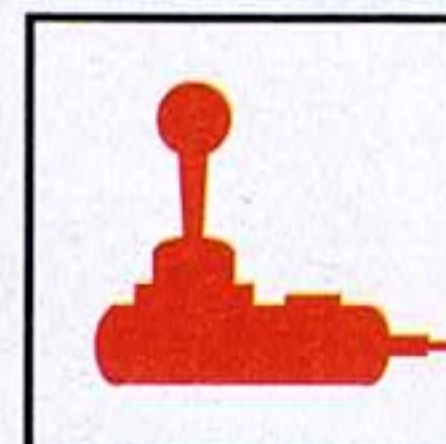
• The various crates that have been left lying about can be used as a temporary safe spot for you to rethink your tactics



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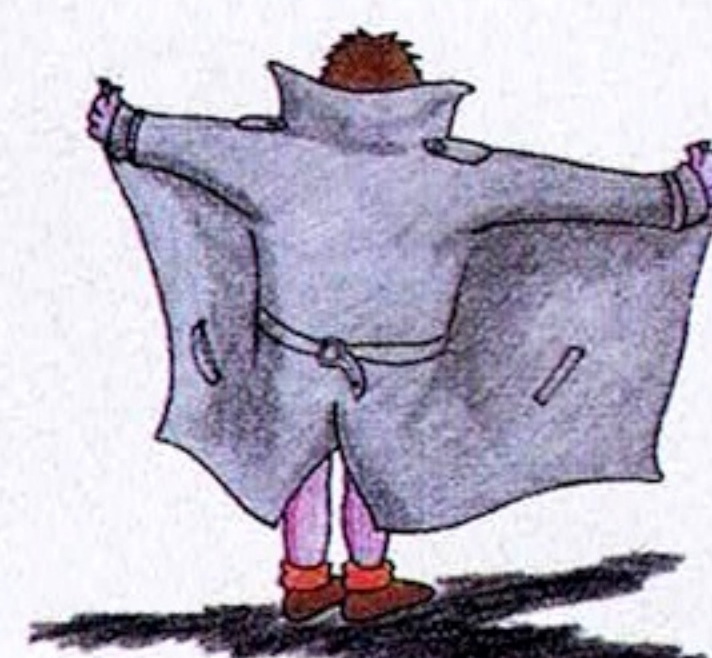
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1 PLAYER

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INFO

● The guy with the torch must be shot so you can flick the switch that lies behind the flames



● One of the levels is set at the docks. You can make use of the lifeboats to provide some much needed cover

cessfully overcome.

You can choose to play either Riggs or Murtaugh as you attempt to solve the files that have been baffling the regulars. Each character has their own strengths and

your mission. He will tell you what you have to do and also ask you if you wish to accept the mission.

If you say yes, you will go to the beginning of the first level. If you refuse, it's back

I must admit to feeling slightly sceptical about this when it arrived on my desk. Fortunately, this is not the case. Lethal Weapon offers you some exciting platform fun that combines thought-provoking puzzles with frenzied arcade action. Similar to the excellent Hudson Hawk in graphical design and gameplay, this offers hours of fun.

weaknesses - Riggs is far better at unarmed combat but Murtaugh possesses greater fire power. You must choose the most suitable officer for the job in hand.

Before you begin each case, you must first visit the chief who will give you a quick, detailed briefing of

to the corridor in the police station to choose again.

Each mission is set at a certain location - the LA dockside, the city's sewer system and finally the old rundown steelworks.

There are usually two or three sections to a level and a big boss will be waiting for

you at the end of the level. He must be defeated by reducing his energy bar before he kills you.

You have two forms of attack at your disposal. Your gun carries a limited amount of bullets but they can be replenished by collecting the gun clips that lie scattered about the levels.

Chaos and mayhem!

Your other form of attack is unarmed combat. You can kick if you get too close to your opponent or if you run out of ammo.

The gun can be powered up by collecting little pistol icons. This increases the amount of damage that your bullets will do.

As well as the numerous switches and levers, there are also a number of other items you can pick up. Collecting a small heart will replenish some of your lost

energy and a big heart will give you an extra life.

You can also pick up magnifying glasses that are classed as evidence and they award you bonus points.

If you successfully complete an entire level, you will be given a code that you can enter at the beginning of the game in the computer room.

This will start you where you left off, with all your lives and power-ups intact. This proves very handy as each level provides a stiff, long-term challenge. **Jason**

● Use the moving platforms to cross the gap. There are valuable objects waiting for you at the other side



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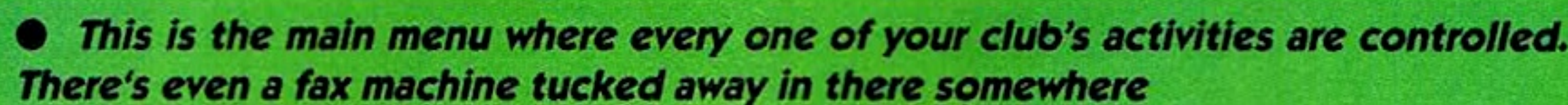
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Every option you'd expect is included. One of the first things you should do when you slide into your management chair is set the team a rigorous training schedule to get

You do this (as well as a host of other options) by using the telephone on your desk. Clicking on it with the mouse brings up a list of telephone numbers you can dial.

If you speed the action up it just looks silly. It's like watching Sky

Once all the formalities are out of the way with it's down to match action. This is the bit where a lot of management games sink or swim really. Thankfully people who like this sort of game generally aren't

It's easy to pick up and easy to play. Best of all it's easy to get into. We've seen it all countless times before, but not much better than Gremlin's offering.

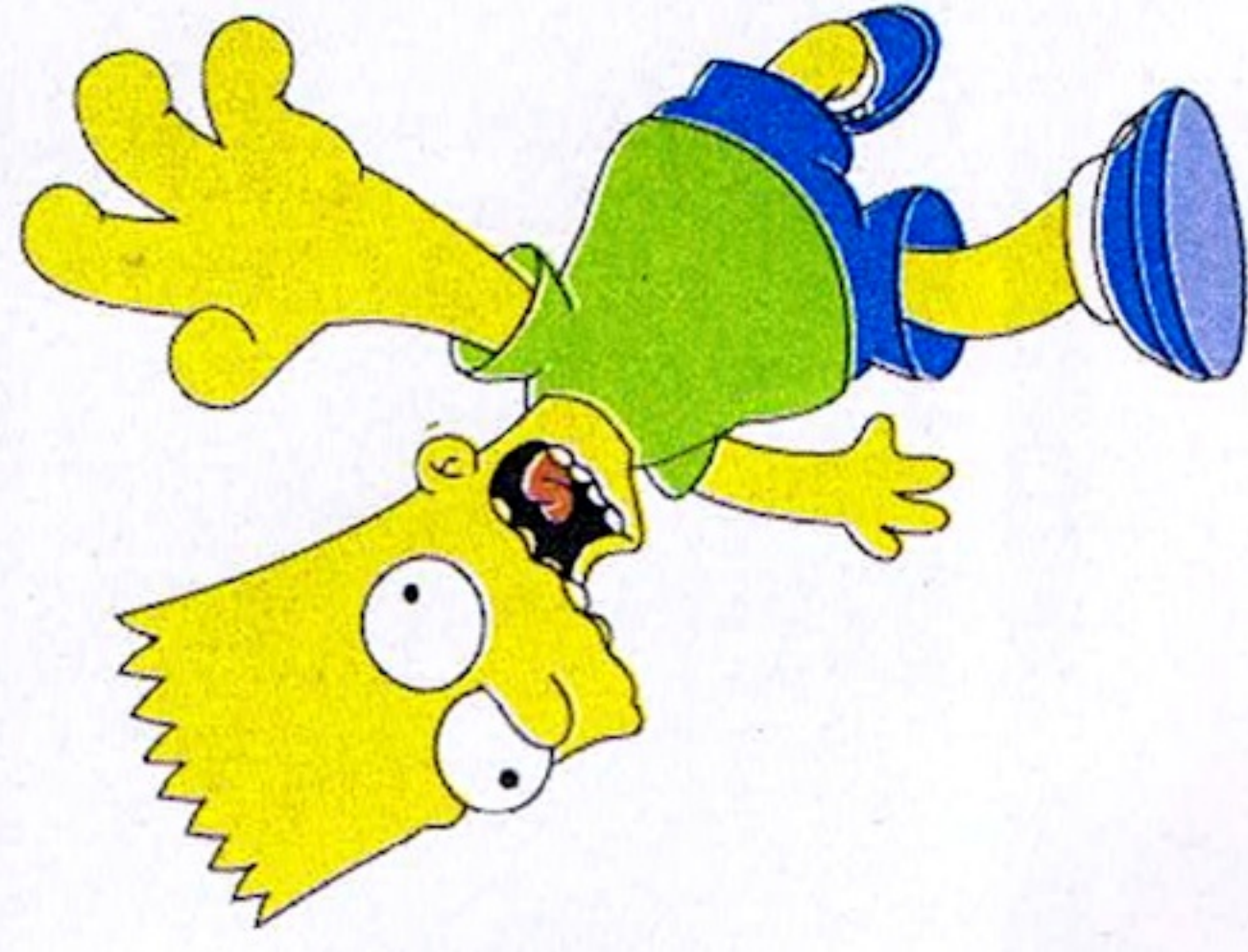
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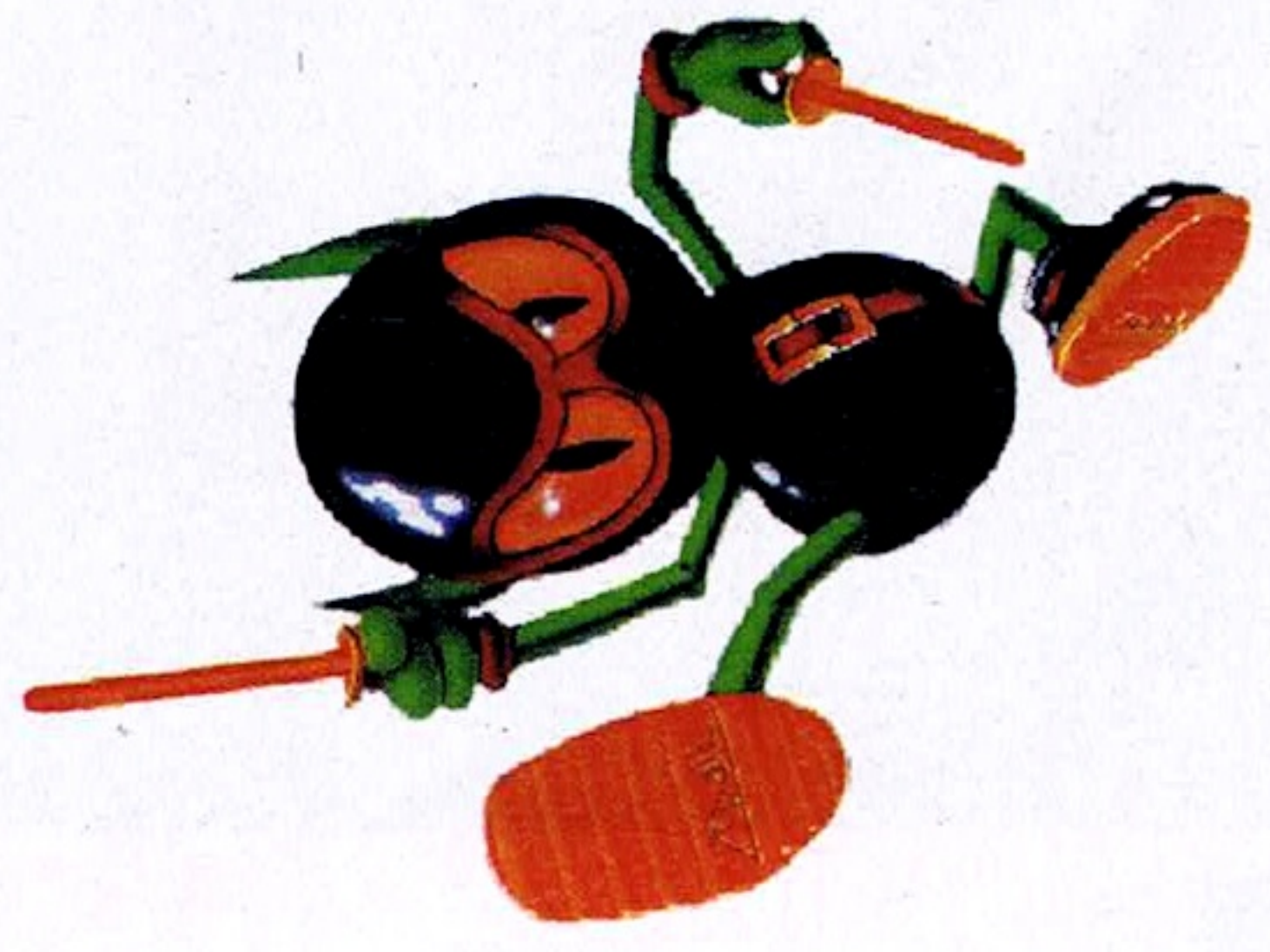
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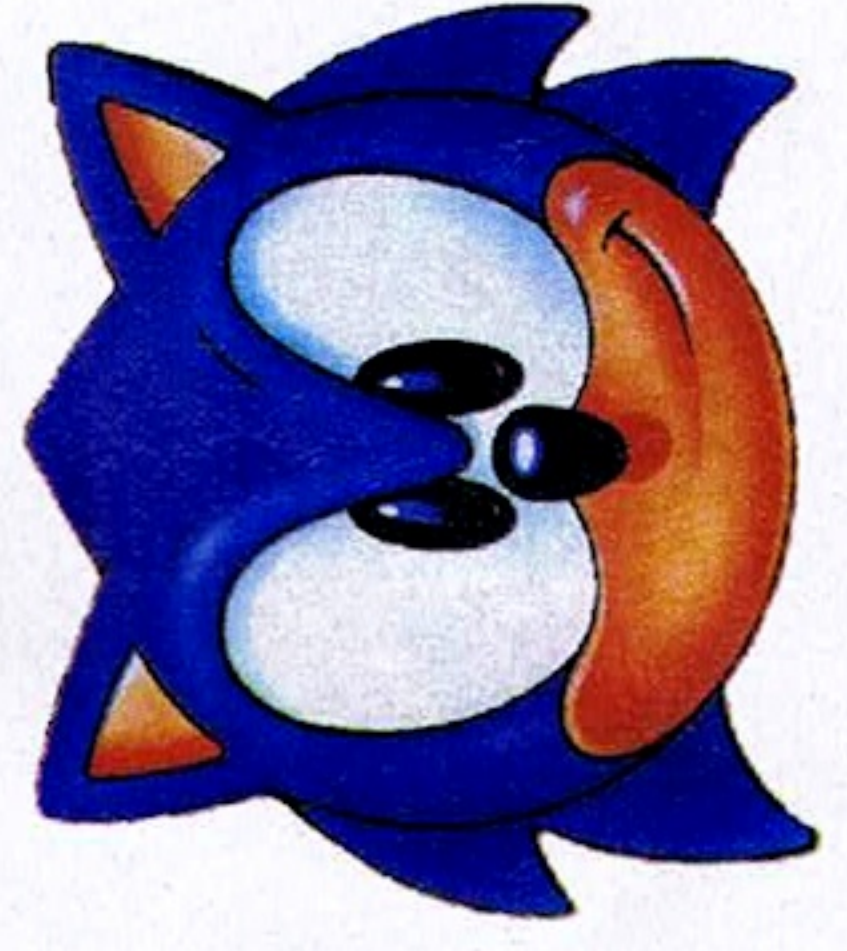
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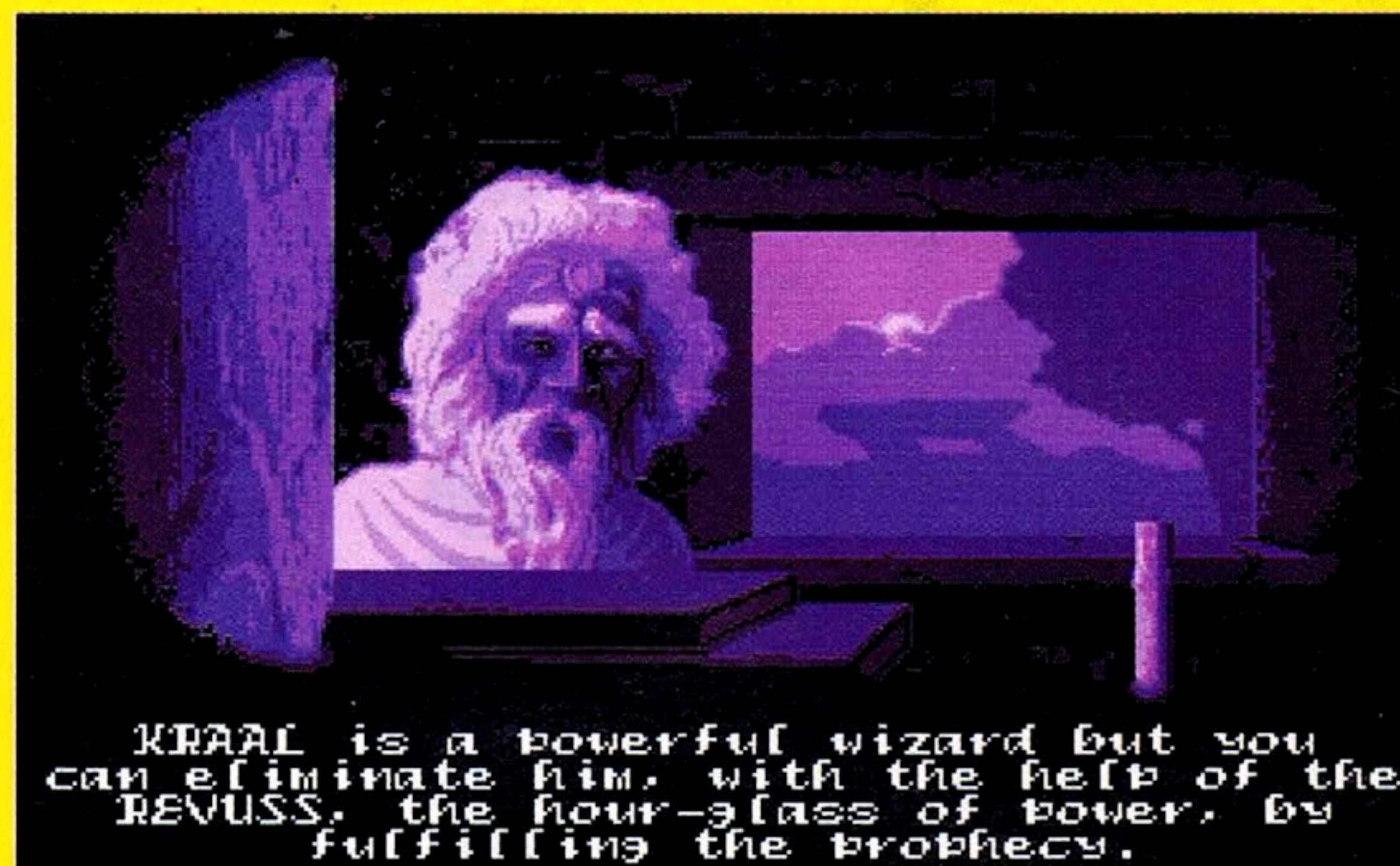


WEEN - THE

Another game coming from across the channel. The makers of Gobiins 2 bring you an adventure...

Coktel Vision are building up a reputation since their merger with Digital Integration. This reputation is upheld by good-looking quality products like Gobiins and Gobiins 2 (reviewed elsewhere in this issue). This French company was virtually unheard of in this country less than 12 months ago, but their marketing deal with DI has opened up a large distribution network that is allowing them to get their gear to a much wider audience.

