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The Incredible Sci-Fi Adventure Arrives on the Super NES

STARGATE

If you enjoyed the surprise hit movie, StarGate, you’ll love the game. Take on the powerful forces of Ra then try to return through the StarGate to earth. It’s a dangerous journey, but this month’s review features insider’s tips that will make the trip easier.

JAM CODES!

What would NBA T.E. be without codes? We exposed many of the player codes in last month’s issue, but we didn’t have room to print them all. This month, we have the rest, and they’re all the codes you’ll ever need. The wait is over! Dive into four pages full-only from Nintendo Power.
War has broken out again in the Epic Center. Enix presents Ogre Battle, an incredible role-playing strategy game. Nintendo Power gives you the best strategies around to help you master this game. Plus, don’t miss the behind-the-scenes look at the development of Square Soft’s new adventure, the Secret of Evermore.

They’re crazy and they’re kooky... and they’re back! Join Gomez, Fester and the rest of the Adams Family as they search for the missing Baby Pubert. This is one spooky adventure you won’t want to miss!
I am responding to the section in Player's Pulse that asked what I think of the new "arrangement." I like it a lot, with the Take 2 Reviews, the new table of contents, the Power Players' ARENA, the Power Charts, the new Hall of Fame, Most Wanted and the release forecast. The reason I didn't include Now Playing, even though it's good, is that I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT THOSE SYMBOLS MEAN! So next issue, will you please include a legend. What really needs improvement (in my opinion) is Pak Watch because it's kind of confusing about where they start, stop and even what system they're for.

ADAM RANDALL
THE WOODLANDS, TX
P.S: The glow-in-the-dark front and back covers are really neat! Are you gonna make another Link adventure?

Another game starring Link, huh? Well, we don't know for sure what the game development teams over in Kyoto at Nintendo Co., Ltd. have up their sleeves, but we'd advise you to take the bet if someone bets you that there won't be another Legend of Zelda game.

This is awesome!!! Forget "the next level." I'm going for "loudness." Computer graphics on almost every page. Anybody who can't appreciate your new look should be shot. However, correspondence is what adds spice to NP. Please extend the Player's Pulse section.

PHILLIP MOYERS
PRINCE GEORGE, VA

I think that Pak Watch, Now Playing and all of the other regular Nintendo Power columns are great. I think it was time for a new look. I was getting tired of the "old" look. For a while, I was drifting into other video game magazines. A bug shock came to me when I opened my January '95 issue and saw all these cool new designs. I realized that no other magazine comes close to Nintendo Power in any way.

LAUREN WYSZINSKI
BROOKLYN, NY

What do I think of the new format? IT ROCKS!! No more of this happy-go-lucky stuff. It's just straight to the point and down to business! I like Pak Watch's bigger pictures and easier-to-understand explanation of games. I also like the new symbols in Now Playing. Take 2 is great. If you just want to check out a game a little bit, you don't have to read through a 6-page review. The new Table of Contents is cool, too. Now I don't have to take 20 minutes scanning it to find what page such-and-such games are on. Thank you ever so much for not changing Classified Information. Without the manila pages and gray border, I'd never find it. Thanks for a great mag!

DAN HAGEMEIER
EAST PEORIA, IL

HINTS THAT YOU PLAY TOO MANY VIDEO GAMES;

1. You call your friends Wario, Kirby and Link.
2. You throw some Booms at your friends.
3. When you go outside, you see a worm running around and a crow hovering above.
5. Scorpion and M. Bison help you with your homework.
6. Your fingers twitch all the time.
7. The electric company and toy store send you birthday cards.
8. When you get out of the pool, you see a sword stuck in the concrete with an owl on hooting, "Are you Master Link?"
9. You can play two-player games by yourself!

JOEY MOWCZKO
ELLISVILLE, MO
think the "new look" is totally awesome! Especially the New Playing logo. It was nifty how you turned the Nintendo logo into an O. It says, "Read me!" I really liked the glow-in-the-dark cover and the Donkey Kong iron-on. My brother is jealous because he isn't a subscriber and didn't get the trading cards and other cool stuff. Your magazine is the best magazine in the world, except, I think Player's Pulse should be four pages so you can print more letters and envelope art. Keep up the good work!

SHERI GOULART
CHATTANOOGA, TN

After I raked in the cash on Christmas Day, I went to the store and bought the long-awaited Donkey Kong Country. The first time playing, my cousin and I stared amazingly at the stunning 3-D graphics, listened to the awesome music (I plan on getting the soundtrack) and were relieved to find out that the moves were as easy to learn as playing Pong. To sum it up, WOW! I feel bad for the players using Sega Genesis. To get the $2 meg experience, they have to spend $150. After I found out that, the $69 price tag on DK Country started to look pretty good to me. For those players out there who are still reluctant, don't be! This is a must have game and there is no possible way of denying it. To Nintendo, Silicon Graphics and Rare, a great big THANK YOU! Because I and other video game fanatics out there fully appreciate your quality work.

J.R. VITALE
LIGHTHOUSE POINT, FL

For days, I have waited for this Bonus Issue! I had a few reliefs and disbeliefs. I was hoping you would have a new comic because it's been so long. What happened to the Nintendo Power Trading Cards? I really enjoyed the Killer Instinct cards. I also liked the other new improvements in all of the sections. Every time I get a Nintendo Power issue, I automatically go to the poster. Every poster I get goes on my wall. Congratulations on the new issue.

DENNIS MADRIGAL
SUN VALLEY, CA

Dennis is apparently a little excited (or something)

I'm writing about this new game, "Donkey Kong Country." What kind of a name is that? And I bet it took years just to come up with the thing. Why, I could think of an even better name in ten seconds, tops! What happens when you make a sequel? Super Donkey Kong Country? What an enormous name!

The other day I was skimming through the instruction booklet and I noticed something. In the DKC Atlas, it shows my grandson in a minicart (if I'm not mistaken). Above him, there's a sign that reads, "Lost Mine." If there's a sign that tells you where you are, then how can you be lost? You whippersnappers at Nintendo don't even know what you're talking about. You guys really messed up this time!

What's with Squawks and his blinkin' flashlight? Lights like that could give an old guy like me a seizure! It's just too much for my poor old eyes. If I had the frames of animation, I'd walk down to Nintendo and pop you one in the nigger!

CRANKY KONG
KONGO JUNGLE, D.K.

Once again, we humbly bow to the all-knowing Cranky Kong. Pay attention, young gamers, and you shall be enlightened. Cranky has spoken!
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Here they are! These are the most wanted games according to the readers of Nintendo Power. If this list doesn't match yours, be sure to vote using the Player's Poll card.

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2. MEGA MAN X2 (SUPER NES)
3. STAR FOX 2 (SUPER NES)
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5. FINAL FANTASY III (SUPER NES)
6. DONKEY KONG LAND (GAME BOY)
7. EARTHWORM JIM (SUPER NES)
8. NBA JAM TOURNAMENT EDITION (SUPER NES)
9. KIRBY'S DREAM LAND 2 (GAME BOY)
10. COMANCHE (SUPER NES)

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**HALF OF FAME**

Do you have an all-time favorite game? Here are a few of the classic titles that have tapped the charts for months an end!

**GAME NAME**

- FINAL FANTASY
- KIRBY'S DREAM LAND
- BASEBALL STARS

**MONTHS ON THE CHARTS**

- FINAL FANTASY: 52 MONTHS
- KIRBY'S DREAM LAND: 10 MONTHS
- BASEBALL STARS: 23 MONTHS

**HONORS**

- FINAL FANTASY: Introduced an entirely new audience to the world of RPGs. Faster paced than Dragon Warrior, Final Fantasy sparked the interest of a wider range of players.
- KIRBY'S DREAM LAND: First big introduction to the video game world was a major hit with Game Boy fans. Kirby went on to star in other big hits, including Kirby's Pinball and Kirby's Avalanche.
- BASEBALL STARS: Was so popular with video game players, it continued to appear on the Top 20 list years after it was released. It's hard to beat a baseball game like this one.
Just outside New York City lies Ravencroft Insane Asylum, notorious for the dangerous clientele that have been confined there over the years. For years, it has kept the likes of Doc Ock and Green Goblin safely locked away, posing no threat to anyone but themselves. But now, aided by a mysterious mastermind, they're back on the streets in Acclaim's latest action pak. In fact, the entire population of the asylum is running loose on the city streets, bent on wreaking havoc. There is some method to the madness, though—the escapees are after the web-slinging enforcer who put them in the asylum to begin with, Spider-Man.
If anyone can defeat this legion of loonies, it's Spider-Man. Armed with the strength, speed, and sticky climbing skills of the radioactive spider that bit him, he's not your average arachnid.