As well as releasing Gobiins this month, their other title hitting the shelves as we speak goes under the name of Ween - The Prophecy. Set in your general bog-standard, run-of-the-mill, a little bit magic (yep, we get the picture - Ed!) fantasy land, you are put in the position of the young chap who has to fulfil a certain prophecy. It's a bitch the way



● *You know you've got a problem when your hair's as white as this guys! This is actually the big mean baddies who you've got to rid the world of*

on this day that evil will rise and so on and so forth. The evil Kraal is getting ready to strike again. It's been a long time since your grandfather Ohkram banished him, but he is now weak and you, Ween, must

you've got another new entry into the point and click division. It's definitely the in thing to do things this way as far as adventure games go and the system works adequately once again in Ween. It doesn't use any of the more complex procedures like the one in The Lure of the Temptress, but it more than does its job.

Teeny-weeny

As you know, any adventure game of this type is only as good as its puzzles. There's no point in shelling out £26 for something you'll complete before the disk's finished loading! Again, Ween doesn't really suffer from this problem. It isn't overly difficult but you certainly won't whizz through it.

A novel touch in the affairs is the inclusion of Jokers. From the start of the

There's a lot of competition in this field and I'm not sure Ween has enough about it to take it to the top of the tree. What there is is good, but we've seen it all before and better. I'd still recommend it if you're a fan of this type of stuff. There's a challenge there alright, but if you're not particularly fussed about this stuff then think about it first.

it always lands on you isn't it?

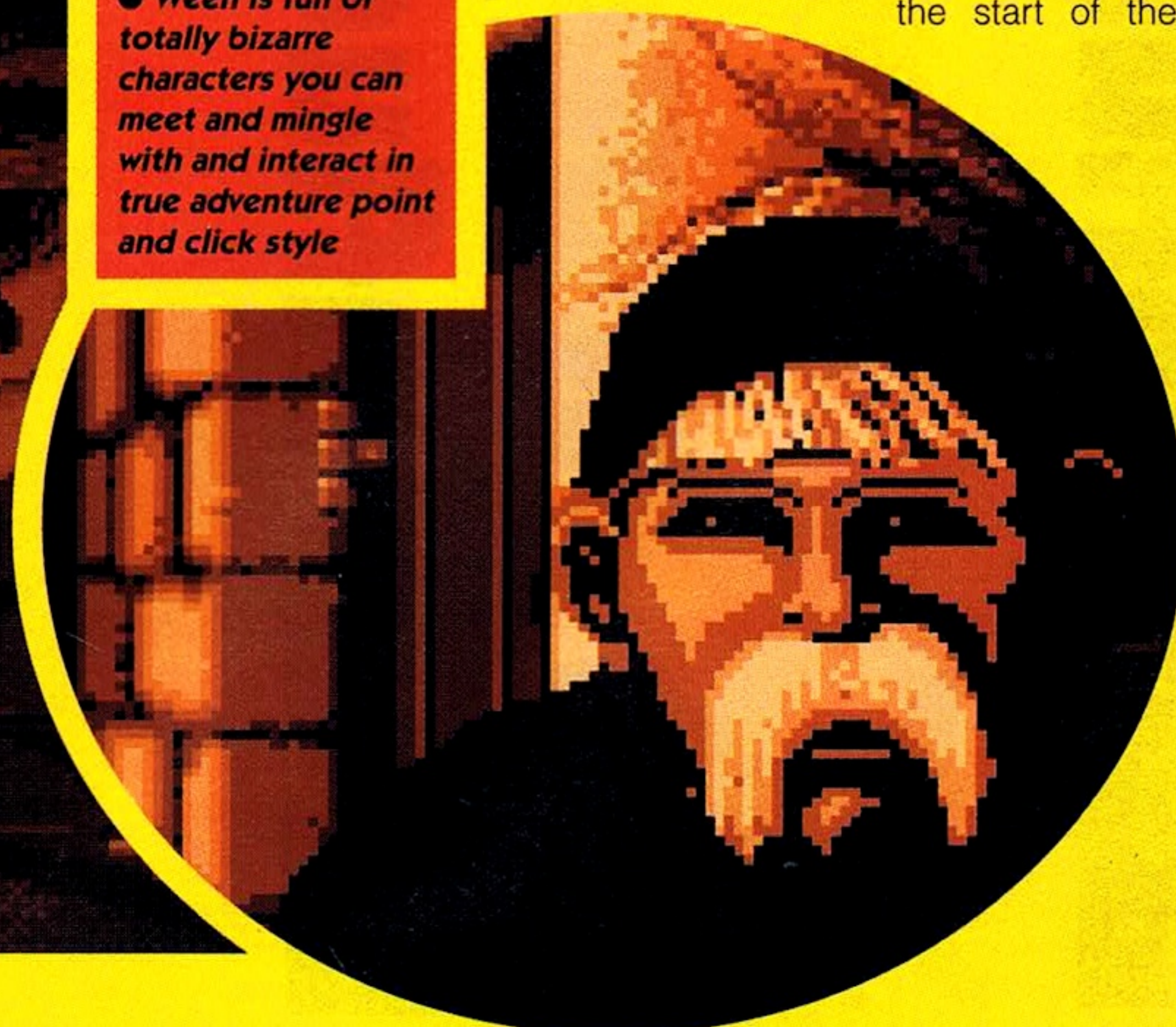
Anyway, in case you're wondering what this here prophecy is I may as well explain briefly what it is that's going on and why. Apparently, there is a great eclipse on it's way and it is

do the job! To cut a long story short you must collect the three magic grains of sand and take them to the Hour Glass of Power. Sounds simple - it isn't. Sounds unoriginal. It is!

As far as the gameplay goes

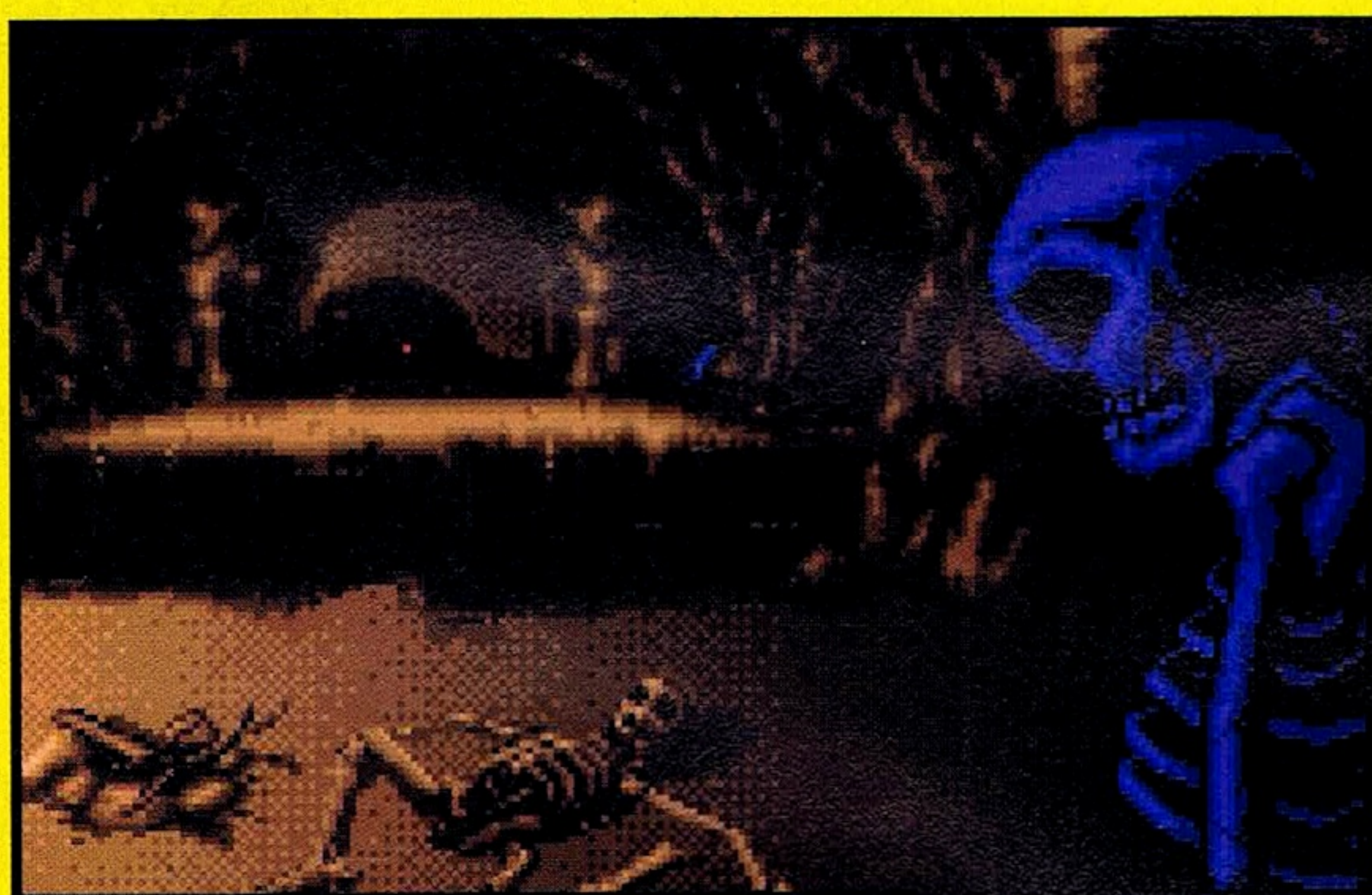
● *This wolfy-looking thing doesn't look too pleasant does it? It's probably best to stay well clear of this particular character*

● *Ween is full of totally bizarre characters you can meet and mingle with and interact in true adventure point and click style*



PROPHECY

● There looks like there may be a lot of interesting goodies tucked away in here as long as you look carefully enough



● There were obviously a few people dying to get into here! Pity they couldn't get out really! So then, how are you going to get out then?

game you have a limited number of these which you can use should you get yourself into a tricky situation. Upon producing a joker you'll be given an extra little clue to help you get past your problem, whatever it may be. A neat idea that helps to take the frustration out of getting stuck!

Pretty pictures

As far as the scenery goes, it's really quite pretty. There's a nice use of colours on all the screens and they're all detailed in comparison to some of the other games in this genre that have been previously released. Don't worry about the sound, nobody else seems to have! Standard ST fair. Nothing spectacular, you know the score.

In a way the game reminds me (to look at that is) of the Goblins series. The graphics have that same

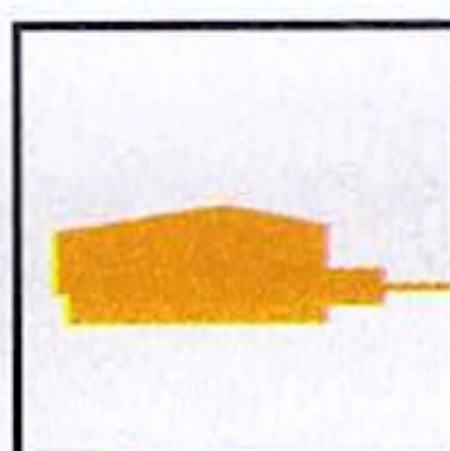
feel to them. Whether the same guys have had anything to do with them, I'm not sure. But they're certainly pleasant enough to look at.

To sum it all up Ween is up against some really stiff competition. Can it ever really hope to go up against the likes on Monkey Island and Lure Of The Temptress? Personally I don't think so, but only time will tell. It's a fair effort that could just do with being polished up. **Paul**

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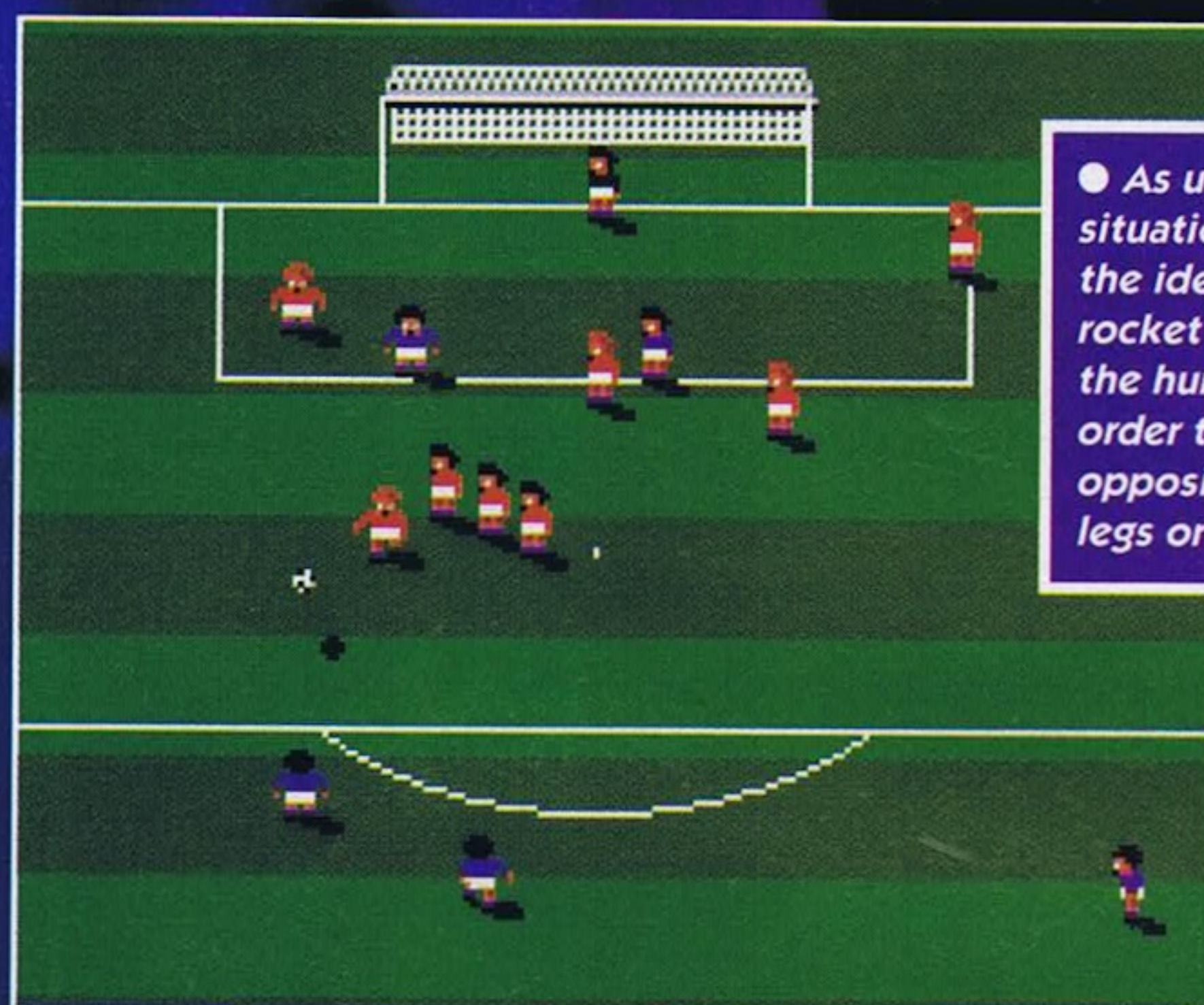
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● Another sinister looking guy stands in your way. How do you negotiate your way past this one then?

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● As usual in situations like this, the idea is to rocket the ball at the human wall in order to smart the opposing player's legs or other bits



● The goalies have improved ever so much, so even the original Sensi Soccer fans should have a hard time notching up goals.

Yippy dee doo dah, yippy dee day my oh my what a wonderful day. The post arrived, a jiffy bag with the Sensible Software logo printed on it, with the eagerness it deserves I ripped open the package, the floppy disk that everybody had been waiting for was here. In the disk drive it went... Loading....

Sweaty Men

All the original options are in this revamp of the 1992 hit, but as an added

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bonus included is a big handful of new features.

You've got both yellow and red cards which will be given out dependant on the offence, so unlike before where you could foul as much as you liked, you'll have to watch those

heavy tackles.

You find yourself getting suspended for a game or two. Some people said the computer controlled goalkeepers in the original version were far too easy and they couldn't deflect the easiest of shots.

Communal bath

Not anymore! These new goalkeepers could teach "Bruce Grobbelaar" a few tricks let me tell you. Talk



● Pah, Luxembourg, they can't score goals. They never get any points in the Eurovision song contest.. Or is that Iceland? Hmmm, answers on a postcard

new soccer season is also in there to cause problems.

All the graphics have retained their original crisp-

players are drawn in their relevant skin colour. Some people may frown upon this new release labelling it as a cheap attempt at spinning some money. The nominal price of the upgrade should prove otherwise. Although cosmetically the changes seem very subtle, the actual gameplay has improved ten fold. Brad

First division fun at its supposed to be, the control is complex yet easy to get to grips with, it'll only take you ten minutes to master the basics and put an extra twenty on top of that for the trickier manoeuvres. Forget all the second rate footy games, Sensi soccer 1.1 is the best in the business. It tells all the others to "kick off".

about being up to date, the no back pass to the goalkeeper rule that was implemented at the start of the

ness and the attention to detail on such a small sprite is pretty amazing. Just like real life all the various team

● Football fans will be in their element when they get hold of this digital sporting pearl



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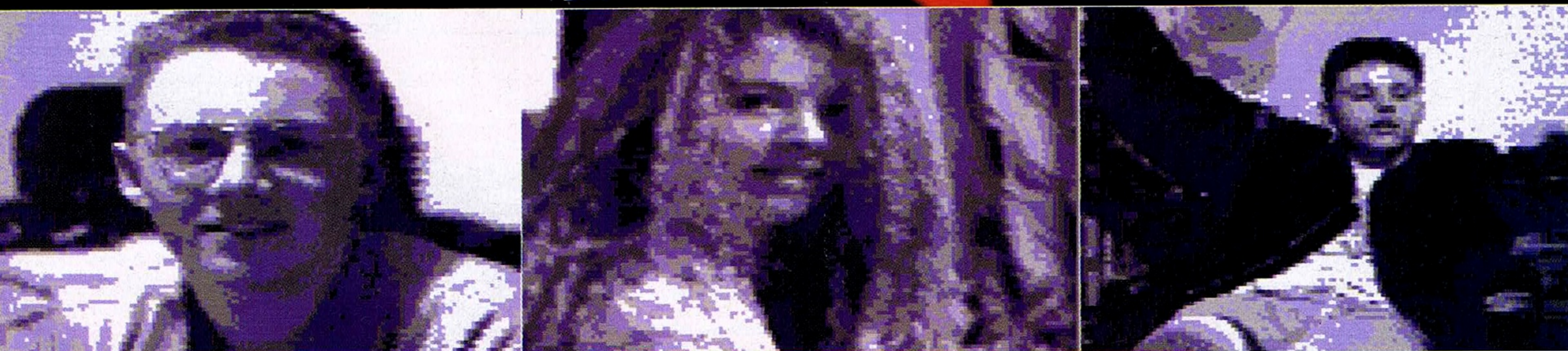
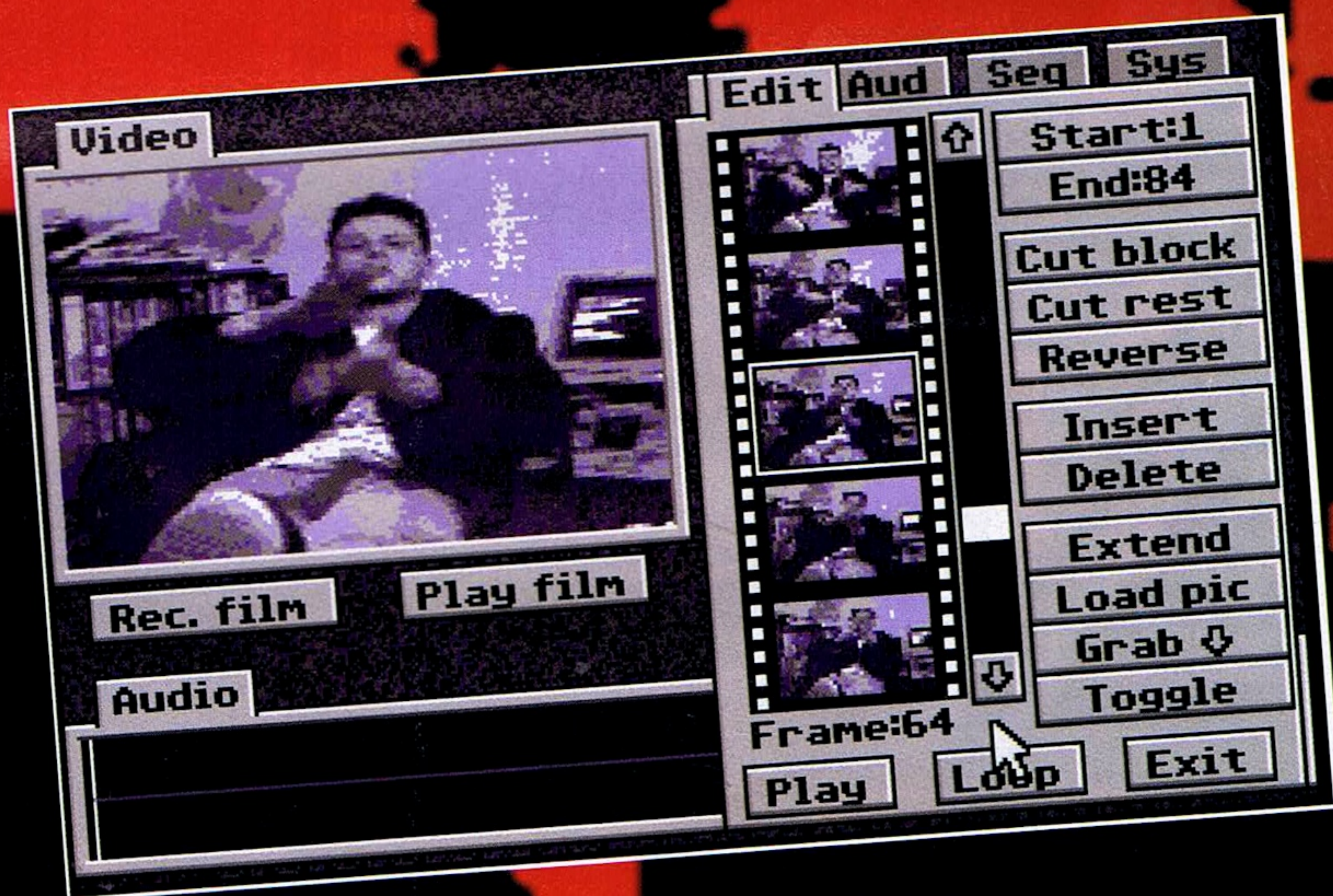
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BE MASTER OF YOUR VIDEO

The buzzword in the computer world at the moment is definitely "Multimedia". The ability to put both digitised graphics and sound together on your ST has previously not been cheap. This has been altered as Microdeal bring an entry level piece of hardware onto the market that convincingly does both.





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Rather than flounder around with it ourselves we passed it on to top rave DJ and self-confessed ST fanatic Steve Atherton (AKA DJ Traxx) to have a bit of a fiddle with. So over to you Mr.Traxx.

Every Amiga owner has bragged on that the little piece of moulded plastic he paid thousands of pounds for in the last decade is capable of some pretty decent graphic manipulation.

Now, unfortunately, he has not been far wrong as the little Kickstart machine could do some decent gen-locking and digitising without the need for expensive add-ons that the STs have been badly needing.

It is at long last that Microdeal announce their Videomaster cartridge which allows not only digitising and sequencing of video pictures but the synchronising of sampled sound, all via the same handy cartridge.

Pro plus

Before contemplating any of the above you are going to need a few items, these being a video source, either a VCR with pause or slow motion or a video camera.

The sound can be simply taken from any line source, either a tape, turntable or CD via the amplifier line out sockets. Leads and connections can be bought from the



● Nothing could be simpler. Just record your favourite moment and edit out all the bits you don't like to leave a perfect sequence

local electronics store - they being a set of phono leads and a video line lead.

Simply connect the system to your cartridge, (a large affair that plugs into the side) and you are away into the world of multi-media presentations (demos to you and me)!

If you are serious about producing any type of demo then grab a pencil and a piece of paper for sketching out roughly what you have in mind before you begin.

Just about any professional sits down and outlines what he is going to do and this will save a lot of time and screen punching later. Start with a storyboard.

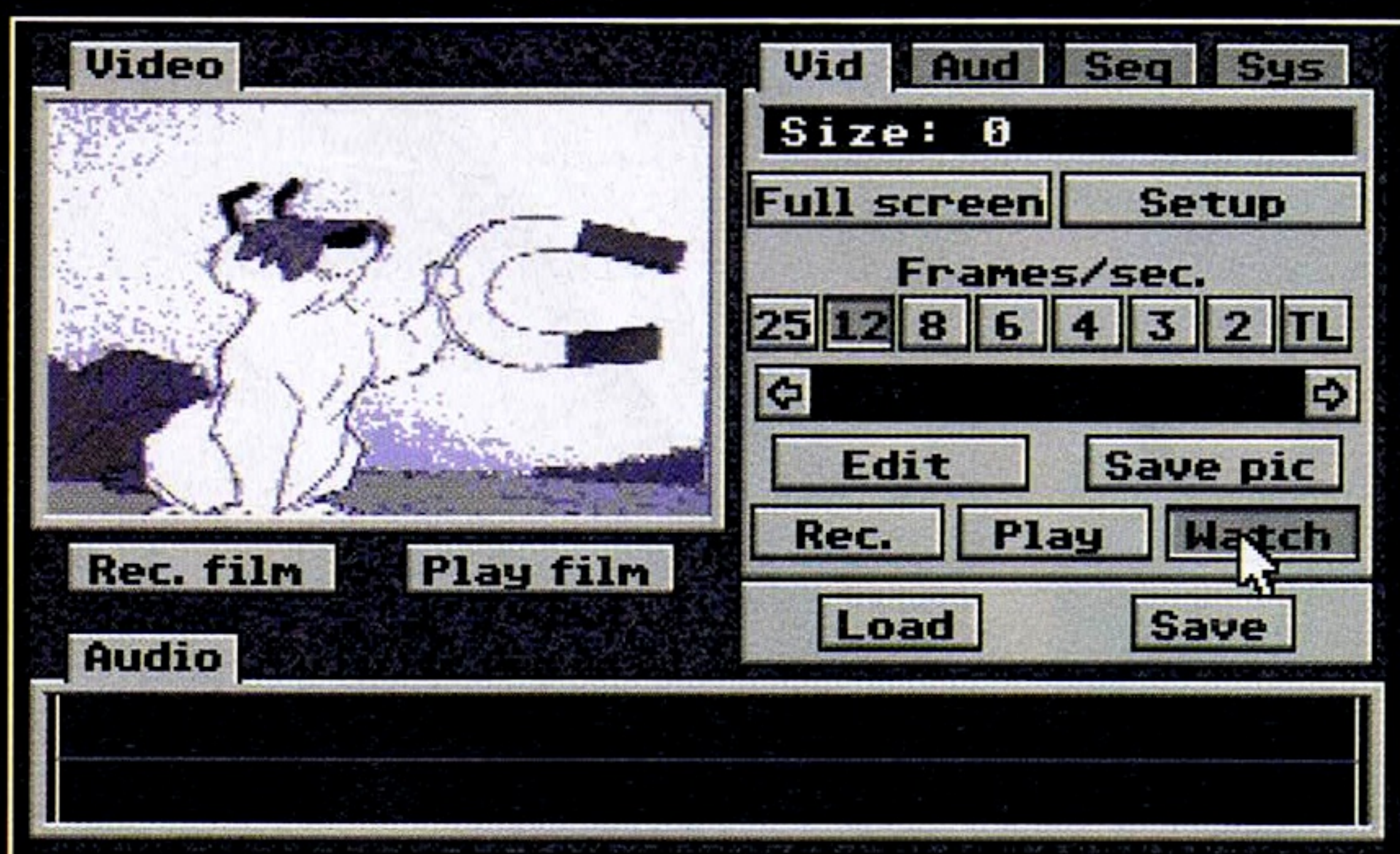
Sounds a bit Spielberg this but it is the only way to allocate the right amount of memory, which incidently should be anything that you have from one meg up.

The memory is quickly sapped away with high exposure rates as many frames a second need to be stored to get smoother animation and better digitisation.

Tiger balm

Anyway the idea is to produce a demo, which by the way is closely linked to my nocturnal habits, being a professional mixing DJ on the club and rave circuits.

The end result will hopefully be a small demo to be



● Choosing a higher frames per second means a smoother film sequence. Only draw-back to this approach is the amount of memory required

included in a video which will be shown on the multi screens at the events.

Although it is destined to be about twenty to thirty seconds long it already looks like we are going to be needing about four meg for the entire sequence.

Fortunately, this allows me to use my trusty upgraded 1040STE which is normally set aside for sequencing and a few missions of Falcon.

Silly bobble hat

First things first, a collection of videos from past events I've done and a Camcorder for filming some live footage. This will add some good close up shots of the things not covered in any of the other videos.

The sound source will be taken from the video itself and a cassette with some live scratching to be sampled off the turntable.

All linked up and ready to use the software provided with the hardware boots up to its resolution and after the intro screens displays the main work area.

It all seems quite straightforward and easy to use. The various parts of the program being split into cards - a bit like a database needing only a single click to access the screen or card.

No colours or pretty graphics have been used, obviously an attempt to save memory which is the valuable commodity believe me.

The signal has been adjusted and seemed about right so the digitiser was set to record at a rate of twelve per second and the first frames are recorded.

Accessing the film editor allows the unwanted frames to be discarded and the whole first section to be reshuffled to produce a more smooth sequence of events.

The second and third sequences were duly recorded and edited up being pasted in with the whole design, now taking up all the available video space.

The editor resembles a

film spool and shows the whole film frame by frame which is some piece of film!

Controls are as with most samplers which meant easy familiarisation, ie cut, paste, loop, reverse etc. Once happy, the sequencer handles the chunks of film and allows easy looping and block manipulations.

This basically means the repetition of some areas of the sequence stretching the result comfortably to the target thirty seconds.

During all phases of the operation the screen size has been at one quarter size which can only be changed to full screen when the demo is run but more of that later.

When you're happy with the graphic side, now is the time to start editing and synchronising the sound, which is a lot simpler than it looks, with the sample shown below the film window at all times.

The sampler is an eight bit affair with a top rate of 22kHz which is low compared to the modern offerings but more than adequate for the job of pumping it all out through the monitor.

Anyone familiar with sampling will find this a simple job, the synchronisation is easy enough with a slider allocating the position and triggering of the samples in relation to the pictures. You can of course record everything live which does make things a bit easier but rules out the flexibility.

Full bacteria suit

Once happy with the result you must now save on to disk or whatever medium you are using, a disk will hold about 720kBytes of info which allows about eighty frames.

The demo facility takes the presentation one stage further with full screen graphics, picture in picture and screen splitting facilities.

The manipulation of the pictures and sound is done through a control file on your demo boot up disk. It's easy to do and means a simple piece of wordprocessing to

COMMENT

Okay, okay, it isn't exactly wide screen quality but at the price the system comes for you're not going to get any better that's for sure. The sampler is adequate for the job and the available sample rates reproduce speech well although the music is a tad ropey. Great stuff!



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step the commands.

The end results are quite stunning and the sequence is yet to be installed into the main video and all though they are black and white it certainly has provided the desired effect.

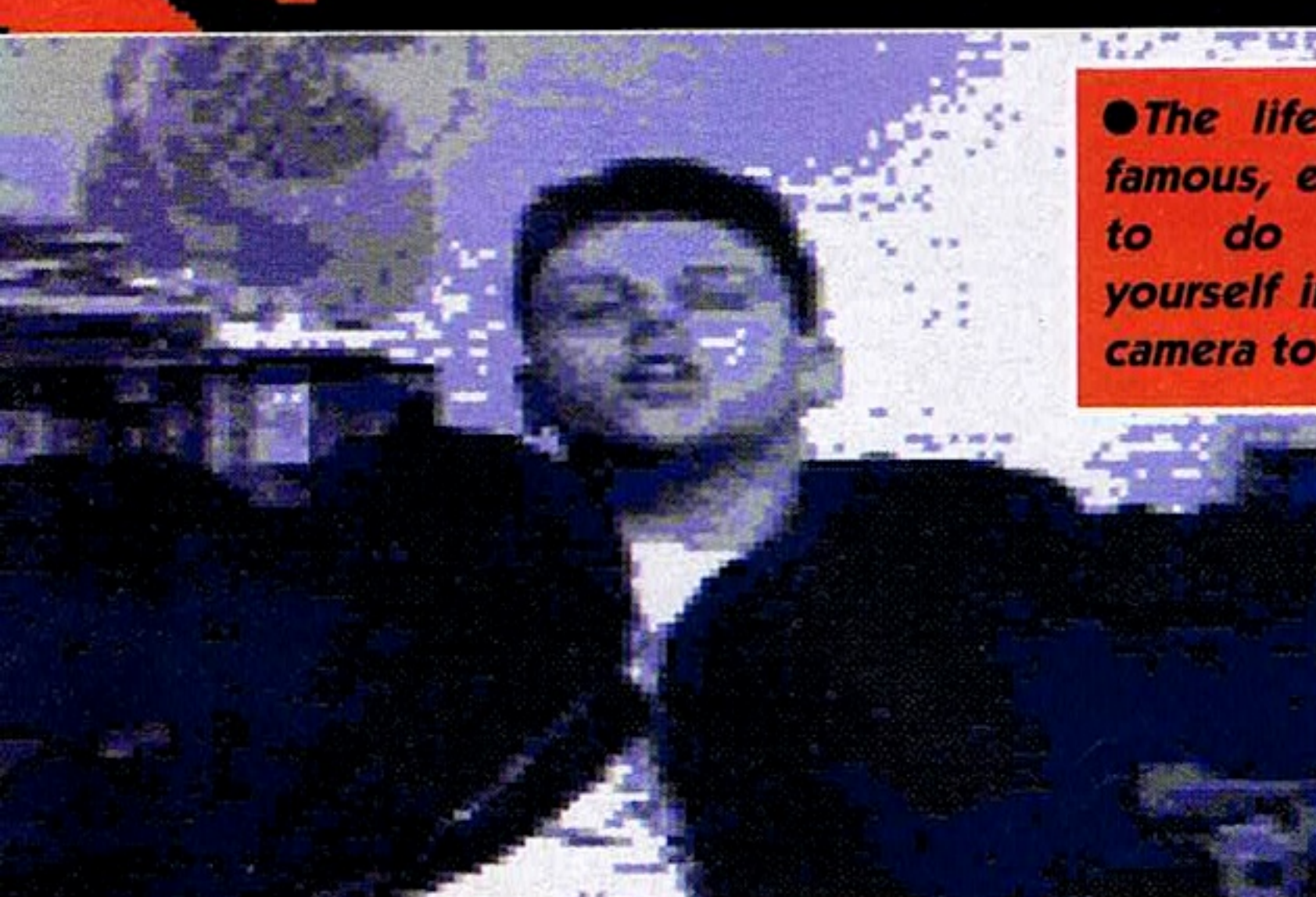
A very simple and cheap method of producing both

demos and presentations, once the methods have been mastered.

A big shout goes out to Traxx for his expert opinions. If you live in the Wigan area you may like to check him and a load of other smart DJ's out at Maxime's every Saturday night. Sorted!



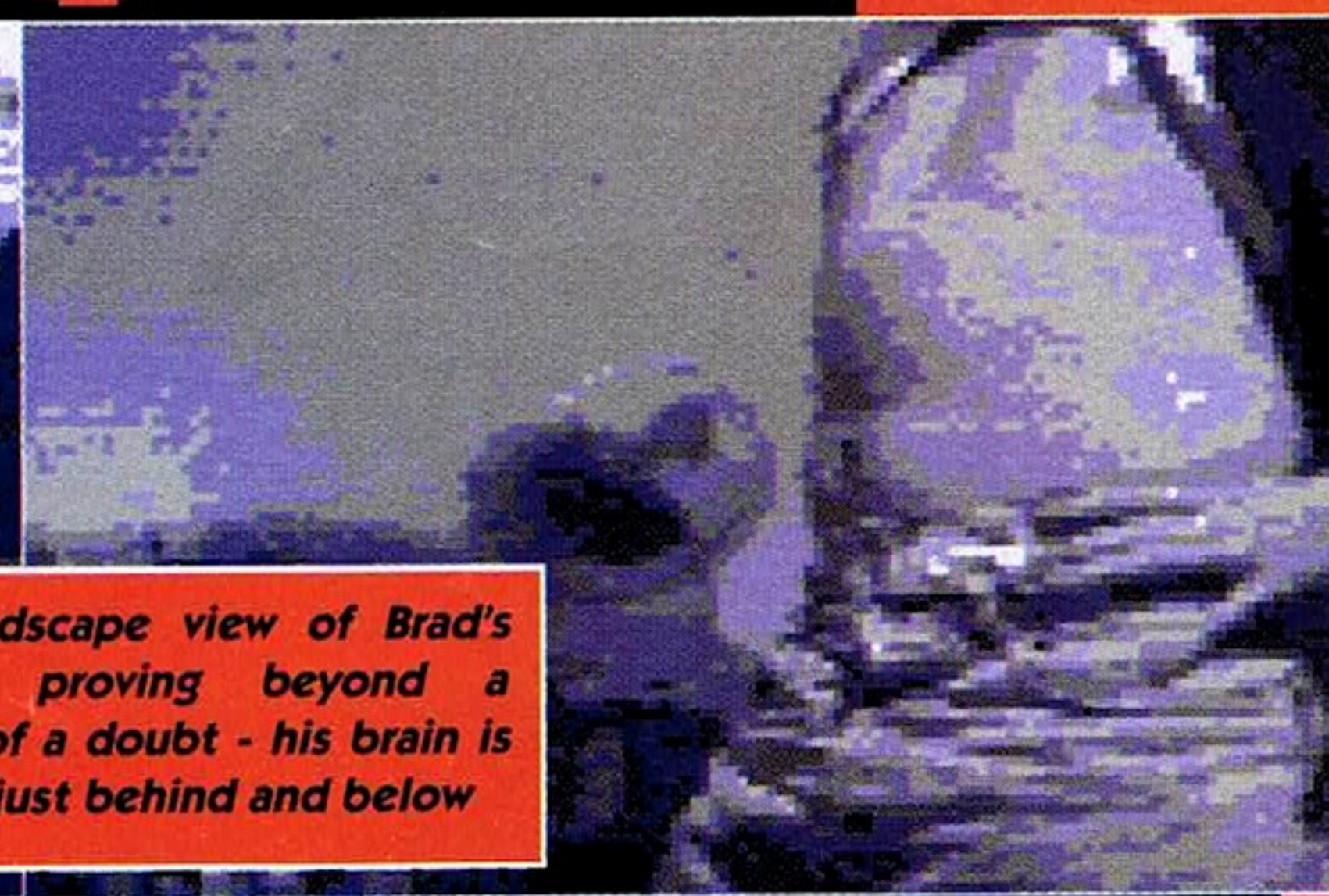
● To synchronise sound with pictures is equally simple. Either re-record at the correct points or just record as a set



● The life of the rich and famous, eh? Nothing better to do than embarrass yourself in front of the first camera to be pointed at you



● A landscape view of Brad's stomach proving beyond a shadow of a doubt - his brain is situated just behind and below



PLAYER'S GUIDE

INDIAN AND THE

This is another smashing game from the makers of Monkey Island that has just been re-released on the Kixx XL budget label by US Gold. Although it is pretty fabby, it's also rather hard so we thought you could do with some help....

BARNETT COLLEGE, 1938

● This is where the action first starts. Have a chat with Marcus and then go and find the diary before you get abducted and taken to meet Donovan



BARNETT COLLEGE,
NEW YORK,
1938

Make contact with the Prof and listen to him. Exit from here and you will be kidnapped by two guys who will take you to meet Donovan. Listen to him as he tells you about the recovery mission that is in progress and go.

Now go to Henry's house and find the bookcase. Push it and examine the tiny spot and pick up the sticky tape.

Go into the bedroom and collect the picture. Go back to the college and enter the gym - if you think you could do with some practice!