Spider-Man's sticky fingers can carry him up the steepest walls. And not only does his webbing keep him swinging, it can also be an effective weapon—especially against flying enemies. Whether he's pummeling an opponent or taking him out with a ROCKETT kick, Spidey is no match for those nasty little creeps.

Like any active arachnid, Spider-Man needs to keep his energy up. Below are the items you will find in the maps on the next pages. Pick them up when you need a lift.

**WEBBING**
**GAS**
**FANTASTIC**
**SUPER!**
**STUN**
**HEALTH**
**EXTRA LIFE**
**WEB ARMOR**
LAB AT EMPIRE STATE UNIVERSITY

The brain trust of the local university has been ousted by the brainless trust—the escapees from the asylum. At their university, the only course offered was Spider Squishing 101! The school's cutting edge lab has now become the goons' hideout, and Spidey must face the cyborgs and smart lasers that now serve the flend's evil purposes. And once he makes it through all the robo-rabble, he'll find the waiting arms of the cackling Doc Ock, ready to slap Spider-Man silly!

PART 1

4 CHROME DOME

A moving wall makes for tight quarters when Spidey faces this robotic foe. Stay clear of the wall, bit him with a few web bolts, and throw in a few kicks for good measure.

PART 2
1 SCREEN
After kicking in this screen, climb up the hidden shaft. At the top, jump right to find an invincibility emblem. And get moving fast, because it won’t last long.

2 SWINGER
Even a spider jump won’t make it over this deadly chemical bath. Instead, Spidey can shoot a web with a simple flick of the wrist that will swing him safely across.

3 TREAD-ILL!
Don’t dally on these dangerous treadmills. The mechanical arms will send shivers down Spidey’s spine. Use a hard run and some big jumps to get through.

5 DOWN UNDER
Although he’ll have to endure cranky crocs and the vile stench of noxious gases in the Sewer, Spider will find a stash of helpful items amid the slime.

6 HIDDEN I-UP
After activating the laser beam, keep crawling to the left until Spidey drops into a secret room. Pick up the extra life there before battling Doc Ock.

7 DOCTOR OCTOPUS
The arm of the law may be long, but it’s nothing compared to Doc Ock’s fiendish reach. His mechanical arms contort like snakes and strike just as quickly. A web bolt shot at his evil eye will slow him down, but it won’t kill him. Spidey needs some help. Climb the platforms to the right to find the laser control room. Activate the laser, then get ready for action—your Spider trap is set!
Ironically, the growth and prosperity that normally surrounds the rise of a new skyscraper becomes a scene of destruction and chaos after the mutant maniacs invade the city's construction zone. It will take all of Spider-Man’s agility and cunning to leap from girder to girder safely. Along the way, he’ll also have to fend off the Spider Slayer drones that ruthlessly pursue him. And at the top, the nastiest Slayer of them all eagerly awaits Spidey’s arrival.

Is Spidey feeling tired? A little weary? All that fighting can wear a superhero out. Why not take Spider-Man down for a little rest in the lovely sewers of New York. The decor isn’t much, but there’s some great scenery.

To get to the roof, Spider-Man has to find a second elevator. It will take a leap of faith, but he can do it.

Hidden inside the building to the right is an elevator that will take Spidey down to some familiar territory.

Spidey knew he was climbing pretty high, but this is ridiculous. Actually a robot designed by the evil Smythe, this Alien Spider Slayer would like nothing better than to put an end to Spider-Man. But don’t let his ugly head scare you. Land on it with a crushing stomp, then watch out for his spinning response. A few of these will finish him.
Watch out a hole hidden by the pipe. Rather than jumping it, take the easier route along the ceiling. Shortly after, a crate will help you to the next floor.

A combination of Black Widow, Tarantula and Scorpion, Tri-Spi combines nature's deadliest creatures into one evil force. Spider-Man will have to avoid its three-pronged attack to succeed.

Green grenades thrown at Tri-Spi's glowing firing points is the most effective attack. But if you run out, Spidey's web bolts can also break up this depraved demon.
The chase is on. After taking care of the crime in the city, Spider-Man is ready to chase these loony mutants across the East River via the Brooklyn Bridge. But, like most things Spidey does, he's taking the hard way—he's going under the bridge! The webbed avenger will have to do some fancy swinging to keep from falling into the cold, murky river below. Along the way, he'll find plenty of prizes hidden high and low, but there are also some nasty goons waiting for him on board passing barges. And just think, Spidey's doing all this just to find more bad guys! It's all in a day's work for this champion of justice.

**1 BRIDGE BINGE**

Spider-Man will be rewarded handsomely for taking the high road. He'll find a load of helpful emblems along the underside of the Brooklyn Bridge.

**2 TAKE THE SCENIC ROUTE**

To make it safely across the waters of the East River, Spidey will have to make a perfectly-timed jump from his web. But when he does, he'll find the powerful Super Spider Emblem. Now, rested, powered-up, and fully armed, Spidey will be ready to face the dangers that lie ahead in the next level.

**3 WARNING: BARGE OUT OF SERVICE**

Spidey has to be extra careful crossing this final section of river. Below him is only a small life raft floating halfway across and cold, cold water. And what's more, Spidey's webbing won't stick for the next swing. He either has to make a perfectly-timed jump to the shore or drop to the raft, where he'll float back to the bridge support and try again.
To cross the second part of the river, Spidey doesn't have a dock to carry him out to the waiting barge. Instead, he must put his spider hands to good use and scale the bridge support to reach the underside of the bridge. With a quick shot of webbing, he's off and swinging. Drop down to the next support, but be ready for what's you'll find waiting for you!

Finally, this crazy bunch has found a fitting home: Coney Island. Although it's a waterfront amusement park, there's nothing amusing about what Spider-Man will find waiting for him: Rhino, Jack O'Lantern, and, finally, the Green Goblin.

Once he's finished playing around Coney Island, Spider-Man is ready to tackle the real trouble at hand as he inches closer to discovering the fiend behind this chaotic breakout. His sense of adventure leads him to an unlikely place to find trouble—the posh penthouse of JJ Jameson. Spider-Man must defeat the intruders, led by the devilish Alistar Smythe. Only then will Spider-Man reach his final goal—a showdown in the heart of Ravencroft itself, with the breakout's mysterious mastermind!
Codes, codes and more codes! You want 'em and we've got 'em! We gave away some of the character codes for NBA Jam Tournament Edition last month, but there are so many codes for this game that we had to continue the code give away this month.

KNOW THE CODES!

To enter any Secret Player code, begin by entering the game screen where you enter your initials. Enter the three letters marked in the Initial column one at a time. You must also activate each initial by pushing the Start Button and the Button indicated under the Code column. If “N” appears in the Code column, push the A, B, X, or Y Buttons, but don’t push Start. For example, to activate the first initial of the Frank Thomas code SOX BNA, you’d enter the initial “S” then push Start and the B Button. Activate the second initial for Frank Thomas, “O”, by pushing A, B, X, or Y. Finally, enter the initial “X” and push Start and the A Button. After entering each initial and activating it with its Code, you’ll bring up the Secret Player.

ACCLAIM

It's time to meet the guys at Acclaim that helped make NBA Jam Tournament Edition a Super NES hit. While you may not be able to take them on in person, you can come close with these codes!

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If you want to impress your friends with your three point shot, why not show off as one of the Beastie Boys? These Celebrity codes are some the most popular codes around!

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Prince Charles
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Frank Thomas
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Jazzy Jeff
INITIALS JAZ CODE YAA

Now that you've got all of these awesome codes, try creating some cool matchups. If you're playing a multi-player game, each player can enter a special player code. You can get matchups like Bill and Hillary Clinton versus the Beastie Boys, or even the Fresh Prince taking on the English Prince—Charles that is.
OTHER CHEATS

Now that you've got all of the special characters, what's left? All kinds of incredible codes, that's what! If you want to do a full court dunk, we've got the code. If you want to play the entire game in On Fire mode we've got that code too. Let's face it, we've got the codes that will let you do anything darn thing you want!

KNOW THE CODES

All of these special game codes must be entered after you've selected your favorite team, during the Team Match-Up Screen. You'll only have a few seconds to enter the code, so you have to work quickly! The codes are printed below using the following abbreviations: U, D, L, and R refer to the corresponding directions on the Control Pad, while A and B represent the A and B and Y Buttons.

WITHOUT MESSAGE

When you enter these codes, no message will appear on the screen. The lack of a message makes it tough to tell if you've successfully entered the code, but keeps your opponent from knowing that you're using one.

PUSH OPPONENT, BOTH FALL

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U U U U L L L L A A A
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PUSH OPPONENT, TEAMMATE FALLS

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U U U U L L L L A B
```

TELEPORT PASS

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U R R L A D L L R B
```

HIGH SHOTS

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U D U D R U A A A A A D
```

SPEED UP

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U U U U L L L L B A
```

SLIPPERY COURT (AFFECTS ALL PLAYERS)

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A A A A A A R R R R R R
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NINTENDO POWER
If you enter these codes correctly, a message will appear in the screen. If you're quick enough, you can use any one of these codes along with one of the non-message codes. You'll be playing some incredible hoops!

**SHOT % DISPLAY**

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U•U•D•D•B
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**MAX POWER**

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R•R•L•R•B•B•R
```

**ON FIRE...ALWAYS!**

```
D•R•R•B•A•L
```

**POWER-UP DEFENSE**

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A•B•U•A•B•U•D
```

**DUNK FROM ANYWHERE**

```
L•R•A•B•B•A
```

**BETTER INTERCEPTION**

```
L•L•L•L•A•R
```

**GOAL TENDING ALLOWED**

```
R•U•D•R•D•U
```

**UNLIMITED TURBO**

```
B•B•B•A•D•D•U•L
```

**POWERED-UP 3 POINTERS**

```
U•D•L•R•L•D•U
```

**POWER-UP SHOVE**

```
D•R•A•B•A•R•D
```

**EXTRA SPECIAL CHEATS**

If you want to get a head start towards finishing the tourney, press Start at the Title Screen then enter this code:

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Y•U•D•B•L•A•R•D•START
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Beat 26 Teams: Initials END
Beat 27 Teams: Initials JAM
Charles Addams couldn't have predicted that his Addams Family characters would endure for so many years, first in magazine cartoons, then in a TV show, films, and video games. In Addams Family Values, Ocean has captured all the quirky, morbid humor that made this clan famous. As googly-eyed Uncle Fester, you must stop Mrs. Jellinsky's evil schemes and rescue poor Baby Pubert.

**MEET THE ADDAMS**

As the scene opens, you'll find yourself in the morbid Garden of the family manse. There you'll meet some fellow family members, who offer up cryptic clues and interesting items. Merely talking to some of them triggers events in the game. Some of them move around. When they do, you'll have to find their new locations to see what's up.

Where's Pubert? Morticia starts you off on your search.
The letters on the maps show the general locations of the corresponding tips. Keep in mind that the tips aren’t given in any particular order, and you may encounter these puzzles or tricks at different stages of the game. If you need a general play-by-play, check out the tombstones. They list the major tasks in order.

**A GRAVE SECRETS**

One of the first things you can do is visit the cemetery to the left of the front gate. Can’t see the path for the trees? Well, it is overgrown, so you’ll have to search a bit to the left and up.

**TOMBSTONE TIPS!**

There are too many details to give you a complete breakdown, but these tombstones will point you in the right direction.

- **Talking to Granny** (Get Journal)
- **Enter Cavern South of Gomez, Defeat Gatekeeper and Open the Northern Gate**
- **Talk to Crusha in Graveyard (Get Skull Key)**
- **Enter Caverns in South-East Corner of Garden and Get the Black Rose**
- **Exit to the Swamps to Get the Greenhouse Key**

**A OPEN GATE**

The front gate is locked up tight. Search the cave down and left from the starting point. Defeat the Gatekeeper plant, then press the button on the wall behind him to open the gate.

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**ADDAMS FAMILY VALUES**

**A TRIP TO THE GREENHOUSE**

The only way you’ll be able to search the entire Greenhouse is to help someone inside. It’s important to say yes, since there are several important items inside that you’ll need later.

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**CLEAR THE PATH**

Crusha is a plant who knows what he wants, and what he wants is a Black Rose. If you find it for him, he’ll get out of the pathway, letting you proceed to other areas and accomplish other tasks.
There are a lot of dangerous things here, including pesky bees, treacherous toadstools—and more Addamses! You'll find yourself crossing and re-crossing these areas, not only to solve puzzles in the immediate vicinity, but also to travel between other areas as you dig up clues. The paths twist and turn, so you may find yourself literally up against a wall with enemies all about!

**A TRANSMANSION EXPRESS**

The Transmansion Express can take you to the Mansion in a Flash, but the entrance is blocked. After a series of other adventures, Granny will finally whip up something that will help.

**B MEET PUGSLEY AND WEDNESDAY**

Pugsley and Wednesday are in the Forest west of the Gardens. They want to explore a cave, but they need some kind of light to find their way. Maybe Uncle Fester could give them a hand. Well, not literally!

- Give the Black Rose to Morticia
- Go to the Greenhouse and talk with Rasp
- Find a pumpkin, a bone spoon, and a green key
- Destroy Rasp to receive plant food
- Give the bone spoon to Granny
- Talk with Wednesday and Pugsley

**C PASSWORDS AND COOKIES**

As always, your family will help you in time of need. Granny gives you life-replenishing Cookies, and Cousin It gives you passwords. Granny moves around, but Cousin It stays in the Swamps.

You have unlimited continues, but if you want to turn the game off, get a password to save your progress.

Granny will often tell you where she's going next: Some of her Cookies restore your health, while others make you invincible.
This is the dungeon that the Black Rose is hidden in. The puzzles are straightforward, and you'll have a chance to practice with your lightning bolts. You fire your bolts only with your right hand, and the off-center aiming can take some getting used to. The enemies regenerate if you leave a room and return, so you can practice maneuvering, aiming and firing.

**Wall of Warps**

The blue zones are entrances, and the red zones are exits. Only one of these warps will put you on the right path, and this is actually the long way around! You're better off on another path.

**A Useful Shortcut**

At least there's one warp in here that's useful. This warp zone will zip you to another room, and you'll eventually get back to a point closer to the exit. Use it on the way out, especially if you're low on life. You can avoid a number of enemies along the way.
You’ll be able to get into this Dungeon after you defeat Ma Hench in the Hoarder’s Lair and locate Phweep’s voice. Meet Phweep in the Graveyard (near the game’s starting point) where there are six pillars topped with gargoyles. Phweep will test his newly-recovered voice, scaring away the gargoyles and exposing the entrance to this new area.

**Which Warp?**

The warps will be harder to figure out down here. The only way to get through is by trial and error. It will take some time, but just be sure to keep track of which warps you’ve tried before going on to the next.

**Get the Stone Key**

The ultimate goal is to find the Stone Key. You can’t chicken out because this item will be crucial later on. The enemies down here are much more powerful, so build up your health meter before entering.

**In the Desert**

In the Desert, you’ll come across little gremlins that shoot their eyes at you and a poor monster with indigestion. It’s too bad that you can’t help the Hole in the ground just yet.

**The Rockies**

Defeat the rock monsters here and pick up the stones they leave behind. Find the shop in this area and trade the stones for Blue Marbles, which you can use as weapons.
Most of Dungeon Three is made up of the Hoarder’s Lair. Take a flying leap off the end of the broken bridge south of the Forest where you met Pugsley and Wednesday. Ma Hench and her cronies are pretty tough, and you won’t be able to get back out until she’s down for the count. Raise your health meter and get a password before you jump, or you could be the one knocked out!