You will eventually find yourself in a room where all your trophies are kept. Find the storage bin that lies between the two windows. Search the bin to find a jar of solvent and place the sticky tape into the liquid to reveal a key.

Look to the left and examine the desk. You should find a small package amongst your mail that contains the Grail Diary. If you need to avoid the students, leave through the window.

Go back to Henry's and pick up the plant and the tablecloth. Examine the chest and use the key to unlock it. Look inside and take the old book. Now exit the house and travel to wonderful Venice.

● This is your office in the college. You must find the diary and then locate the jar of solvent on the bookcase before you can leave



● The gym is a handy place to practice your combat skills. You need the target practice as you will have to fight in the castle later on

THE BEAUTIFUL C

● Talk to the couple on the table to the left and ask them if you can have the bottle. Make sure they have had time to finish it first



Wait until Dr Sneider has left and then head back to the pub. Walk around the back where the two lovers are having a chat and ask them about the bottle.

Pick up the wine bottle and go to the fountain. Use the bottle on the fountain and then take a walk to the

library. You are looking for three books in particular.

Use the What Is command to find them. The three you need are: How to Fly a Biplane, Kampf and Secrets of the Roman Catacombs.

When you've finished, locate and collect the red

NA JONES

LAST CRUSADE



ROMAN CATACOMBS

● The start of the catacombs is pretty confusing as all tunnels lead to the same place. Take any but keep your eye out for the two skeletons on the wall



● Use the red cord you got from the library to start the machine. Turn it at least five times to operate the bridge further down

● You need to look in the diary and play the same musical notes on the skulls. If you can't work it out, just keep trying or phone me at work (Jason)

Walk to	Open	Walk to	Use	Talk
Push	Close	Pick up	Turn on	Travel
Pull	Look	What is	Turn off	
Give			painting	
small key			whip	
old book			Mein Kampf	
Graffiti				

TY OF VENICE

cord and the metal post. Check the diary and make a note of the stained glass window that is on the page.

Now go and find the exact window in the library. Examine the pillar to find some Roman numerals.

Match it with the corresponding library numeral. Now go to the slab, use the post and climb in the hole.

● This is the library in Venice. You must find three books before you can attempt to find your way around the Roman catacombs



You should have appeared in a room with three possible exits. Exit through one of the doors until you come to a room with two human carcasses on the Eastern wall.

Examine the skeleton on the right and take the hook from his arm. Keep going until you find a room with a torch in it. Empty the contents of the wine bottle on the torch and then pull it.

You should appear and see a wooden plug - use the hook on it. Now use the whip on the hook. You should be able to find a room with a ladder in it not far from here.

Climb the ladder, go back to where the plug was and exit through the door on the right. Use the red cord on the weird looking machine and turn it on using the wheel.

You should also look for a room with three statues in it. Examine the diary and push them until they are in the correct order. The door should now open.

Go through and you'll see a small stone bridge. Go over the bridge to the tunnel. You should come to a room with a chest and some skulls in it.

Examine the diary again and push the skulls in the correct order, making sure you remember that his left is your right. When you open the door, enter and find the room that contains the coffin.

Examine it, open it and look inside to find the Knight. Leave this room and find your way back to the room with the manhole. Climb up the ladder and make your way to Brunwald castle.

Well, that's all you're getting. Check these pages next month in our March issue for the final part to this mammoth solution. See ya, next time!

PLAYER'S GUIDE

FASCINATION

Following on from last month, we are proud to present the final part of our Fascination solution. As before, each section is listed below with all the necessary tips and clues, so no more excuses!

1. OPERATION HALL

Take the surgeon's mask and the cupboard key from the jacket behind the door. Use the key to open the cupboard and take the photos and the glass jar. Use the shoe to break the glass jar and take the two bulbs with you. Examine the answering machine - take the messages - and then take the scalpel. Now go to the hotel.

2. HOTEL

Enter the room and look at the remains of the bulb in the glass. Examine the rug and

pick up the pin. Take the chocolates and go down through the hall. Answer the Commissioner - do not lie except concerning the death of Jeffrey Miller. Don't talk about the bulbs that you found in the operation hall. After the Commissioner leaves, pick up the little piece of paper. Reconstitute the telephone number with the ripped corner of the magazine. Now go up to the room and call Lou Dale.

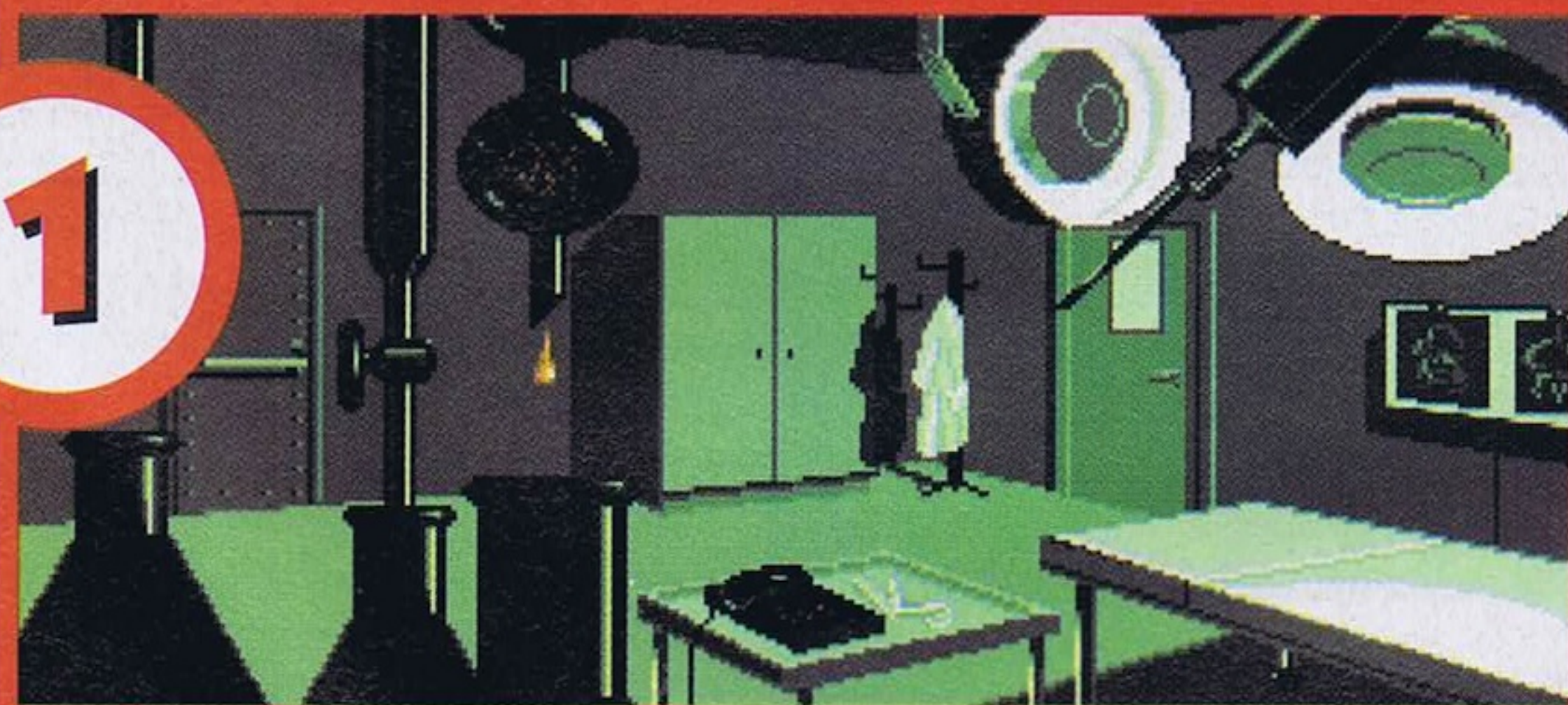
3. THE STUDIO

Examine the windscreen of the car and take the \$10. Go

● Don't use the front entrance. Go round the back and search the bin to find some more news. Use the scalpel in the keyhole to remove the key



● After you've collected the photos and vials, make sure you rewind the answer machine and delete the messages. Oh, pick up the scalpel as well



through the service door and examine the dustbin. Take the old newspaper and then slide the photographs under the door. With the help of the scalpel, drop the key. Now take the key back and enter.

4. KITCHEN

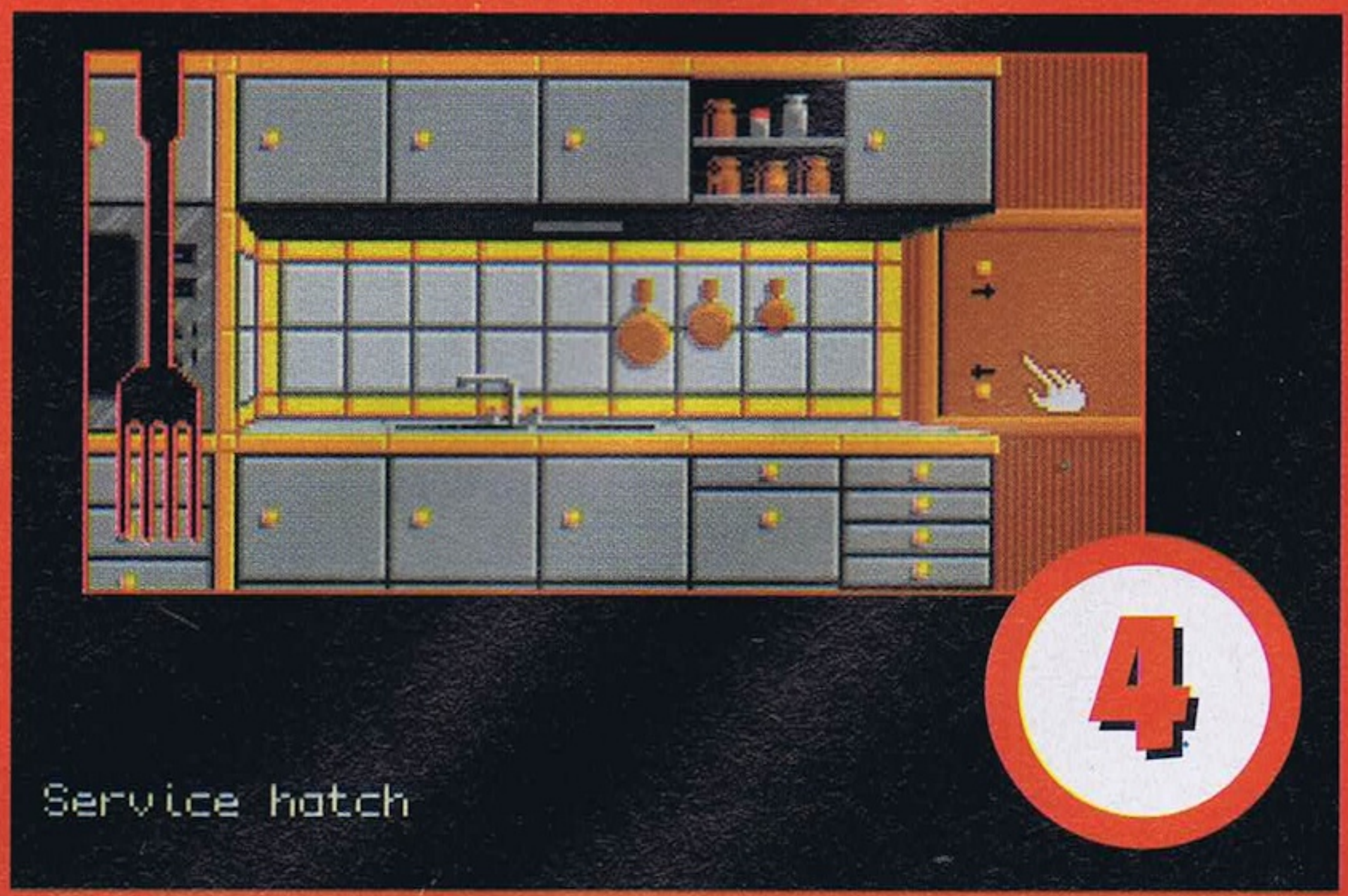
Put on the surgeon's mask and open the tap. Take the dish-cloth and wet it in the water. Examine the cup-

boards and take the basin. Open the dustbin cupboard. Mix the bleach, washing powder and caustic soda in the basin. Open the service hatch wide and place the basin in it. Block the space with the help of the wet dish-cloth. Speak to Lou and take the ring.

5. NIGHTCLUB

Take the newspaper from the dustbin. Give the guard the

● Make sure you open the bottom left-hand cupboard to release the bin. This will catch the glass when you open the top cupboard

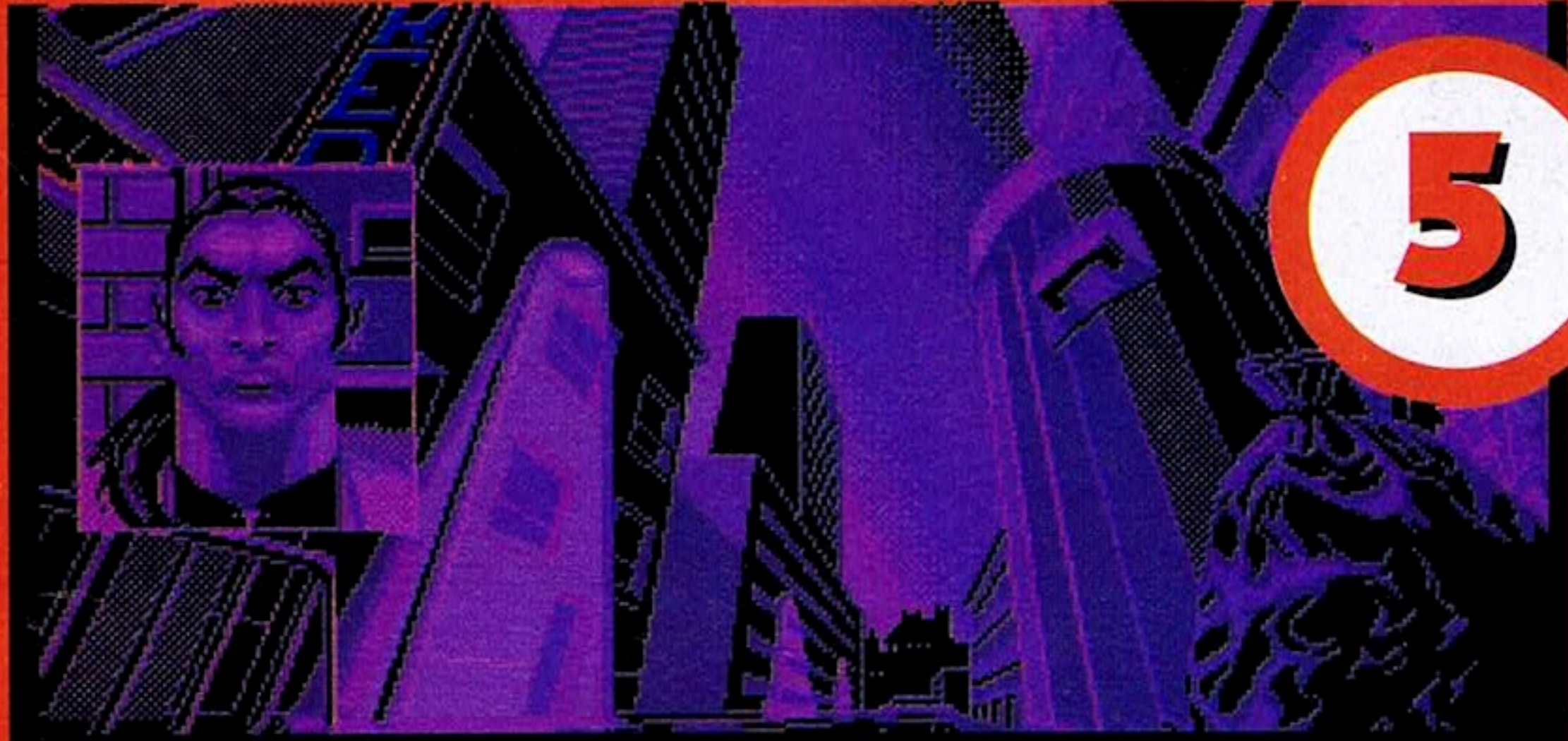


● You need to phone Lou Dale on 674-4008 and he will invite you to his photo studio where you can find out something interesting



NATION

● Edwardo the bouncer won't let you in unless you have the lapel badge from your room and the ten dollars from the car near the studio



No, baby! This club is members only. You can't come in without ID.



● This animal must be calmed with some sugar. If you collected the cube earlier, you can offer it to the hound and hope he isn't dieting!

with the syringe. Return to the living room.

Neutralize the Commissioner with the formol and then go to the next room. Take the magazine and note the publication month. Look at the torch under the microscope. Press the corner of the painting and start the mechanism on the zodiac wheel. Choose the sign corresponding with two months before the publication date on the magazine - this coincides with DOC's birthday.

Compose the melody of the torch on the organ, noting

the A=la, B=si, C=do, D=re, E=mi, F=fa, G=sol and +=flat. For example: the publication month of the magazine is April, therefore the sign is Aquarius. If the message on the lamp is BAD+GE you have to play si-la-re flat-sol-mi.

8. PRISON

Examine the prisoner and take the lighter from his pocket. Place the magazines on the table - you need to have at least five before it will work. Burn them and the fire detector will go off. The door will now open.

Congratulations - You have completed Fascination!

pins and the \$10. Convince kenneth Muller to take you home. Don't tell him anything important, simply try to please him.

6. VILLA MOLIERE

Give Kenneth the drugged chocolates. Take the ring off his hand. Go to the sitting room and take the cigar from the parrot. Put it in the pirate's mouth and switch on the aquarium. Find the shellfish and give it some food. Take the fishnet and fish out

the pearl. Remove the band from the pirate and put the pearl in his eye. Find the panel on the statue and use the stamp from the ring on it.

7. VILLA VIZCAYA

Answer the Commissioner - making sure you don't reply offensively. Go to the bathroom and take the syringe from the dustbin. Fill it with formol from the glass jar. Find the opening mechanism of the secret wardrobe. Fill the atomisor in the wardrobe

● This conversation can be quite difficult. Make sure you're not offensive and don't give too much away. Try saving before you attempt it



● Hmm, what a weird bunch of characters. You wouldn't have even seen this screen if it wasn't for the lovely Emma and her dreamy friend at work!



Well done, Doralice darling! So what do you think of this lifesize murder party? We all thought you were wonderful: you did remarkably well! Let me explain: I've set up a role-playing games business with the

GOING CHEAP!

What better time to get rid of all those chunky gold nuggets you received for Christmas? Go on, don't be shy, grab yourself a bargain.

88%

ROBIN HOOD

Codemasters - £7.99

Robin Hood, Robin Hood get the disk loaded, Robin Hood, Robin Hood plug your joystick in. Rescue the princess gooo and find the keys. Robin Hood, Robin Hood, Robin Hood (hmm Brad, there's a man with a white coat and a big net waiting in reception for you - Ed). A nice little game which is similar in a lot of respects to the now dated Bitmap Brothers game "Gods". The Princess has been kidnapped by the villainous Sheriff of Nottingham - your reputation and lover are lay on the line. So without hesitation you roll up your tights, place a divvy hat on your head and make for the castle. Jumping is an essential factor in the game as you progress through the floors of the castle. Loads of fun that should suit beginners and platform fans like a bobble hat fits a raver.



● Although the sprite doesn't look anything like Kevin Costner it's still pretty damn good. I wonder if he's ever danced with wolves (groan)

SPELLBOUND DIZZY

Codemasters - £7.99

You won't catch me doing any egg jokes in this review (wanna bet - Ed.). How many Dizzy games are there? Lots of

● The usual standard of Dizzy game. Did I mention my Birthday on the 6th of February? (Brad)



em. I'm not chickening (1) out of playing this latest release. The story line is fowl (2), the usual rescue your family from the clutches of some evil nasty scenario. Not so much as a Grade A (3) game but not really a bad egg (4) either. Scramble (5) down to the games store and why not buy half a dozen (6) and give them out as gifts. Don't put all your eggs in one basket (7) have a pLAY (8) before you pay.