**A PHWEEN GET’S HIS VOICE BACK**

After you defeat Ma Hench, jump into the warp zone at the top of the room to teleport to another chamber. Phweep will get his voice back, and you can grab the candle to give to the children.

**C MA HENCH**

You’ve gotten past her henchmen, and now it’s time to take on Ma herself. If you can, save your Cookies for this battle. She’s as tough as they come!

*Throw all of your Blue Marbles, then use lightning bolts. She fires back with waves of energy that are difficult to dodge.*

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**FUTURE HAPPENINGS:**

- **FORESTS & SWAMPS**
  - As you explore new areas, the enemies will become more and more powerful! Always carry a few emergency Cookies!
  - You’ll eventually journey to a lonely place called the Petrified Wilderness. I wonder what’s here.
  - Why, it’s lunch, of course! The faithful family butler will prove useful in the coming adventures.

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**Visit Granny again and receive the slimming potion.**

**Take the potion to the transmansion express tube system and use it on the fat lad.**

**The tube system is now clear—BAD LUCK!**

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*As before, you’ll get clues and go off on more missions. In the wetlands, you’ll help a guy named Jip escape.*

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*Push the button three times to make the bridge appear. There’s a new new route, but be ready for your way out.*
Acclaim brings last fall's sci-fi thriller to the Super NES in a multi-level action game that follows Colonel Jack O'Neil through the StarGate to the far side of the known universe. When they arrive on the planet Abydos, they find a civilization that defies the bounds of space and time.

**TRIPPING THROUGH TIME**

When a strange, circular stone disc is pulled from its sandy bed in an Egyptian desert, archeologists from around the world converge to study it. Scientists are at first baffled by the inscriptions on the ring, then one of them, an Egyptologist with radical theories, identifies them as depictions of constellations. Though many scientists think that Daniel Jackson's conclusions are out there, Jack O'Neil thinks he's on to something big and recruits him to travel through the StarGate on a top-secret mission.
The planet Abydos is a vast desert that at first appears to be deserted. O’Neill and his party soon discover, however, that the sands are crawling with dangerous reptilian beasts and that a race of human-like workers inhabits the planet. The mystery deepens when the workers bow before the medallion worn by Jackson.

**LIVELY ANIMATION...**

Although the play control takes some getting used to, once you master it you’ll have complete control of O’Neill’s character. He can dash, leap and hang from ledges. While hanging, he can throw grenades up onto ledges or down onto enemies below. He can also fire his weapon in a full circle.

With his full-range attack, O’Neil can hang from ledges and attack enemies approaching from just about any angle.

**...AND HIGH ACTION**

Hanging from ledges isn’t the only stunt O’Neil has perfected. When he enters the mines, he’ll hang from the pulleys on the overhead cables and roll from area to area. He can fire his weapon while jumping, and after the first few stages, he can power-up the rifle with Rapid Fire and Wide Angle shots. He’s awesome and he knows it—he’s a professional.

When his men are captured by Ra’s forces, O’Neil will have to track them down and defeat the guards that imprison them.

He’s a professional! That means he’s ready for anything, be it a balancing act or an enemy barrage.
When the workers invite the earthlings back to their village, Jackson learns what magic his medallion holds. The medallion, which he had unearthed along with the StarGate, is a replica of the Eye of Ra, the symbol of the Egyptian sun god. They believe that he has been sent by Ra to lead them. Before Jackson can return to camp, a fierce sandstorm strikes, leaving the soldiers scrambling for refuge in a pyramid. When the dust settles, O'Neil must search not only for his men, but also for supplies that were stashed during the storm. He's on his own.

**THE FIRST CAVE**

O'Neil won't find much inside the first cave he comes to. It appears that none of his men sought refuge there. It's a good place to explore anyway because it's prime practice ground. Learn to climb, leap, hang and fire the rifle here before continuing to the second cave, which is much larger and more interesting. There is one energy refill Power-Up to find.

When you talk to the elder inside the second cave, he'll give you some sage advice about the mission. Your goal here is to recover the Supply Crates that were stashed for safety. Now your men need them, so you'll need to find at least five. Although there are more than five to find, don't keep looking after retrieving the first five unless you have excess energy to burn. The enemies in this cave are brutal and can wear down your life bar with merciless speed. Press select to check on the mission's status.

Your mission: Collect the Supply Crates that your men stashed in the second cave. You'll need five.

**THE SECOND CAVE**

The first cave you'll come to isn't very big. Explore inside to find an energy Power-Up that will give a boost to your Life Meter.
ENEMIES IN THE SAND

You'll have to watch your step when you're traveling in the desert. Tiny land mines left by enemy troops will explode if you step on them, and savage reptiles emerge without warning as you approach. Hold the X Button to sprint, or, if you want to play it safe, kneel and roll a grenade to take out approaching enemies.

KEEP YOUR COOL

Depleting your Ammo supply doesn't seem to be much of a concern, but if you're firing off lengthy blasts with your rifle, it might overheat and jam. Watch the heat meter on the screen to monitor the rifle's temperature. To cool the weapon down, you'll have to pick up some Coolant in the third cave.

THE THIRD CAVE

The third cave is much smaller than the second cave, but there are some Power-Ups. You can skip it and continue to Nagada if you want to.

ANCIENT INFORMERS

There are many elders in the game who offer advice and give information about the missions ahead. The first is inside the second cave. Once you've learned the mission objective, you can access a subscreen that shows the status of the mission.
After recovering all of the supply crates in Mission One, you'll be instructed to go to the ancient city of Nagada, which at first appears to be deserted. You need to find your men, who are in the next mission, but the door to the area where they are is locked tight. To open the door, you must search out the city's four elders, who were lost in a battle with Ra's Horus guards. They are hiding out in dark corners of the city, and some of them are still guarded by Ra's men. You'll have to use grenades to defeat the guards and rescue the elders. One of them knows how to open the locked gate, but you'll have to find all of the lost men before the gate will open. The ancient city is a maze. You must search its many levels and its hidden rooms to find all of the elders.

FIND THE MISSING ELDERS

When Ra's Horus guards invaded the city, the Elders fled, hoping to find sanctuary in hidden rooms or out-of-the-way alleys. They won't talk to you when you find them, but once you touch them, they'll raise their arms in thanks. If you return to the spots where you found them, they'll be gone. After you find the last one, go to the gate on the lower level on the east side of town.

THE SECOND DARK ROOM

You'll want to perfect your sprint jumps before you leave this room. The ledges here are narrow, and it's easy to fall from the top of the room all the way to the bottom. When you first enter, work your way down slowly and carefully. Rather than jumping to areas below, hang from the edges of the ledges and drop bombs on the enemies below. They're easier to defeat from above and you'll avoid injury, too.
When you come to the first larger-than-average doorway, stand in front of it and press Up on the Control Pad. You'll enter the first hidden room in Nagada. Inside, you'll find a series of ledges. Work your way down, destroying enemies and collecting Power-Ups as you go. Find and liberate the Elder in the lower left corner, then climb back up to the exit and return to search for the others on the sunlit streets.

Press Up to enter the first darkened room. You'll find an Elder inside, as well as some Coolant you can use to lower the temperature of your rifle.

Don't join the guard on the ledge. Instead, hang from the end of the ledge and lob a couple of bombs up onto the platform.

Stand back while the guard regains his form after teleporting. When he's fully formed, toss bombs at him.

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The Horus Guards

Ra's Horus guards possess superhuman powers. They can disappear and teleport themselves to different places. It takes a lot of rifle power to defeat them, so using bombs is a better ploy. A couple of direct hits with bombs will destroy them. Try to attack from as far away as you can to avoid incurring major damage. Wait until they're fully formed before attacking them.

Press Up to enter the first darkened room. You'll find an Elder inside, as well as some Coolant you can use to lower the temperature of your rifle.

To get through the last door, you must free the Elders and get them to open it. Step through it into the desert.

Blowing Down the Doors

You can use either your rifle or bombs to blast through closed doors. Both are effective, but bombs are faster so use them if you're in a hurry. The only door that you can't Rambo your way through is the last one on the right. You'll have to find an Elder who knows how to open that one. When you do, you can follow your men to the next phase of the game.

To the Second Room

A single grenade will blast down a door, but it takes several rounds with your rifle to complete the job.
O'Neil is greeted with some bad news when he meets up with Jackson at the beginning of Mission Three. Jackson thinks that Kawalski is dead, and the rest of O'Neil's men have scattered in the desert. O'Neil has to find them and give them much-needed supplies before they, too, perish. Like Mission One, this one is set in the desert. O'Neil will meet many of the same enemies here that he fought there, and he'll explore the same kinds of caverns that he did earlier, too.

**DESCRIPT DANGER**

In Mission Three, you'll learn that O'Neil brought a bomb of some kind with him. And not only that, you'll also find out that Ra's men have found and stolen pieces of it. It's a volatile situation, for sure. Now O'Neil has to find his men and recover the pieces—before Ra's men find out how to assemble them.

**CAVERN ONE**

Take a break from the desert sun. Step into the coolness of Cavern One and explore to find Power-Up items. You won't find any of your men inside, and it's a fairly small cave, but it's a good place to re-energize before meeting the more deadly enemies that inhabit the next cavern.

**CAVERN TWO**

Inside Cavern Two, you get the first good news of the trip: Kawalski isn't dead after all. He's badly wounded, but the supplies you give him will help him recover. He tells you that the rest of your men are in the area ahead. Time is critical, so get moving.

**CAVERN THREE**

Enter the third cavern and search for your men. You must find three of them before you leave via the exit in the lower right. It leads not back to the desert, but to the next mission, which takes place in the desert ruins.

You'll find Kawalski in Cavern Two—and he's not a goner yet. Give him some supplies.
DON'T BLAST OFF

Beware of detonating a grenade if you're standing on the edge of a ledge. The explosion might very well blast you off the ledge, so be prepared to grab on or fall.

INSTALL RAPID FIRE

Just inside Cavern Three, you'll pick up a very pleasing Power-Up. This one, Rapid Fire, powers-up your rifle and lets you fire twice as fast as you could previously. Now you'll be able to blast sand beetles and other pests that required grenade attacks before. You'll need the extra firepower when you enter the third cave, because the enemies there are nasty.

INTO THE RUINS

Work your way to the right, searching for your men. Although you had to exit previous caves to continue, this one leads directly into the ruins via a hidden exit in the lower right. Simply walk through the wall into the ruins, but find three men before you leave.
When you enter the ruins, you'll be treading on all-new territory. Some of the ledges in this ancient area are crumbling with age, so you'll have to watch your step as you search for your remaining marines. Ra's guards abound in this area. Having a healthy hoard of bombs will help you survive your encounters as you explore the confusing environs that exude Ra's mystic spirit. Instead of just running and leaping, you'll master some new skills that will allow you to reach out-of-sight spots. The ruins are challenging, even for a professional such as O'Neil.

**TRY THE RING TOSS**

If you take a close look at the backgrounds, you'll see some rings pounded into the stone. With a little practice, you'll be able to jump and grab the rings, then swing from ring to ring to reach ledges that are too far to jump to. Watch out for cracks in the ledges, too. If you step on weak spots, they'll give way and you'll fall.

**RETURN TO NAGADA**

When you return to the ancient city after rescuing all of your men, you'll once again need to seek out Elders. Some of the rooms you'll enter this time serve as transporters between the city and the ruins. Traveling between the two can be confusing, but there is a method to the madness. Pay close attention to discover which doors lead where.
CLIMB THE VINES
Other new twists to watch for in this area are the climbing vines on the stone walls. You can easily scale the walls using the strong vines. They'll let you reach areas that are otherwise inaccessible, so don't pass them by.

THE DOOR OPENS
When you've found all of the ancient ones, a door that leads back to Nagada will open. Use it to return and finish unfinished business in the old city.

ON TO ANUBIS
Anubis the awesome awaits. The people fear him, and with good reason. He is as ruthless as the supernatural god he claims to represent, and he scorns those who claim to be warriors. He has, after all, chewed up and spit out more than his share of would-be heroes, and he fully expects to do the same with O'Neil. Like his guards, he can disappear and teleport at will, which makes him a difficult target to hit. Stay below him when possible and lob your grenades up at him as soon as he makes an appearance. Keep an eye on his power meter so you can see how much damage you're delivering. If you're clever, perhaps O'Neil will make a lasting impression.

Throw grenades up at Anubis when he appears overhead. Watch his energy ebb.
Coming soon to your Super NES from Namco
ADVENTURE, ROLE PLAYING AND MUCH, MUCH MORE

What is a Role Playing Game? What's an adventure? How do strategy games differ from RPGs? What makes a sim a sim? Since Epic Center covers all these types of games, you might like to know how we define these different styles of games. Here are our definitions, but remember that some games cross over categories by sharing several characteristics. In fact, this month's feature game, Ogre Battle, successfully mixes all three types of Epic.

**RPGs** have a central character or characters in a party whose abilities grow during the course of the game. The other defining characteristic is that battles take place in a separate view and you don't have direct control over the movement of your character or party during the battle. Instead, you choose to Fight, use Magic or Items, or Run Away. RPGs offer extended play, usually featuring large worlds for players to explore and extensive story elements. Final Fantasy III is a perfect example of a mainstream RPG as it has evolved in Japan. One slight variation on the RPG theme can be found in first-person perspective games like Eye of the Beholder or Might & Magic III: Isles of Terra.

**Adventure games** might also have characters who grow in strength over the course of the game, but you have direct control over your character throughout. In battle, you can move your character and attack enemies directly. You also have some freedom to move to different areas and make choices about where you go and what you do. In other words, adventures are not strictly linear, like side-scrolling action games are. Adventures feature large worlds, multiple weapons, many story elements and items. The Legend of Zelda—A Link To The Past and Secret of Mana are good examples of Adventure games.

**Strategy games** usually involve moving units rather than individual characters, but characters may play a role in how the unit operates. Most strategies revolve around war scenarios, either historically based or fantasy based.

The game takes place on large maps, and battles between units are controlled by the computer. Koei, one of the largest game companies in Japan, has excelled in the strategy arena, concentrating on historical war games like P.T.O. and Operation Europe.
Simulations include a wide range of games in which players use realistic models of systems or machines. For instance, a flying game like Pilotwings is a simulation, but so is SimCity. In Epic Center, we will cover simulations like SimCity that model systems like towns, nations or businesses. These games are often open-ended with few set goals. Instead of trying to win, players may rather explore the simulation or build it up.

Epic games include any of the genres defined above and all the many combinations of those types of games. No matter what categories Epic games fall into, all of them offer deep, lasting play value.

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THE SAVAGE EMPIRE

The Ultima series takes a dramatic plot turn with The Savage Empire. As the Avatar who wanders through time and space, you’ll find yourself in a steamy jungle empire where tribes battle each other as well as the lurking, primordial beasts. Here in the heart of darkness, the Avatar must search for the missing daughter of the local tribal chief, but that is only the beginning of the quest.

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SMELLIVIDEO

Nintendo plans to launch its upcoming RPG, EarthBound, using a unique ad campaign with mailers and ads featuring scratch and sniff patches. That’s just for starters. A special 128-page Player’s Guide will be packaged with the game and it will include smell cards that correspond to events and characters in the game. For instance, when you go into a restaurant, you can scratch the appropriate card and catch a whiff of pizza. The chosen smells should stir up excitement for EarthBound, not to mention a few stomachs. Included will be the not so pleasant fragrances of some of EarthBound’s more vile enemies—20 smells in all. The game itself uses campy humor throughout, so the off beat odor of the campaign fits the mood perfectly.