77%

ROBOCOP 2

Ocean- The Hit Squad - £7.99

Possibly the worst let down for a sequel ever... Robocop 2 the movie flopped big time. The game on the other hand offered everything a good follow up should. You put yourself into the titanium armour of the future of law enforcement as you battle the forces of evil. The journey will take you all over Delta City and you'll have to battle ruthless gangsters armed with rocket launchers and they're the easy ones. Your ultimate goal is to destroy Cain - the rogue law enforcement robot with the brain of a criminal. The lovely shiny graphics really complement the movie - like sound track and the game-play's even better. "Please put down your joystick you have 20 seconds to buy" get it while you can.

85%



● "Dead or alive you're coming with me". That's not 100 percent true, no matter what he does, he's dead

SMASH TV

Ocean - The Hit Squad - £7.99

If like me game plots are getting repetitive and bland why not take time out to to play Smash TV, the ultimate in violent gameshows. Forget Jet (cor, Brad) Wolfman and the rest of those Gladiators because as we all now it's just a big act. This game show throws



● Violence has never been so much fun Who needs a reason? Just plug in a joystick and a murdering we go

two machine-gun armed lucky or unlucky contestants into an arena in view to killing a load of drug crazed lunatics. The more you kill the more money you get, sounds good to me. Later levels include laser spitting robots and kamikaze soldiers, all of which are killed for fun and very little justification is given. If you're the kind of person who laughs at old ladies falling over you'll love this.

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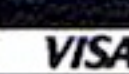
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LEMMINGS -THE TRIBES

The return of the green-haired rodents is almost upon us. A sequel to the massive Lemmings is being readied for action...

If you are excited by anything with green hair (and I'm not talking about your girlfriend after her hair rinse has gone horribly wrong), you'll be well aware of the impending release of the new Lemmings game from Psygnosis.

There's been over 200 levels of rodent romping so far with the original Lemmings and the Oh no! More Lemmings data disk. Now,

programmers DMA design have almost completed work on the sequel. Yes, that's right, they're back in Lemmings 2 - The Tribes.

Maintaining the same basic formula (for example the Lemmings are still the same size contrary to early rumours that they would be a little larger this time) as the massively successful earlier titles, Lemmings 2 looks set to continue the DMA success story. This time instead of saving rampaging gangs of stupid lemmings you must rescue whole tribes of the little rodents as they battle to build a big rocket so they can escape from the planet Lemming.

Each tribe must have at least one lemming



● Get your skiis and woolly mittens out for a romp in the snow. Get well wrapped up!

● If you missed your white Christmas this year then Lemmings 2 may make up for it

aboard the big rocket when it launches and it will be your job to make sure that you can guide one there safely.

Every tribe lives in a different location on the planet and because of this you will come across polar lemmings, desert lemmings, space lemmings, circus lemmings, even sporty lemmings. Each tribe features a different themed backdrop and, more

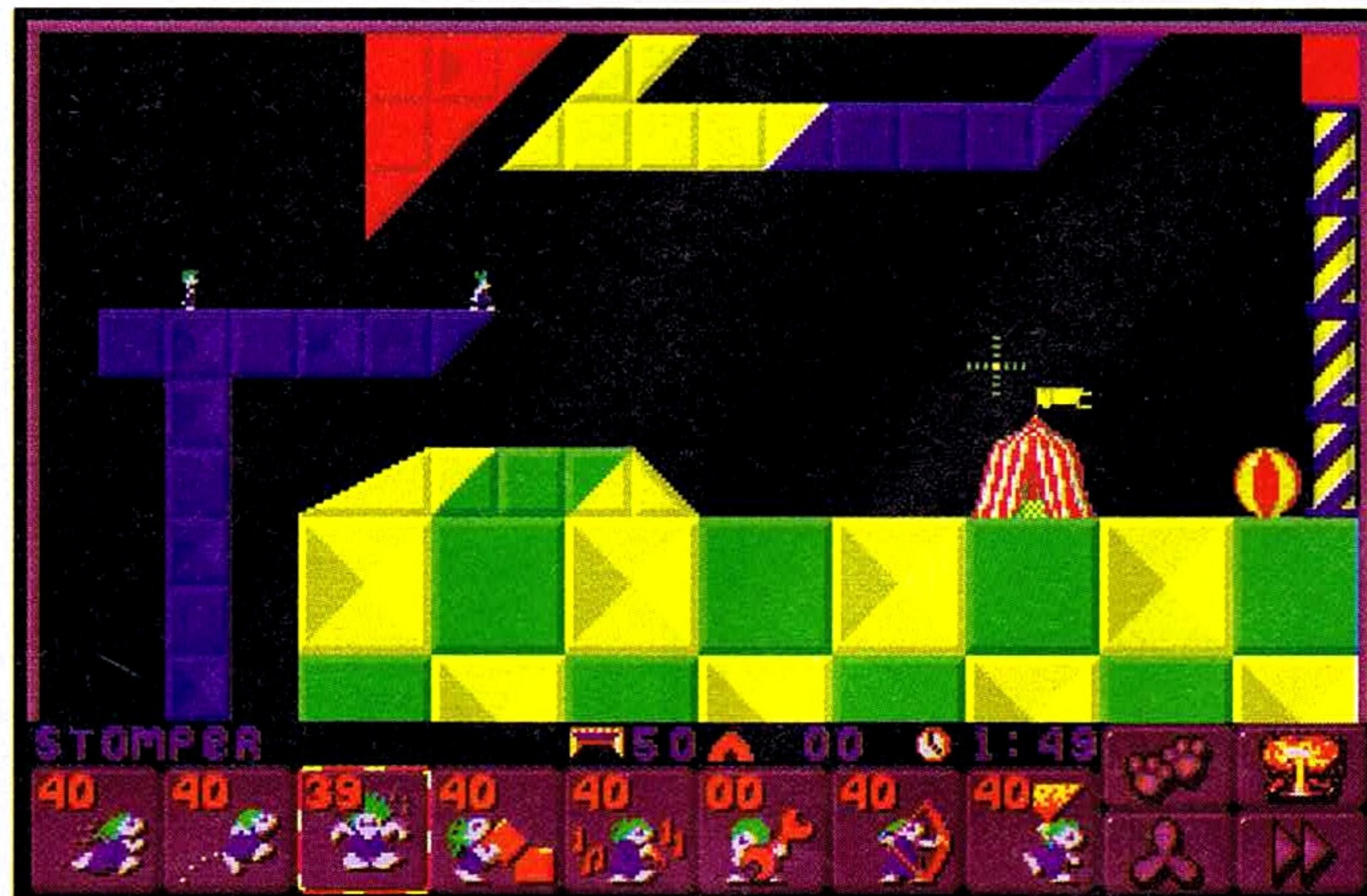
importantly, with each tribe comes a whole different set of options. For example if you are in the polar region your lemmings will be capable of skiing and throwing snowballs and the like.

In the circus level for example they'll be the option to fire lemmings through cannons and do other acrobatic stuff too. In short, the lemmings are more contro-

"Lemmings 2 looks set to continue the DMA success story."



● Roll up! Roll up! It's circus time for the little lemmings. Watch how they propel themselves through the air with the aid of that rather large cannon



● There's the exit from the level. Now all you have to do is get your little guys safely to it using whatever means are at your disposal

GS 2

PROJECT: Lemmings 2 - The Tribes

PUBLISHER: Psygnosis

AUTHOR: David Foster

GRAPHICS: Gary Timmons

SOUND: Dave Whittaker

INITIATED: February 1993

RELEASE: December 1991

● This is it! Lemmings world. A place where all the happy tribes of little lemmings hang out and strut their dangerous funky stuff



HAPPY DITTIES

Everybody used to hum along to the music on the other Lemmings games. More top tunes are included to get you tapping your foot along to. Even for the ST the music is good, and it is one of those games where you may not need the volume switch on your set!

have an archer ready to burst the balloon when the time is right. Then there's no saying that when he lands you won't have to turn him into a runner and then finally a jumper before he can eventually leap to his overall goal.



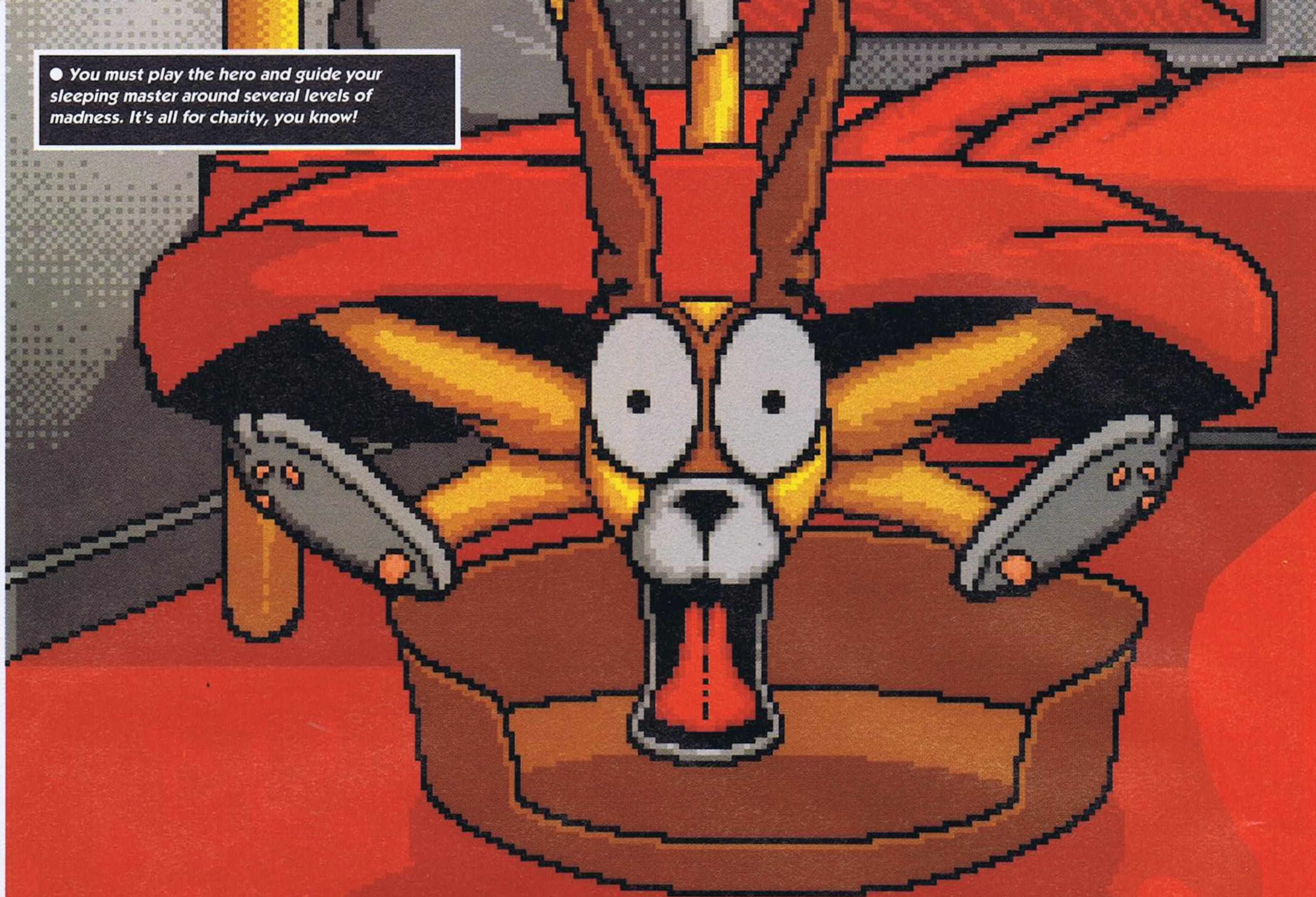
● By inflating a large balloon, a lemming can sail up, up and away quite easily. You must then use the fan to propel him

Oh no! It's gone green

As with the other lemmings games the frustration factor is set to the maximum possible tolerance level, and once again it's dead right. It's just annoying enough for you to get close enough to want another go, but not too annoying so you can't be bothered trying again! Lemmings 2 contains more of a puzzle element with more stuff to work out. None of the levels we've seen were immediately obvious as to what you have to do on them.

Trickiness and teamwork is definitely going to be the key by the look of things. The teamwork comes in because on one hand you may have to send a lemming up in the air dangling from a balloon, and on the other you must

● You must play the hero and guide your sleeping master around several levels of madness. It's all for charity, you know!



SLEEPV

Amusing dream-related antics and sponsored silliness abound in Ocean's effort for Red Nose Day

Red Nose Day is the time of the year when various comedians and celebrities gather together to take part in various events to raise money for charity. These excellent advertisements for public spirit and gen-

erosity incorporate lots of fun events and sponsored silliness.

Software houses are not particularly well known for their generosity when it comes to giving money away. Ocean have decided to buck this trend with the launch of Sleepwalker - the first ever Red Nose Day computer game. For each game sold, they are pledging £4.32 towards the £500,000 total

they are aiming to raise.

Comic Relief, the lovely outfit responsible for Red Nose, has thrown their full support behind this venture, indicating the continuing popularity of the computer gaming industry.

Top dog

Ocean Software Chairman David Ward said: "We are delighted to

involve Ocean in the work of Comic Relief. They have identified the games medium as a perfect way to reach a huge audience. We will be doing all we can to ensure that everyone who enjoys games will take part in Red Nose Day."

The game is centered around the amusing antics of man's best friend as he tries to keep his



● The club you have must be used to knock out any living obstacles that may cause a problem for your dreaming pal

PROJECT: Sleepwalker

PUBLISHER: Ocean

AUTHOR: In-house

GRAPHICS: In-house

SOUND: In-house

INITIATED: March 1992

RELEASE: First quarter 1993

● Wow! What an en-lightning experience! You'd better stop messing around and follow the guy in the dodgy dress!

WALKER

dithering master out of trouble. The reason for his masters incompetence is simple - he's fast asleep!

The canine catastrophe must help keep him alive by guiding him through several levels of platform fun. A bit like Lemmings but faster with much cuter graphics.

You must forge ahead of your master, clearing hazards and gener-

"Looks set to improve an already strong line-up this year from Ocean."

ally making his path safe and obstacle free. He will wander in a straight line until he comes to a dead end

where he will turn around and begin walking in the opposite direction. You can kick him up or across platforms if necessary and also block

holes or cover dangerous spikes with your own body.

The graphics are excellently done and offer some cute character animation ranging from cliff-hanging dogs to barrel-breaking escapades. The background graphics are well detailed and add to an already impressive visual masterpiece.

Pure genius

With a view to implementing some real comic genius in the game, Ocean have managed to secure the multitude of talents of one completely amazing Mr Lenny Henry.

Most of you will be familiar with Lenny as the husband of Dawn French and also a top stand-up comedian who began his career on Saturday Live.

He will be playing the voice over of the dog and also throwing in some amusing sound effects to keep you all happy.

From what we've seen of Sleepwalker, things are definitely looking good. Splendid animation should combine well with amusing sound effects to produce a game full of excitement and, hey, if you don't fancy it, you could still pledge some money for this most excellent of causes!

THAT'S LIFE!

Lenny Henry is married to tv funnygirl Dawn French and is most famous for his hilarious stand-up routines that include a number of top characters including Delbert Wilkins - the guy who takes corners "well 'ard, if you know what I mean" and also classic send-ups of himself when he was a small child. Try and get hold of the Lenny - Live and Unleashed video if you can, it's funny and well worth the money.

● What a life! You've just been torched looking after some weirdo with a pair of yellow knickers on who can't wake up!

● This could well be an exert from Top Cat. You remember Top Cat don't you? Whaddyamean no? It was only the best children's programme ever seen!



● The Earth - a place of beauty, love and peace between all men. It is also the home of ST Action, so it can't be all bad, can it?



● Ooer, this is that big bang i've heard about. This is the beginning of what will be a fertile and beautiful planet.

God games are becoming increasingly popular as people begin to enjoy the power they can possess. Little villages, towns and complete worlds can be created, and destroyed, by the simple click of a mouse button.

With this in mind, Microprose are soon to release Civilization on to an unsuspecting world. Already a huge hit on the PC, Civilization is the latest game to come from Sid Meier - the renowned programmer of the excellent Railroad Tycoon.

Trend setter

Continuing the trend set by most similar strategy games, the first thing you must do when you begin a game is set the difficul-

CIVILIZATION

Build a world and become the latest in a long line of great leaders - just like our Ed!

ty level it will run at.

This ranges from Chief (relatively easy) to Emperor (wow! We're talking Hardville here!).

Another preference to set is the number of computer-controlled races that inhabit the planet.

Your era begins in 4000BC where you start off as a tribe of wandering nomads. After a small period spent exploring the surrounding area, the computer

will select a good spot for you to erect a settlement.

When a new site is chosen, your tribe will automatically disband their wagons and possessions to begin their preparations for suitable living accommodation.

This allows you time to concentrate on the development of towns and other necessities. Your choices are very limited to begin

with. You can either develop the community or strengthen your military forces.

"You begin in 4000BC as a tribe of wandering nomads"

As time goes by, you will considerably increase your armies and also make vast improvements to your towns. While you are doing this,

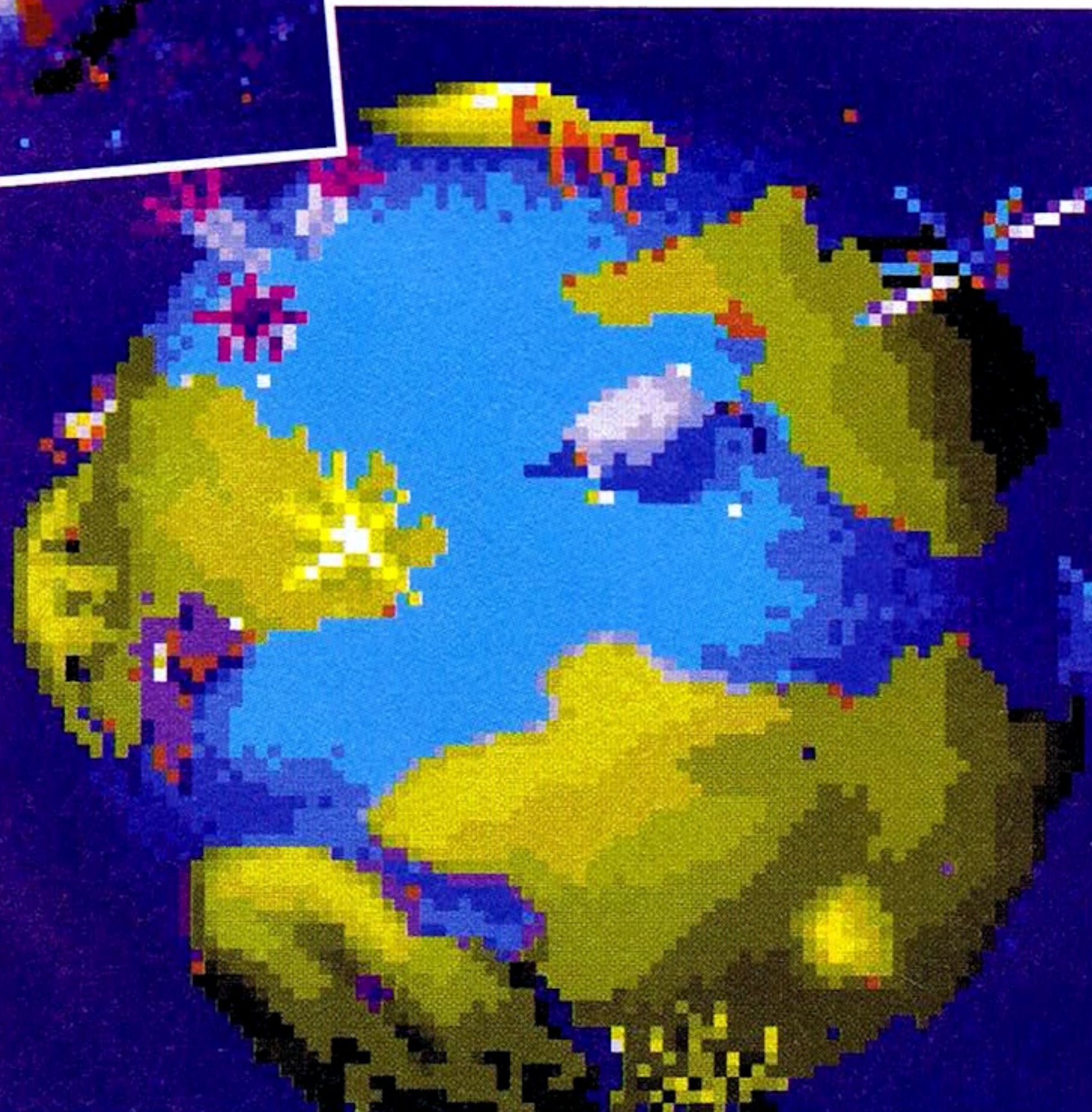
your scientists will be unearthing new discoveries.