ROMANCE OF THE THREE KINGDOMS III: WALL OF FIRE

Koei continues its Romance series this spring with Romance of the Three Kingdoms IV: Wall of Fire. The game takes place during the Three Kingdoms era of Chinese history in the second and third century A.D. Your goal, as always in this strategy series of war games, is to unite the warring kingdoms under your enlightened rule. It won’t be easy. Against you stand the other warlords and their armies. Negotiations often lead to treachery while plotting in the battle mode and strategy mode further muddles the water.

New features for Romance IV include special help commands that should help make the interface a bit more user-friendly than previous Romance games. Your armies can use up to 450 officers and players can customize up to 180 more officers. One of the special features of the Romance series is the multi-
player aspect. Up to eight players can join in the action taking alternating turns. A first for the Romance series will be the ability to negotiate with foreign tribes in China. On the battle scene, troops will make use of new weapons including battering rams, catapults and automatic crossbows.

The new Romance packs six scenarios in its 24-megabits of memory. It also offers advice from officers as well as general game advice with the Help function. Koei also spruced up the graphics and sound for added entertainment value. In the past, the Romance series has attracted a dedicated following of war gamers, but Koei hopes to increase their audience by giving new titles more intuitive interfaces and easier command functions. The proof will be in the finished version, which we hope to report on next month. As for release dates, Koei hopes Romance IV will be in stores by this summer.

MORE EPIC NEWS

Civilization, the excellent, but long delayed strategy game from Microprose, has hit another snag in its release schedule. Although we played the finished version of the Super NES game some time ago, it looks now as if Microprose and its parent company, Spectrum Holobyte, have yet to settle on a street date. We hope that they decide soon, because strategy fans will eat this game up once it is out. What we can tell you is that the Super NES version of Civilization differs only slightly from the PC game. Unlike the Super NES SimCity, which added unique features to the Mac and Mac versions, this Civilization recreates the award-winning game with a very playable Super NES interface.

Although we don’t have much information yet, Taito says that Lufia II is due out this summer, but a more likely date for the sequel is probably fall. We’ll update you on Lufia II as soon as we can.

The interstellar strategy game announced by Koei last summer has been taken off the Super NES development list according to Koei’s U.S. office. But that may not be the end of the story. It has been hinted that the game of galactic conquest may still appear on a Nintendo platform. Hmmmm?

Epic Games that you don’t want to miss:

SUPER NES
ActRaiser
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Breath of Fire
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The Legend of Zelda—A Link To The Past
Lufia & The Fortress of Doom
Metal Marines
Dbitus
Populous
RoboTrek
Secret of Mana
Seventh Saga
SimAnt
SimCity
Shadowrun
Star Trek: The Next Generation
The Twisted Tales of Spike McFang
Uncharted Waters—New Horizons

GAME BOY
Final Fantasy Adventure
Final Fantasy Legend (I-III)
The Legend of Zelda—Link’s Awakening
Ultima: Runes of Virtue II
Ogre Battle, from Enix, fulfills an ancient prophecy—that one day a game would appear for both RPG and strategy-war gamers, and that forever after their homes would ring with the clash of swords and shake from the feet of marching armies. This fantasy becomes a reality today.

AN OGRE OF AN EPIC...AT FIRST LOOK

For all of its gaming strengths, Ogre Battle suffers the fate of its warty namesake—misunderstood like an ogre of yore, it makes a poor first impression. But players who give the game a chance will find a gem beneath the scales. In Ogre Battle, players control units composed of up to five characters, including fighters, magic users and monsters. Commanding the units to liberate towns and defeat enemy units, you’ll move from one province of the Zenobian Empire to another. You’ll gather items as you go, raise your experience and learn secrets that reveal a truly epic story. Great 3-D battle animations add to the excitement and players can spend months uncovering secrets on the vast map. Ogre Battle also redefines replay value, with 12 different endings and dozens of ways to progress through the game. On closer inspection, this ogre turns out to be a real prince of a game.
ZENOBIA MUST FALL!

Picture yourself commanding a rebel army of beasts, knights, wizards, and giants. Beginning in the hinterlands, you'll skillfully move your pawns, honing their skills in battle against the powerful forces of the Zenobian empire. But might of arms won't always win the day. You'll make difficult choices that affect your reputation and the eventual outcome of the war. Enemies may become friends, but treachery may lurk in the smiles of allies. If you are careless, your noble cause may end in the creation of a second evil empire with you sitting upon its dark throne.

FRIGHT IT OUT

Ogre Battle conflicts differ from most RPG battles by restricting the player's input. Instead of choosing from one of dozens of attacks or magic spells, you must place units strategically, use Tarot “Magic” Cards, and bring items into play at critical moments. A typical battle begins when two units collide. The battle view shows both rebel and imperial forces facing each other. During the battle round, you can employ strategies and Tarot Cards or you can run for the hills. Each of your troops delivers a set number of hits or spells, and, when all competing troops have finished their moves, the game determines a winner and you return to the overworld map. Be prepared to meet the same enemies many times!
**THE FACE OF BATTLE**

Battle begins when your rebel forces come face-to-snout with the enemy. In the 3-D view, embattled characters make as many attacks as their positions allow. For instance, a Knight attacks twice if he's on the front line but only once if he's positioned in the second row. Once every character on the field of battle finishes, the game automatically determines the winner and assigns experience points. In addition to the set "round" of fighting, you can play Tarot Cards, which act as a sort of magic. Choosing the right Tactic also helps, but sometimes the best choice is to run away. In Ogre Battle, unlike most RPGs, slaughtering the enemy isn't considered heroic. The people of Zenobia appreciate a fair fight.

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**THE ENEMIES**

Most enemies fight for the leader of the region that you've invaded. They move out from a central base to greet your marauders. You'll also find Neutral enemies in wild areas who may join you.

**THE REBELS**

Most of your forces join up along the way, swayed by your charisma and your noble cause, not to mention your wallet. The rebel characters must be paid handsome sums to fight.

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**DRAWING THE BATTLE LINES**

The battle system in Ogre Battle considers many factors, including the time of day, the terrain of the battlefield, and so on. Your concern is to fight the good fight. Units with high Alignment should liberate towns while units with low Alignment should head-off advancing enemies. Incidentally, low Alignment units fight better at night. Keep a mix of strong and weak units active and let the weak units finish off enemies that have been depleted by strong units. In this way, the local people will grow to respect you.
THE BEST FIGHTING FORCE IN THE WORLD

Add and delete characters from active units and from an inactive pool of characters using the Edit screens. Creating the ideal mix of units won't be easy. You must balance strength with special requirements. Units composed of water characters may add to your effectiveness, but they are useful only in limited areas. To get started, build up several strong units for fighting enemy leaders and be sure to deploy a forest unit, mountain unit, flying unit, and water unit. Also include units with both high and low Alignment ratings and several weak units for attacking low-end enemy units.

THE LANDS
The empire contains plains, forests, mountains, seas, and rivers along with towns. During your campaign in a region, take and hold the towns while moving toward the leader's castle. Later, return to liberated areas and explore more thoroughly. You'll find hidden towns, temples, and items plus valuable information.

THE MAGIC OF TAROT CARDS
Once liberated, townsfolk bestow upon their hero the valuable gift of Tarot Cards. Each card contains potent magic that you tap once during a battle. Fourteen Tarot Cards may be held at a time and you can discard less valuable cards in order to keep a new, stronger card. Some Tarot magic blasts enemies with elemental forces while other cards contain healing or strengthening magic. Ogre Battle comes with a handy chart listing Tarot Cards and their uses. The game also contains a Help function that explains the use of all items in the game.
A TOUCH OF CLASS

All characters belong to a class such as Fighter, Amazon or Wizard, but most can improve themselves through the hard work of rooting out evil. Once a character reaches a particular level of experience, he or she can move up to a stronger, more versatile character class. For instance, a Fighter may become a Knight, a Beastman or even a Wizard. In turn, a Knight with enough experience will become eligible for Paladin status, and eventually he can become a Vampyre. Once a class change has been made, however, a character's future is set along that path. A Knight will never become a Dragon Master since the Dragon Master class is available only to Dragoners, Beast Masters and Beast Men.

ALL THE KING'S HENCHMEN

At the heart of every region lies a fortress from which the emperor's chosen governor commands his pawns. If you destroy the leader, you will have crushed the empire's influence in the region, but don't expect it to be easy. Before storming the castle, be sure to defeat most or all of the enemy units. Save your strongest Tarot Cards for the final battle (just in case) and use your strongest unit unless you received information earlier indicating that a special character should lead the assault. Sometimes the leader gives you a choice or tries to make a deal. Weigh the offer carefully.
OGRE ENTREE

Ogre Battle combines many of the best features of games like Populous, P.T.O. and Final Fantasy III. It's big, too—100 hours plus. This Epic Center review gets you started, but we'll serve up a second course soon.

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This month Workshop turns its focus to the development of Secret of Evermore, an adventure by Square Soft. We visited the Square crucible of creation at the end of February when the game development was still in full swing.

SECRET OF EVRMORE

FIELD OF SCREAMS

Evermore was to be a virtual world, created by the wondrous imaginations of a scientist and his friends, but the scientist-creator forgot that imagination often twists unpredictably and travels down unforeseen avenues. And so it happened in Evermore. The dream became a nightmare and the scientist and his friends were trapped inside their virtual world. If it were not for the curiosity of a boy and his dog, who stumbled upon Evermore by accident, there would be no hope for escape from the nightmare.

The world of Evermore in the minds of Doug Smith (VP of Development), Producer Alan Weiss, and the Evermore team, who, like their fictional creation, Dr. Sidney Ruffleburg, dreamed of creating a virtual world out of the imagination. Work on this vision began over a year ago with the newly gathered team members camped out in a conference room at Square's Redmond, Washington offices. The game first took shape as a series of rough sketches on a drawing board. Alan Weiss, the project's director, would scribble his ideas on the board to launch a group brainstorm session. The first discussions centered on game size and format. They decided to make it a one-player game, unlike Mana, because originally the game was to be only 12 megabits and they wanted to preserve memory space for creating a richer world. Later, it became a 24-megabit game, encompassing vast territories full of secrets.

MOG IN AMERICA

Square Soft has never before developed a game outside Japan. Why should it? Its success with the Final Fantasy series and Secret of Mana has been extraordinary. On the other hand, why not? The American market is huge and the appetite for quality adventure games in the mold of Zelda and Mana largely goes unsatisfied. So Square made the commitment. They hired game artists, programmers, designers and set them up with an impressive array of computer equipment, including some SGI Indy II workstations.

The team promptly stamped the
Once the original decisions had been made, the process of turning the rough story sketches into computer art began. The first step belonged to graphic advisor Daniel Dociu. Beginning with research at the library, Daniel created pencil drawings of the characters, backgrounds and cinema scenes. Then, with the input of other team members, he refined the sketches into color art. He often found that his initial drawings led him to create entirely new characters. "At one point I was working on a thief," Daniel recalls, "when I got the idea that a beggar might work even better. After talking with Alan and George, we created this new character. Early in the game you have the opportunity to give the beggar something. Then, later on, he shows up again, no longer a beggar, and he returns the favor." This sort of creative improvisation occurred throughout the process. Clayton Kauzlaric, one of the team of four background artists, thought it might be fun to create a flock of pigeons for the marketplace. "There was a statue in the marketplace," he explained, "so naturally I thought there should be a pigeon sitting on its head. I showed the idea around and we put it in the game.

In the game, the animators had to create an average of 12 walking frames, frames showing the character taking a hit and frames of an attack sequence. Depending on the character's position in the game, it might need side views plus front and back views. Rebecca Coffman, the lead animator on the project, pointed out that creating an animated character isn't as simple as putting one foot in front of the other. The most critical issue is game feel. "We have to put the character into the game world to see how it really moves," she explained. She demonstrated the animation of the dog. The dog's motion looked fluid, like a racing greyhound, but it was charging over stumps and rocks as if they weren't even there. She quickly reassured us that this wasn't the finished animation. "Later on we'll put in walk masks that let the game know where a character can or can't move." David House had just put the final touches on a new character, the Frippo, part frog and part hippo, when we stopped by. The types of characters in the

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ATTACK OF THE FRIPPO

The next step involved taking Daniel's conceptual art and converting it into a form that could be used in the game. Three animators, four background artists and one 3-D rendering artist recreated the images on their computers. For each of the 80 animated characters
game really varies," he said. "Some are funny like this Frippo, but others are very ominous. Actually, the Frippo may look cute, but it can squash you." David smiled, obviously pleased with this. Al Dume is in charge of animating the attack frames of the Frippo and more horrible characters like knights, giants and dinosaurs. We noticed a giant Nerf hammer hanging on his wall—for practicing moves on his colleagues, we guessed.

**A CUBE WITH A VIEW**

The world in which the Evermore characters move was created by Damon Couklun, Beau Folsom, Kevin Pun, and Clayton Kauzlaric. Remarkably, all the areas of the game shared the same overall style and look. Were these guys clones or what? Damon assured us that the answer wasn't quite that dramatic. "First off, Square has a tradition in its graphics. Secret of Mana kind of set the stage. Then there's Daniel giving us all direction, and we have to share lots of elements." Video game artists don't have the freedom to create just anything. The limitations of memory, even at 24 megabits, places restrictions on the artists. A large rock, for instance, may have been designed by Damon, but the other artists use the same rock in appropriate places on their maps. Symmetrical objects get split down the middle as a means of saving memory. After half of an object is drawn on the screen, it is flipped and drawn again beside the original half to give the appearance of an entire object. Still, we're talking about a lot of art. The Marketplace contains 250 tile characters with which Clayton has constructed booths, piles of wares, cages and crates, and even people. He wanted the Marketplace to look crowded, so special nonsprite characters, like a juggler who's too busy to talk ("I can't talk...busy...juggling..."), were placed throughout. Evermore will feature four worlds with 40 separate areas, and each area may reach up to 30 screens in size.

**DEBABELIZED**

Some of the most dramatic objects and characters in the game were created by Brad Clarkson using a Silicon Graphics workstation and Alias software rendering tools. The process begins with Daniel's concept art, but Brad must imagine the two-dimensional picture in three dimensions. His background in designing airplane parts with CAD programs helps. After creating a grid image, he renders the object using textures. Surprisingly, Brad says that the rougher textures turn out best. "I mean, after we debabelize them." Debabelize? "The debabelizer reduces the millions of colors used in the SGI rendering down to the palette size of the Super NES," Brad explained, and in the same breath he added, "This is a lot more fun than designing airplane bath-

rooms." Some of the incredible renderings for Evermore include boss characters like the Lava Machine, the Serpent Sphinx and the Trojan Dog. They also include objects as small as 16 x 16 pixels, like the torches in caves.

**THE SAGE OF EVERMORE**

Art isn't everything, of course. You have to put it all together. The Evermore team accomplishes that using Square's Amazing Graphical Editor, or SAGE. Brian Fehdrau and his team of software engineers created SAGE from scratch. Unlike many development projects in which all the finished pieces are handed to the programmers, who then put the game together, SAGE allows the artists and designers direct access to the game. SAGE is an all-in-one tool, meaning that art, animation, sound and game commands can be pieced together in a simple Macintosh point-and-click
interface. Not only is SAGE easy to use, but it is very powerful. When hooked up to a Nintendo development system through another Square innovation, artists can work directly off a TV monitor. Since computer monitor colors can vary greatly from TV monitors, this direct access means that artists can easily adjust their colors and get the most out of the Super NES.

**SOULE MUSIC**

Jeremy Soule, the composer of Evermore's music and sound effects, also has his computer plugged into a Super NES emulator in order to hear what the game really sounds like. In addition to using Wolfgang, a commercial sound development tool, Jeremy uses special Square tools that allow sounds to track the movement of a character on screen using left/right pan fades. Although called SIGIL or Square Interpreted Game Intelligence Language, which Brian Fehdrau created along with SAGE. With SIGIL, George places Walk Buttons and Hot Boxes that call for text, animation, sounds or other events to be carried out. As in all the other steps of creating Evermore, it seems that here, too, improvisation rules. "We find that we need things that we didn't expect," says George. "For instance, here at the cliffs, I'm going to have to request a new falling animation for the dog. A lot of the time you can't tell what you'll need until you see it in front of you." But George isn't alone putting the final play features into the game. Jeff Petkau designs the artificial intelligence that controls how enemy characters attack and James Gillis places the random baddies in the game so that even George is often surprised when a creature leaps on him from the bushes.