Although they may appear minor at first, you will soon be creating such wonderful things as nuclear fusion and robotics.

Three wise men

Although your clever chaps will advise you to fund their present discoveries, the choice is yours and you may well decide to invest

● Lakes of fire, seas of blood, yikes. One of the dangers of multiple ICBM warheads exploding all over the globe

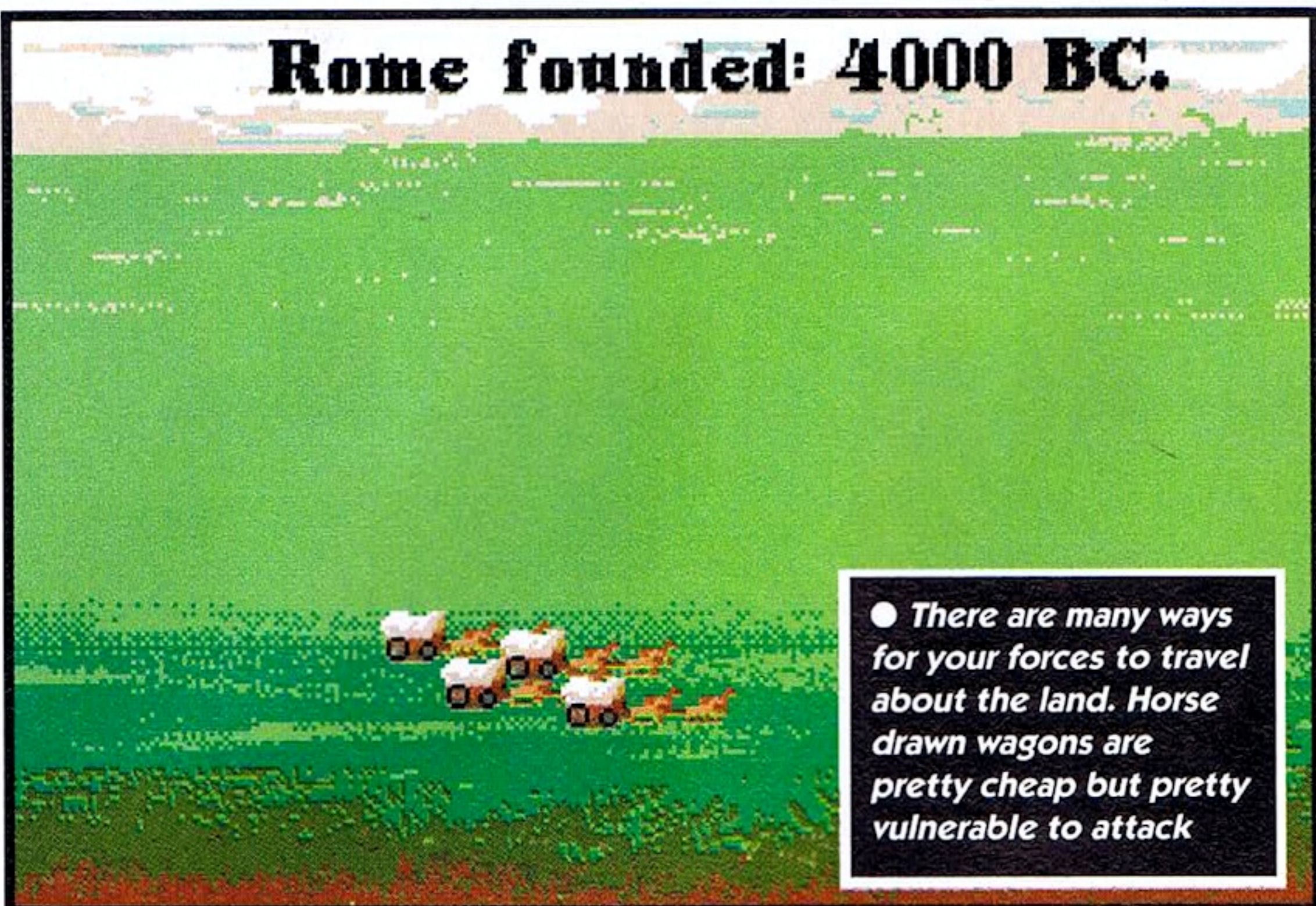


● At the beginning of the evolution/civilisation ladder, at this point in time the most most technological advance would be the extremely popular wheel

HAPPY DITTIES

Civilization is controlled by the mouse and a series of icons. They can be used to issue different commands to various groups and also check out your finances and so on. Make sure you keep a keen eye on your money as you will need to make considerable advancements to your attacking forces and also fund new scientific discoveries. They don't come cheap so be warned!

Rome founded: 4000 BC.



PROJECT: Civilization

PUBLISHER: Microprose

AUTHOR: Sid Meier

GRAPHICS: P. Artist

SOUND: D.E. Cibel

INITIATED: Early 1992

RELEASE: First quarter 1993

CIVILIZATION



● *Just one of the many civilisation leaders you can take control of*

in other areas of importance.

As conflict is inevitable, you will soon begin to encounter other races who may be lesser or more advanced than you are.

It's purely platonic!

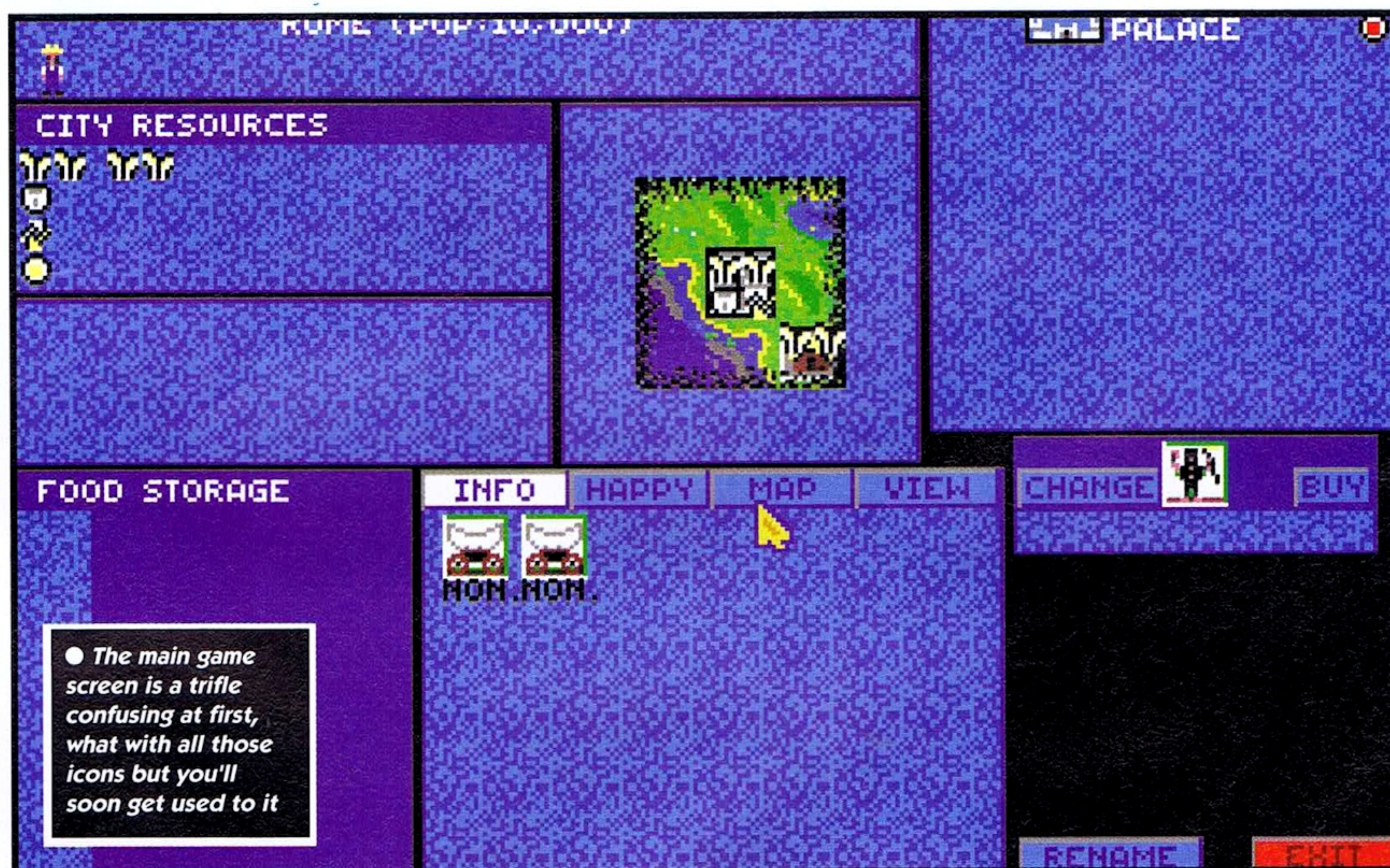
The first couple of meetings will be nice, friendly and usually involve much knowledge sharing and gift swapping.

This, however, is likely to change as your possessions and discoveries become more desirable and you may well be called upon to defend your city.

Depending on the strength of



● *This brutal looking fella may well be the key to a healthy civilisation*



your attacking force and the defences of your opponent, you may eventually get to occupy another settlement. The extermination of a civilization will allow you to take all their skills as well as their gold.

Microprose magic

From what we've seen, Civilization looks set to become another monster hit from Microprose. Always changing, incredibly challenging and totally absorbing, this is definitely a megalomaniac's dream.

It's easy to see why they were voted Software house of the Year when they continue to release top-quality products like this. The future is definitely looking promising for the ST.



WIN LOADS OF ABSOLUTELY FABBY

SLAM JAM THAI

Well, it's competition time again. As this is the first competition of the New Year, we thought we'd do something a little bit special. As Ocean's WWF European Rampage Tour attacks the charts, this is your chance to win some amazing WWF merchandise.

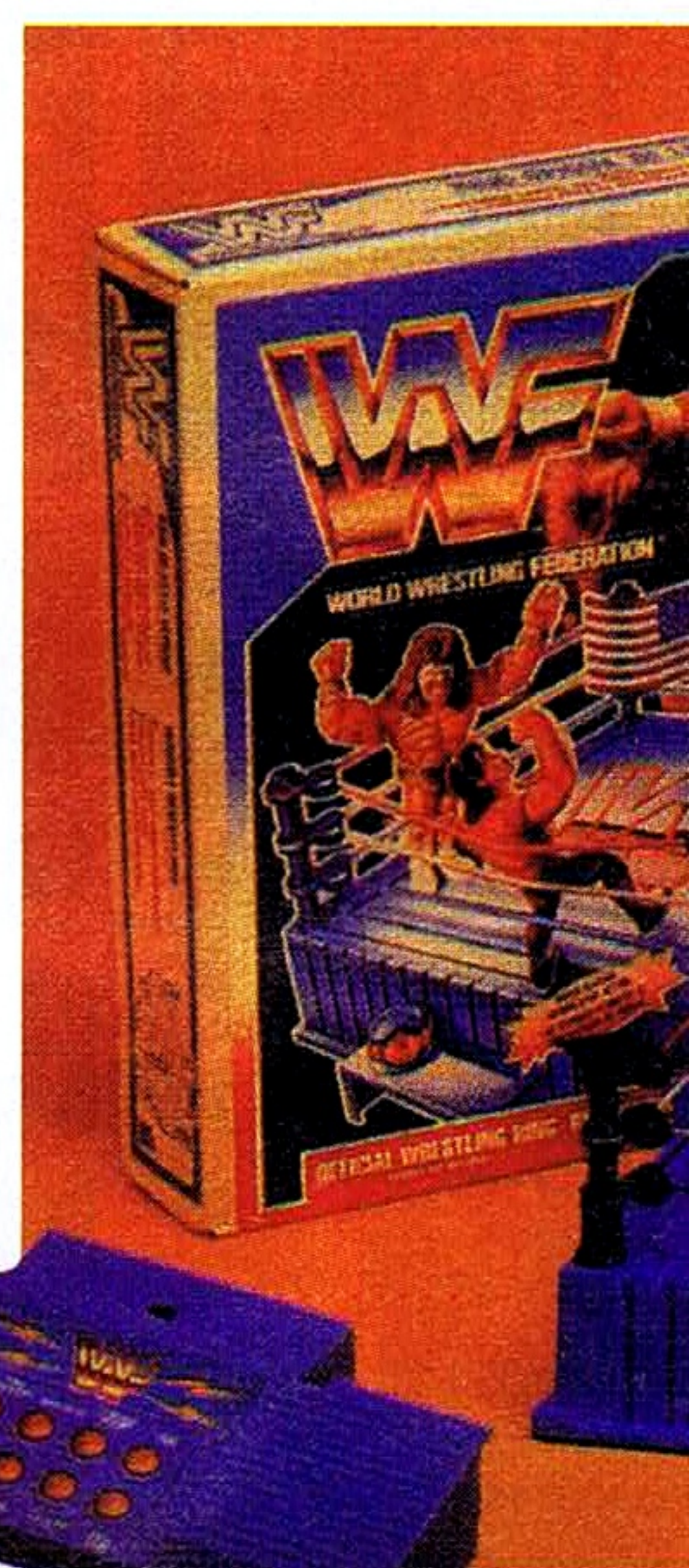
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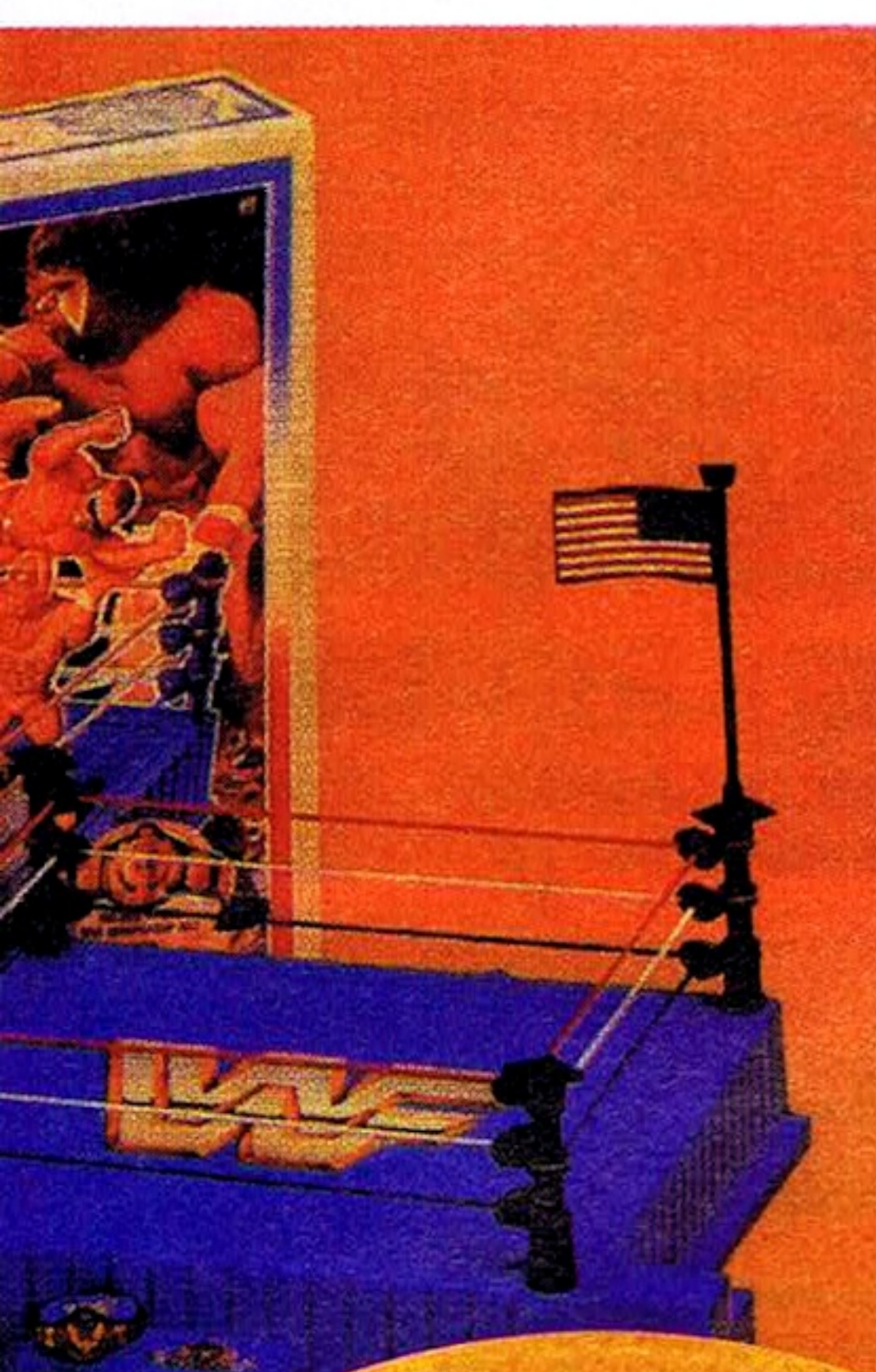
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It's that time of the month again when all your mail gets tipped out of the sack onto the table. Then it all goes through a tough sorting technique before we come up with the cream of the crop.

WRIT

SIZE ISN'T IMPORTANT

As a long time buyer of ST Action it's a shame to watch a good games review magazine starting a slide into oblivion. With all your demos and other gimmicks you've lost or are losing sight of your main function which is to review games.

In issue number 1 you reviewed 16 games and in issue number six a massive 28 games were reviewed. Even after introducing demo disks on issue 39 you were still reviewing 22 games.

People like me started to use it as a games buying bible. If it didn't pass the STA test it didn't get into our collections. In short it gave us a good idea what we were buying instead of parting with £20 for a load of rubbish.

But now the mag is shrinking to 74 pages while the price is still £3.50 as opposed to issue 49 of 88 pages. But in these times of recession we still don't mind the price or length. It's the fact that you are down to reviewing six games in each of your last three issues.

Is it that the games houses are not putting out the volume of product that they have in the last few years or is there some other reason?

D Vary, Pitsea.

It is an unfortunate sign of the times that we have been

unable to review more than 18 games over the past three months. We really do review everything that we can get our hands on.

As you can appreciate, we don't program the games ourselves and there has been an obvious slow-down in games being released over the past year.

There's just no way that 28 games will ever be released in a month again on the ST. And if we can't get the games in there's no point in filling the pages with mindless pap!

ADVENTURE RIP-OFF

We hear so much these days of software piracy and how it forces people not to bother giving games up as shareware. Now I'd like to put the boot on the other foot.

I've had my STE (520 upgraded to 1040) for over two years now and although I use it a lot for playing games, I am now waiting with baited breath to get my Falcon (when it comes out it will foretell the demise of the parasite machine they call the Amoeba).

The way I get most of my games is off the demos on the front cover of mags like yours. If it a shareware game and I like it, I'll dutifully send off my money (and I won't let anyone else copy it unless they send it off as well). Honest guys like Jeff Minter send something back!

On issue 54 of your mag there was a brilliant TADS adventure game called UNKULLIAN. Now I know my way round fairly well but I'm stuck now. So anyway while I'm sending for the game I'll send for a tip for this bit thinks I.

So I sent off 10 dollars and paid £1.79 for an international return postage certificate and another 67p for postage from here. After two months – nothing! I'm unemployed so can't afford the £10 it cost me. I know one thing I'll never be paying any money out unless it's Jeff or someone else I know is honest.

Sorry to trouble you lads and lasses but this is one time that the pirates have struck back for their reasoning. I abhor it, but I dislike deceit worse! Keep up the great job and keep recommending the games. You're a great source of quality!

Stevey Shane, Semilong.

It's a shame that it's happened but there are a lot of sharks about. Maybe the programmers have moved address or something. Make sure you write back to the address and give 'em an earful, it may be that they just haven't got round to sending it out yet!

DEMO DILEMMA

I am writing to congratulate you on an excellent mag and ask you the following:

1. What's the best adventure game?
2. What's the best flight sim.
3. When will Streetfighter 2 be released?
4. Is it possible to obtain demos of Chaos Engine, Zool, SF2 and demos of a similar type? I have seen all these demos on Amiga mags but not on the ST ones.

Robert Knight, Brackley.

Okay, let's get on with it.

1. Lure of the Temptress, but it's one meg only. Monkey

STAR LETTER

ARROGANT PIG

I'd just like to say that Dave Payton is an arrogant little boy with short hair, glasses and a very small joystick. I am sick of his attitude towards girls.

I've been playing on computers for many years now, and my favourite games are always the beat 'em-ups, the shoot 'em-ups and the adventures.

Yes I've played Sonic and enjoyed it but I much prefer a good game of Road Rash. This involves racing on rather large motorbikes and enjoying punching the other riders off.

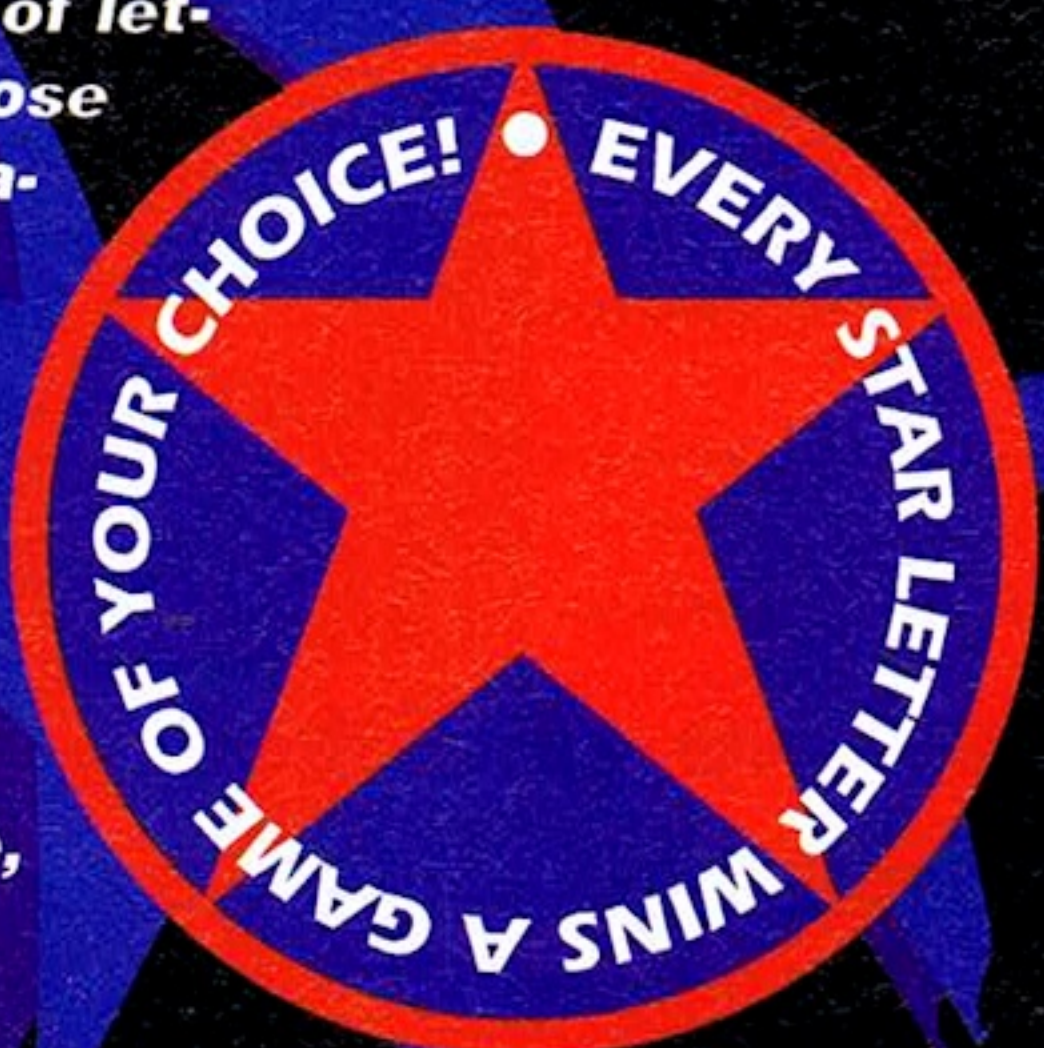
No I am not a thick ten ton tessa. I am actually an A-level student and yes, I have a boyfriend – I'm not yellow and tangy (a lemon!).

So Dave, shove your twisted right wing opinions up the your disk-drive!

Heather Slater, Abbots Bromley.

ST Action would just like to say that the views expressed by the authors of letters are not necessarily those shared by the staff of the magazine. However in this case they're bang on! Nice one Heather!

We've actually had a huge response about that letter. It certainly seems that Mr. Payton has stirred up a large hornet's nest. If you're reading Dave, perhaps you'd like to reply!



FEON!

Island is excellent too!

2. Wait for Tornado. It should be here any time now.

3. It's reviewed this ish, so it should be in the shops as we speak.

4. Demos of these games have not been done for the ST yet. If they are you can be sure we'll have 'em for you in the near future!

FORNIGHTLY FROLICS

I buy ST Action every month and I think it's ace. I have bought it since the start of 1992. I think it is the best ST mag out and that the ST is highly under-rated.

Is there anyway you could bring it out every fortnight rather than every month as I would like to read it more often? Could you recommend any decent games ranging up to about £20?

Richard Spring (12), Kenilworth.

*What do you want to do Richard, kill us all off? Much as we'd love to bring out more **ST Action's** it just isn't possible for various reasons. Not least including we'd all die of exhaustion!*

As for recommended games, just look through your back issues, but to be honest, most games cost more than £20 these anyway!

ARROGANT PIG 2

I'd just like to write a short letter to Dave Payton telling him exactly what he can do with his miserable little life. His attitudes are what make people like him as inadequate as he obviously is.

To paint such a derogatory picture of girls around something as insignificant as games shows, to me, an underlying fear of his own achievements when compared against your average female.

He wants to try getting a grip on life. He didn't say how old he was, but for his sake I hope it's just a phase he's going through rather than his actual opinions.

Regardless of his true age, his opinions were those of a snotty little school child who's having problems getting his first girlfriend. So if you're reading this David you can stick your poxy attitudes towards both women and computers all the way....(and at this point we've run out of ink so we can't print the end of this letter - Ed!)

Alison Mowbray, Newcastle.

Dave Payton this is your life! And at the moment it isn't worth much! You've managed to achieve the dubious accolade of getting the entire female race against you in the space of a few paragraphs.

Please write back because we haven't had such an amount of mail since we started. Have you got shares in the Post Office or something?

CENSORITIVE READERS

Regarding the reviews and previews in your magazine (which are very good I must say). I have a couple of ideas to improve them.

Firstly I think including the system used in the very early STA mags would improve the reviews. I am talking about where you have the review mainly written by one

● This picture could make you pig-sick! Cute though isn't it?



person, but there are comments in the other boxes from other reviewers.

I think this helps to let the reader choose the game he or she wants, giving a wider view on the game. Also, to show how the game works. Perhaps a string of screenshots with text below showing a puzzle or part of the game would help, so the reader can see if they would enjoy the game.

On another note, I just have one little gripe. I know advertising pays but must you advertise other non-ST magazines? I mean how many people have a Super NES, Gameboy or whatever?

Going back to games, I am concerned about the rudeness in games. I know some say 18 but what about the other ones? I have several friends about my age who read your mag and others.

We all buy games and would be shocked if we bought something and discovered it was really rude. Also please cut down on the %&! (well you get the idea!) words in your mag.

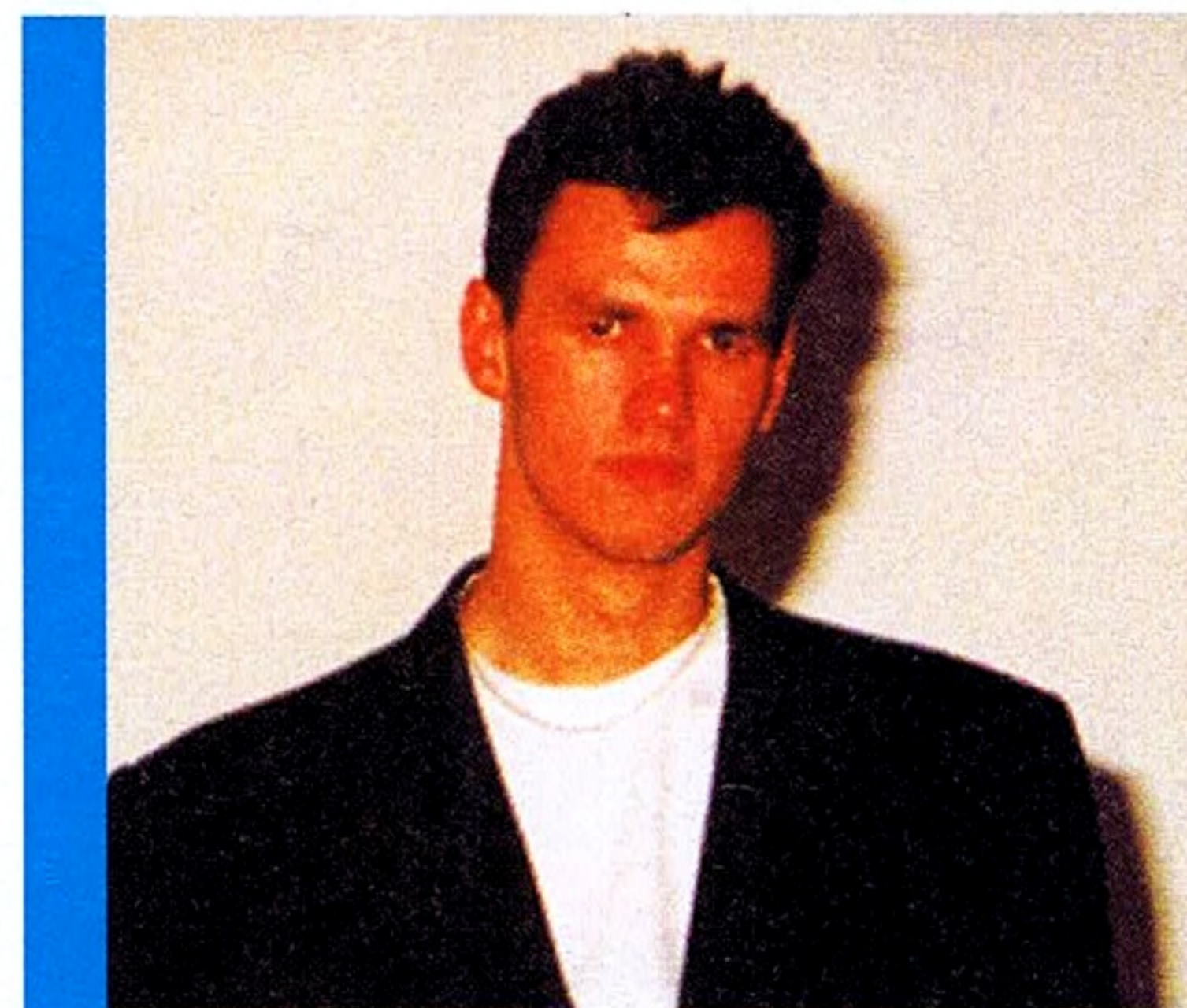
For example, is the game Wizkid (which looks good) suitable for me - an 11 year old? Please print this letter because I've never had a letter in print before. It could be that I've never written to mags before!

Michael Leak, Leeds.

Well Mike, it always helps to write in to mags if you want to get stuff in print! If enough people think we should change the format we'll definitely consider it (even if it does mean having loads of big meetings!). Let us know what you think!

On your other point we will mention if we think a game is a little near to the knuckle, but we couldn't possibly start pretending to be censors and giving each product an age category like films!

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That thirty quid still burning a hole in your pocket is it? Well look no further. The ST Action Buyer's Guide will tell you everything you need to know before making that decision...

ADDAMS FAMILY

Ocean £25.99
Platform

Nice little platform game that's a touch too easy to complete for its own good. Still one you could come back to though.

AMBERSTAR

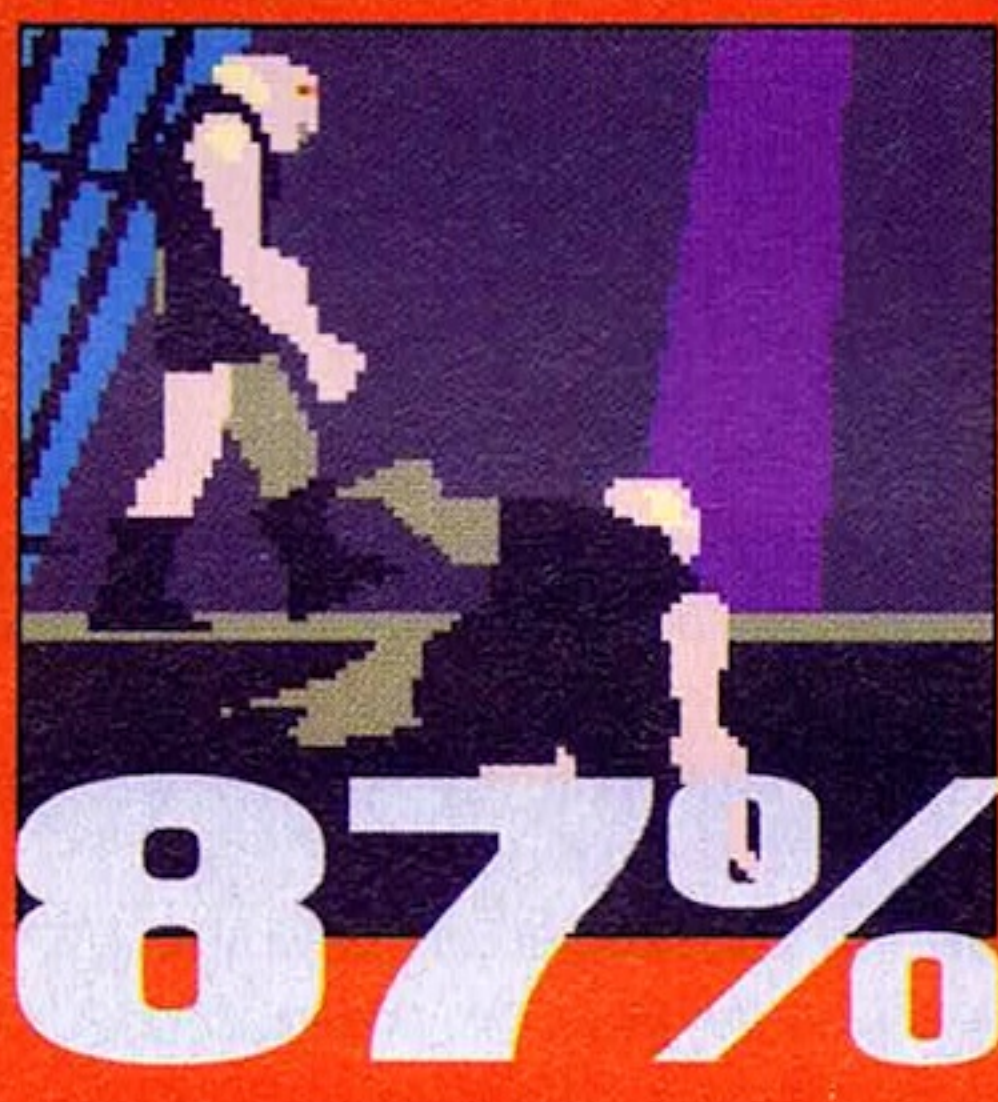
Thalion £25.99
RPG

Tasty german RPG with a huge play area, several varying quests and exceedingly smooth scrolling. An immediate purchase!

ANOTHER WORLD

US Gold £25.99
Action Adventure

It took two years to make and a couple of hours to finish. Stunning to look at but too easy at the end of the day.



ARKANOID II

Hit Squad £7.99
Puzzle and Skill

Cheaper than a V-neck in a Burton's sale. You can't beat a bit of bat and ball (repeat quickly for the STA tongue twister).

ARMOUR GEDDON

Psygnosis £29.99
Arcade Strategy

A good link up game from scouse firm Psygnosis. More renowned for their lovable green-haired rodents than anything else.

BARBARIAN 2

Psygnosis £29.99
Action Adventure

Blood and platforms. The winning combination. There's even a few puzzles tucked away in there for good measure as well.

BARD'S TALE

Electronic Arts £7.99
RPG

The grand-daddy of role-playing games and a classic in its own right. It's well worth adding to your shelves, if you can dig it out.

BATTLE OF BRITAIN

Lucasfilm £24.99
Flight Sim

Take to the skies as one of our boys in the middle of the century. Save our shores from the advancing Adolf Hitler in this fine game!

BLOOD MONEY

Sizzlers £7.99
Shoot'em-up

When two players get together on this baby, there's hardly anything of equal addictiveness. Truly dynamite stuff from Psygnosis!

BUBBLE BOBBLE

Hit Squad £7.99
Platform

So old it's got grey hair sprouting from its insides! Ancient platform game that is still good to give the kids when you fancy a pint.

CAESAR

Impressions £29.99
Strategy

If you're bored with the challenges that Sim City and its ilk can give you then slip into your toga and step back into Roman times!

CHAMPIONSHIP MANAGER

Domark £25.99
Sports and Leisure

If you want a football management game and don't mind wading through loads of stats, this has to be the one. Yum!



CHAOS STRIKES BACK

FTL £25.99
Arcade Adventure

You'll soon be able to get your hands on a bundled package of this and DM, so wait around and save your pennies.

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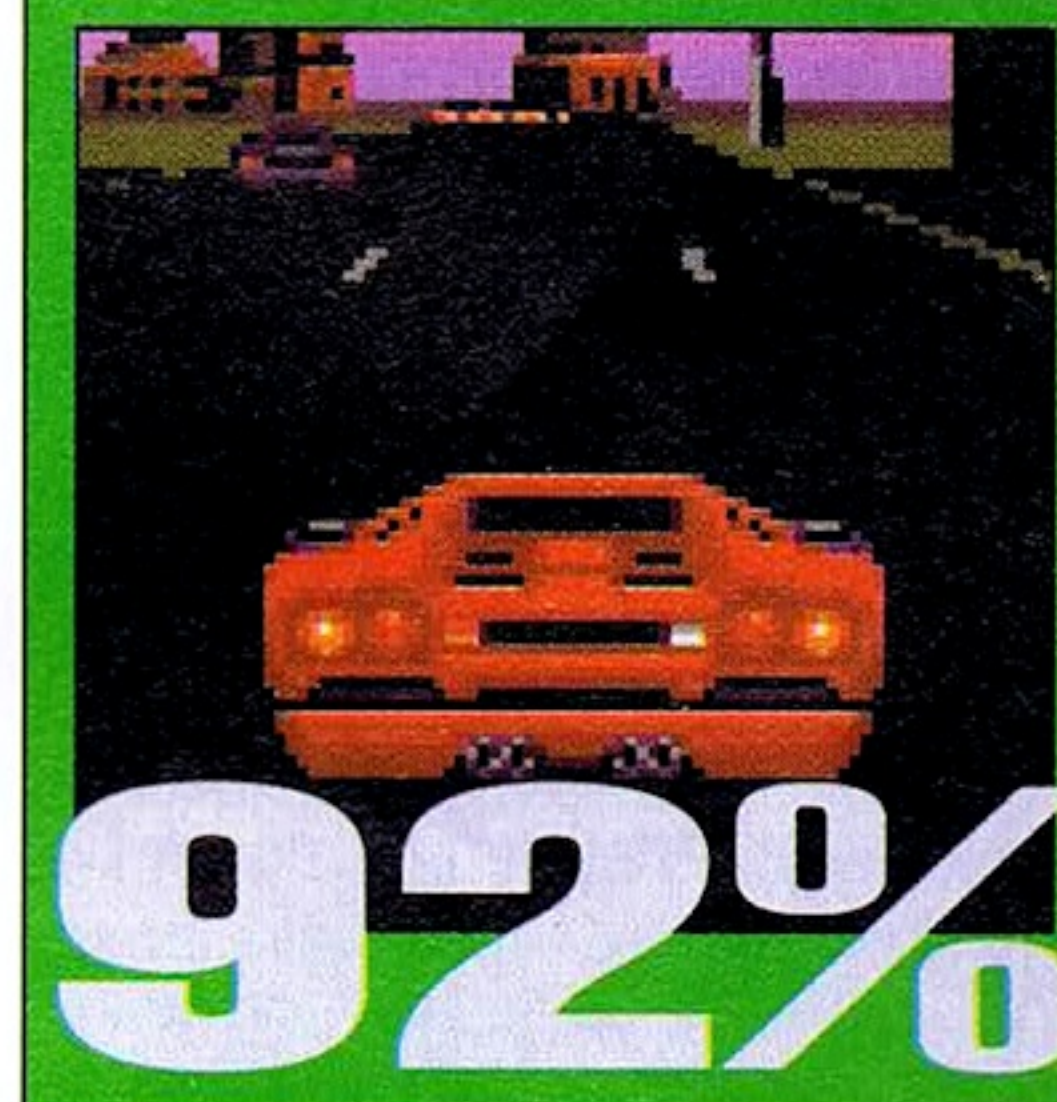
Sierra £29.99
Adventure

Amazingly slow, but involved graphic adventure from Sierra. Takes ages to load each screen and loads of disk swaps without a hard drive.

CRAZY CARS 3

Titus £25.99
Racing

The Lotus 2 beater from Titus. Nobody thought that Gremlin could be knocked from the top but it's been done!



D/GENERATION

Mindscape £19.99
Action Adventure

Slip into your genes in what has to be one of the best games for years. Back to the good old days when gamplay counted for everything.

DISC

Action 16 £7.99
Arcade

Sort of Tron-esque style disc throwing game where the idea is to maim your opponent. Frantic frisbee throwing for psychotics.

DUNGEON MASTER

FTL £24.99
Arcade Adventure

It's about to go under re-release bundled with Chaos Strikes Back. Many of you will have it. You may even have bought your ST for it!

ELF

Ocean £25.99
Action Adventure

You'll never finish the bloody thing without the cheat. Don't think you will. It's still a brilliant game though. Few in its genre can come close.

ELITE

Firebird £25.99
Arcade Strategy

With Elite II on the horizon there's bound to be renewed interest in this ancient classic. Still the greatest game of all time.

ELVIRA II

Accolade £29.99
Adventure

Relying heavily on two rather major selling points, this sequel takes a similar line in style to the successful first game.



90%

EPIC

Ocean £25.99
Arcade Strategy

Classy ST game hated by a lot of people. We like it though and it's helped by its presentation which is second to none.

F-19 STEALTH FIGHTER

Microprose £29.99
Flight Sim

Still one of the best ST flight sims even though it's clocking up the years now. Loads of fun to be had by shooting down the enemy.

FALCON

Spectrum Holobyte £9.99
Flight Sim

Slow jerky flight sim that should be in a museum by now. Comes wrapped in bandages and was found buried in Egypt.

FIRE AND ICE

Renegade £25.99
Platform

Another console-style platform game with a character that looked a bit too Sonicy for its own good really. Good though.

FIRST SAMURAI

Mirrorsoft £25.99
Beat'em-up

A classic beat 'em-up in its own right. Well programmed and well executed. Well worth digging out and buying.



84%

FLIGHT OF THE INTRUDER

Mirrorsoft £29.99
Flight Sim

Confirmed as one of the finest flying games around by one and all. Play as either a sim or shoot'em-up. Either way, it's marvellous.

FORMULA 1 GRAND PRIX

Microprose £34.99
Racing

Geoff Crammond caught everyone out with just how good this game was. Destined to be a classic forever and ever Amen!

GOBLIINS

Coktel Vision £25.99
Puzzle and Skill

It's french, what more can you say? I've never seen anything like it. Not logical enough to appeal to everyone. Sequel soon too!

GODS

Renegade £25.99
Action Adventure

At the end of the day a lot of people like this game because it's from the Bitmap Brothers. It's good but not that good.

GRAHAM TAYLOR

Krisalis £25.99
Sports and Leisure

It takes years to get anywhere as you sit through tedious match highlights. It does get you involved though.



83%

HEAD OVER HEELS

Hit Squad £7.99
Puzzle and Skill

Bizarre cute 8-bit game where two animals have to join together to make one big body. No fancy effects, just dead playable.

HEIMDALL

Core Design £30.99
Arcade Adventure

Pillage a village in Core's viking classic. Huge quest, classy graphics and good all-round island exploring for you to do.

IK+

Hit Squad £7.99
Beat'em-up

Archer Maclean tried his hand at beat'em-ups in the past, and although dated now, this ruled the roost for some years.

INDY JONES CRUSADE

Lucasfilm £29.99
Adventure

You can only get respect for so long wearing the same clothes throughout three films! All the money they made and no new wardrobe!

JAMES POND

GBH £7.99
Platform

How on earth can I be expected to think up fish jokes month in month out? It's giving me a right haddock trying, it really is.



88%

JIMMY WHITE'S SNOOKER

Virgin £29.99
Sports and Leisure

Yep, it's a fine representation of snooker, it's just a pity snooker is as boring as golf really. Excellent if you like balls and pockets.

KICK OFF 2

Anco £24.99
Sports and Leisure

A monstrously stonking arcade style football game with the emphasis on pace and passing. Wondrous in every exciting sense.

KLAX

Domark £7.99
Puzzle and Skill

Similar to what was on our disk a couple of months back, except you've gotta pay for this one. Good but ageing rapidly really. Fans only.

KNIGHTMARE

Mindscape £25.99
Arcade Adventure

Lots of mazes to get lost in. Tony Crowther is Yorkshire's best programmer and Dungeon Master style games are his forte.



91%

LEGEND

Mindscape £29.99
RPG

Classic RPG in the style of Hero-Quest. Much, much better and worth a look for any dice-roller worth his or her salt.

LEMMINGS

Psygnosis £25.99
Puzzle and Skill

Will a kind software house please make a puzzle game better than Lemmings because we're sick to death of the green haired gits!



92%

LOTUS

GBH £7.99
Racing

Still worth getting your hands on this ageing classic especially if you can't afford £26 for the new game in the series. All time great game!

LOTUS III

Gremlin £25.99
Racing

It's got most of the features of the first two games combined and a rather top track editor too. Renders the others pointless really.

LURE OF THE TEMPTRESS

Virgin £29.99
Adventure

A right top treat this. Revolution throw down the gauntlet to the yanks. Beat this for a graphic adventure game.



91%

M1 TANK PLATOON

Microprose £29.99
Land and Sea Sim

The game that sounds like a war on the motorway! Microprose's classy tank simulator still rates high. Difficult to find these days though.

THE MANAGER

US Gold £25.99
Sports and Leisure

Good german management game with just about everything included as well as animated match highlights. Up to 4 players!

MEGA LO MANIA

Mirrorsoft £25.99
Strategy

"The production run's completed!" Aaaaarrrggghhhhhh. If I hear that bloody sample one more time there'll be tears!

MEGATRAVELLER

Empire £29.99
RPG

Character generation was the strong point in this game. Precise and accurate to the real game. Could be tedious to non fans.

MICROPROSE GOLF

Microprose £34.99
Sports and Leisure

Okay so golf is really tedious but Microprose managed to make a really good game out of it. Far and away the best effort.



90%

MIDWINTER 2

Rainbird £29.99
Arcade Strategy

The ice has melted in this Mike Singleton designed sequel. Massive play area and a ridiculously large task make this unmissable.

NINJA WARRIORS

Sales Curve £7.99
Beat'em-up

What is it that makes ninjas sell games by the bucketload? There really is nothing like a good oriental beat 'em-up is there?

NITRO

Sizzlers £7.99
Racing

Easily the best Super Sprint clone out there and up to three players can play at any one time. Unlimited levels means unlimited gameplay.

PACIFIC ISLANDS

Empire £24.99
Land and Sea Sim

Tanks for the memories. A 20mm barrel of fun. You really should shell out the cash for this superb combat simulation.

PANG

Hit Squad £7.99
Arcade

Freaky Japenese coin-op style game that's as addictive as hell. Especially when it's played in the two-player mode.



80%

PANZA KICK BOXING

Kixx £9.99
Beat'em-up

Get the chance to wear red trousers and beat up your friend in this kick-boxing battle. A tremendous beat 'em up that has yet to be beaten.

PARASOL STARS

Ocean £25.99
Platform

So what is this! Rainbow Islands 2 or Bubble Bobble 3? I don't care really. We've seen it all before and it still works.

PLAN 9 FROM OUTER SPACE

Gremlin £29.99
Adventure

The game of the worst film ever, courtesy of Gremlin. Thankfully it isn't as bad as the original movie. But then again, is anything?

POPULOUS II

Electronic Arts £25.99
Strategy

Stunning stuff, but then there has been a lot of stunning stuff arrived this year. Huge game, but can get a little repetitive.



94%

POWERMONGER

Electronic Arts £29.99
Strategy

Complicated god-game from the boys who brought us the Populous games. Loads of icons to get to grips with though.

PUSHOVER

Ocean £25.99
Puzzle and Skill

Wins all awards for weakest tie-in ever. Thankfully the puzzle aspect remains firm and Pushover is definitely fab!



87%

RAINBOW ISLANDS

Hit Squad £7.99
Platform

Hmm, there's loadsa freaky colours in this ageing but classic platform caper that is sure to captivate any who dare to play it.

RICK DANGEROUS

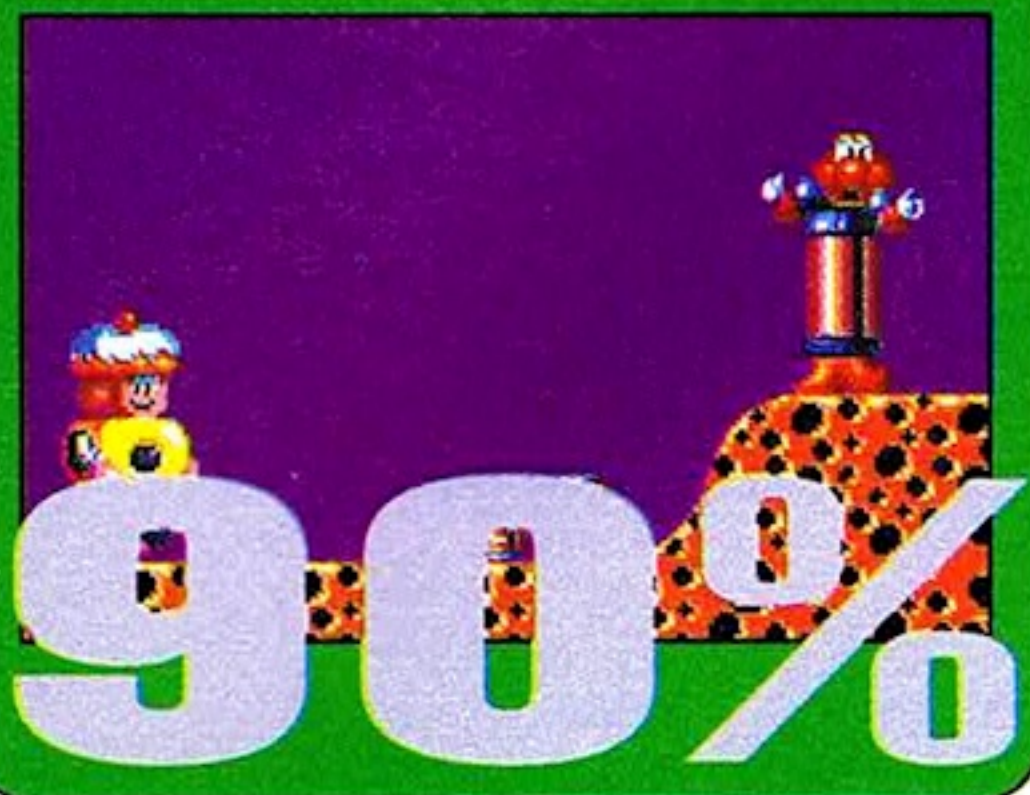
Kixx £7.99
Platform

Join Nazi basher Rick in this "game of the fascist". Bound from platform to platform with guns blazing to save the day.

ROBOCOD

Millennium £25.99
Platform

Console-style platform games come to the ST with a bang. Coded by the man who wrote the first ever ST game - Steve Bak.



ROBOCOP 3

Ocean £25.99
Action Adventure

Digital Image Design got a bit fruity with this third Robocop game. Based on the film not yet released in this country.

SABRE TEAM

Krisalis £25.99
Arcade Strategy

Join the men in black as they conquer world problems with the press of a trigger. If you fancy a term in the SAS this is for you.

SENSIBLE SOCCER

Renegade £25.99
Sports and Leisure

The game for football fans that don't like Kick Off. Precision passing is possible too! A truly tremendous sports game.

SHADOWWORLDS

Krisalis £25.99
RPG

The sequel to Domark's Shadowlands. As you'd expect it's a lot better. We played it for ages in the office. Good stuff.

SHADOW WARRIORS

Hit Squad £7.99
Beat'em-up

It's ninja time again. Lots of weaponry and oriental baddies launching attack after attack in this middle-aged beat 'em-up.



SHUTTLE

Virgin £30.99
Flight Sim

Scary game when all said and done. It's got a manual thicker than the Bible. Technically stunning flight simulator.

SILENT SERVICE

Microprose £25.99
Land and Sea Sim

Blip...Blip...Oh no you don't. Not again! More submarine mayhem from Microprose. Launch those torps and kill the enemy!

SILENT SERVICE II

Microprose £24.99
Land and Sea Sim

Blip...Blip...Blip...Blipity Blop...Fire One...whoosh...whoosh...Boom!!!!... Blip...Blip. Whoever said life under the ocean waves was silent?

SPACE CRUSADE

Gremlin £25.99
RPG

Based on the Games Workshop boardgame of the same name. It combined great atmospheric graphics with fabby gameplay.



SPACE QUEST SERIES

Sierra £29.99
Adventure

Time has moved technology past what Sierra produced in the past. Still a series full of classics in their own right.

SPECIAL FORCES

Microprose £29.99
Arcade Strategy

Get your platoon of marines mercilessly slaughtered in impossible missions in foreign countries. Sort of strategy for beginners.

SPEEDBALL 2

Imageworks £9.99
Sports and Leisure

Futuristic bloodshed from the Bitmap Brothers. Brutality has never been like this before. Where's Jimmy Hill and that large geordie?

STEG

Codemasters £7.99
Puzzle

Slithering around may not be your idea of fun, but in Codemasters slug game you get the chance to feed baby slugs too! Yum!

STORM MASTER

Silmarils £29.99
Strategy

French game presentation at it's very best! Top graphics and sound in this novel approach to the god-game genre.

STRIKER

Rage £25.99
Sports and Leisure

A footy game that didn't attempt to take on Kick Off 2 to its credit. A novel 3D approach and super fast graphics made this what it is.

STUNT CAR RACER

Microstyle £9.99
Racing

What's the first thing you'd do when you spend all your cash on a new car? Drive it 100 feet off a ramp that's what.

SUPERCARS II

Gremlin £24.99
Racing

Get in the 'tow', brake into corners... Sod that! Pedal down to the floor and launch those missiles at the opposition.



SWIV

Sales Curve £24.99
Shoot'em-up

Vertically scrolling blast that was the unofficial sequel to Silkworm. Scrumptious graphics and triff sound creates a huge pile of fun!

THUNDERHAWK

Core Design £29.99
Flight Sim

Core's stunning helicopter simulation based on a mythical gunship. Smooth vector graphics make this well worth the cash.

TURRICAN

Rainbow Arts £7.99
Shoot'em-up

A healthy dose of shooting never did anybody any harm. Except the people you're shooting at. A good all-round blast.

TURRICAN II

Rainbow Arts £7.99
Shoot'em-up

Classic blast now out on budget for under eight quid! That's the equivalent of four pints and it'll last you about three years longer.



ULTIMA VI

Mindscape £29.99
RPG

Yet another game for the role playing fraternity to get to grips with. Huge in size but again a hard drive will really come in handy.

UTOPIA

Gremlin £29.99
Strategy

There's a data disk out for this now which helps to increase the challenge by adding to the original 10 worlds supplied.

VROOM

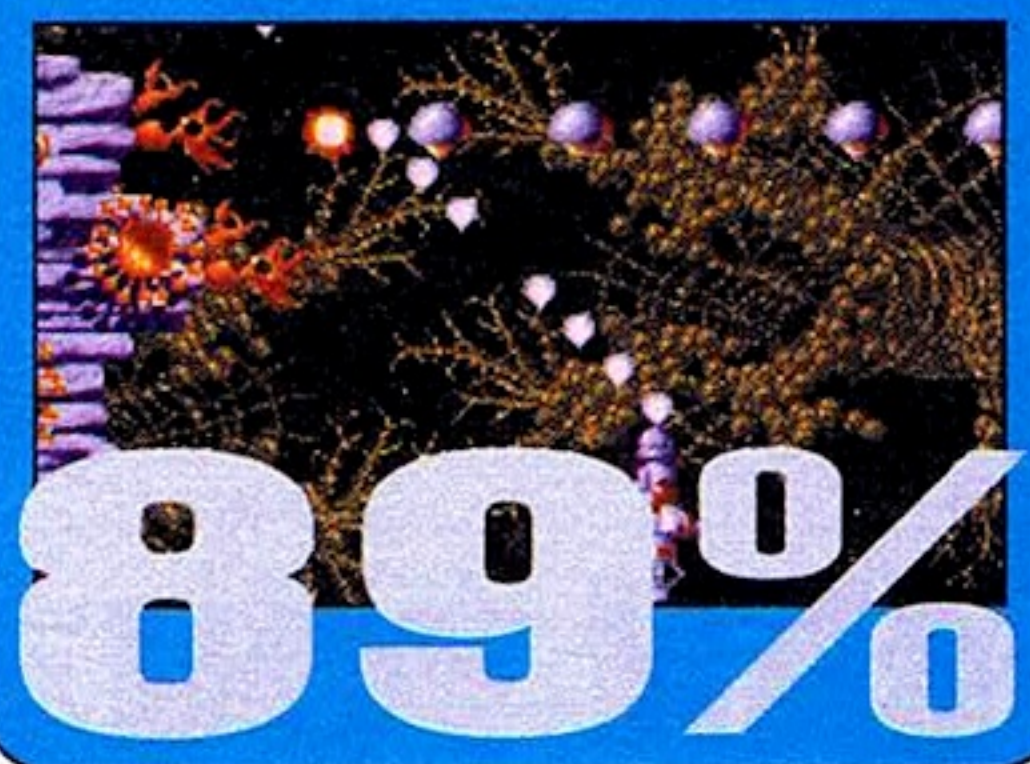
Lankhor £24.99
Racing

So fast you'll think there's something wrong with your machine! Amazing speedy routines make this the smoothest, fastest race game out.

XENON II - MEGABLAST

Imageworks £9.99
Shoot'em-up

Ch Ch Che Check this out! Bitmap shoot 'em-up with Bomb the Bass soundtrack. Hardcore U know the score.



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