**S.I.G.I.L. & GEORGE**

George "the Mad King" Sinfield gathers the elements and puts them together in playable form. George's scripting of Evermore puts to use his many years of gaming knowledge gathered from working at such places as Nintendo and T'HOQ. George places the active elements on finished backgrounds using a high-level programming language and so the dedicated Evermore development team slaves late into the night, even eating dinner at the office, risking insomnia and indigestion in order to bring you what will surely be one of the major adventure games of the year. We can't wait.
The unusual view and play of Brandish can leave an inexperienced adventurer lost in short order. Now you can keep yourself on track with the help of these awesome maps!

**KEY**

When following these maps use the key to help find your way. Because the action screen in Brandish rotates around the player, it can be tricky to follow a map. Always keep in mind that the tops of the maps face north. If you need to find your location on the map, turn until the compass arrow at the top of the action screen points up, then compare the map to the landmarks on your screen.

**RUINS - BF 1**

There are several different ways to fall into the basement. Depending on which area of the ruins you fall from, you may end up in a different area of the basement. If you can't reach all of the corridors in this area, try falling into pits from other areas. The doorway in the northeast corner of the map won't appear unless you fall into the basement from Area 3.

**RUINS - BF 2**

You'll fall into this small area of the basement if you take a wrong step in the central room in Area 2. Although there doesn't appear to be any escape from this room, you can break your way through the wall in the northwest corner. If you don't happen to have a Sledgehammer with you, search the bodies that are lying around the room.
RUINS - AREA 1

The locked door in this area will prove to be your biggest obstacle. If you locate the Master Keys in the southeast corner you can open many of the locked doors without any problems. After you find the keys, work your way to the northwest corner of the map. There you will find some free Sledgehammers.

RUINS - AREA 2

You'll need to find the Skull Key in the eastern area of this maze, before you can continue towards the exit. You'll also need to successfully traverse the room full of pits before you can escape. If you've found the Steel Balls, you can throw them in front of you to find out if the floor will hold your weight. If you make a mistake, see the map of BF2 after you land in the Basement.

RUINS - AREA 3

There are two tricky spots in this area: the boulder in the southwest corner and the pit room in the northeast. To avoid the boulder, turn around and walk backwards onto the switch, then run down the hall. You can close the pits by shooting the wall switch with Fire Magic.

RUINS - AREA 4

In the central area of Area 4 you'll find a long string of switches on the floor. When you enter the room, stand by the west wall, face east and walk across the first eight switches. When the boulder starts rolling at you, run backwards and hide in the nearby alcove, letting the boulder roll by.
**RUINS - AREA 5**

Area 5 is arguably the toughest area in the entire ruins. The sliding pole rooms have frustrated more players than can be counted. When you reach the first pole room, stand in the doorway and jump into the first hole, then face east and jump back out of the hole. Work your way through the rest of the room by jumping over the sliding poles onto the safe spots that have been placed throughout the area. Once you've escaped this room, it's smooth sailing... until the next sliding pole room.

**RUINS - AREA 6**

You can't rest while you're in this area, so you'll want to keep track of any of the Health Fountains that you find. Use the Fire Magic rather than your sword to attack the enemies. It lets you hit them from a distance and keep from getting damaged!

**RUINS - AREA 7**

Area 7 is full of teleporters. You can be walking, and all of a sudden you appear in a new part of the area. If you suspect that you've teleported, quickly look at your map to regain your bearings. Even if you know where the teleport spots are, it won't do you any good to try to jump over them—you'll still be teleported. Leaving the treasure chests open after you find them can also help prevent you from walking in circles. If the chest is open, you've already been there!
**RUINS - AREA 8**

Pits are everywhere in this area! If you don't tread carefully, you'll find yourself lost deep in the dungeon. If you don't have any Steel Balls, try holding the L or R Button, then press the Y Button to look carefully at the spot directly in front of you. While it may seem time consuming, it'll save you a lot of trouble. If you find yourself getting low on hit points, you can rest by holding the L and R Buttons at the same time.

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**RUINS - AREA 9**

There are no keys in this level, so the only thing you need to worry about is successfully maneuvering your way through the maze. Keep track of your location on the map and work your way to the exit. If you have the cash, you might want to stop by the Magic Shop on this level and stock up on some powerful new VOLUME 71

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**RUINS - AREA 10**

As you enter Area 10, you'll face a room full of teleporters. To make it through the room and find the first key, walk one step east from where you entered the level, then walk south nine steps. Now if you walk east two steps, you'll teleport. Walk one step south and one step west to teleport again. Open the chest in this room to find the missing key. After getting the key, walk back to the teleporter to go back to the main room and work your way back to the door.
PICKING A WINNER

This month’s Sports Scene adds even more titles to familiar Super NES sports categories. Some of the titles add a new spin to a familiar game, like Culture Soft’s Super Baseball Simulator 1.000 2 while others go beyond previous games in graphic reality or play, as in the case of Konami’s International Superstar Soccer. The big question is, which game of the dozens available for each sport is best for you? Sports Scene can help by comparing new titles to old ones. Check the reviews our overall opinion of the game’s playability, then try out the game before you buy.

MADDEN ‘95 PAGE 13
The Madden series of football games keeps getting better every year. This month’s focus zooms in on some of the strategies that will make you a winner.

BASEBALL WRAP PAGE 14
The new baseball season gets underway with two sequels and one all-new game. We also rate them against the releases from last year.

NCAA HDPSS PAGE 17
Mindscape ventures into the world of collegiate athletics for the second time with NCAA Basketball Final Four. Does this game make it into our top four or not?

Superstar Soccer

By Konami

Buffalo Grove, IL—Konami may not have made it to the starting gate last summer during World Cup fever, but International Superstar Soccer should still find a place in the record books. Like in its name suggests, Superstar Soccer delivers dazzling performance. The excellent animation of player moves, realistic play control and a host of options put Superstar on top.

Some of the appeal of the graphics comes from the large size of players on the pitch. You can see what the active player is doing at every moment and you can anticipate what his teammates will do. Being able to anticipate moves made by computer-controlled opponents gives you a sense of real teamwork.

As for options, Konami included the standard “Cup” and a World Series. The Scenario option (similar to the option in NFL Quarterback Club) puts you in a match at a critical point—a great choice when you don’t have lots of time to play. If you like realistic soccer, this game should be on your list.
HEADING FOR ACTION

Konami packed International Superstar Soccer full of options, but they also packed it full of fun. As either a one-player or two-player game, Superstar outperforms the competition. FIFA International Soccer has the multi-player option that allows four hooligans to have a kick at the same time, which is a great plus. With Superstar, however, you have simpler control functions, more realistic animation and even better play control. That's really saying something since FIFA is an excellent game in its own right.

One of the best features of Superstar may be the least visible feature on the screen. As you move up and down the field with your active player, the radar screen displays colored dots designating the locations of your players. The radar concept is nothing new, but Konami's version may be the best example in any sports game. One swift glance at the radar reveals the position of teammates to whom you should pass the ball or other players who are guarded closely by your opponents. The graphics of the radar stand out from the field clearly enough to be seen even out of the corner of your eye and they track the movement of all players on the pitch with absolute accuracy—accuracy you can count on to make multiple passes or set up a scoring shot. It's like having super peripheral vision that takes in the whole field.

When playing Superstar, keep in mind that the 26 international teams have the strengths and weaknesses of the real squads. You'll recognize the strategies and techniques from last year's World Cup teams in their video counterparts. For instance, if you want the best team possible, choose Germany, Brazil or Italy. If you want more of a challenge, choose Russia or Korea. The tactics screen may look limiting since it offers only five choices, but the formations are all fluid. Players react quickly to new situations, and the AI is excellent. Players move appropriately to receive passes or score. The moves look great, too:

The moves look great, too: headers, bicycle kicks, fancy dribbling, sliding tackles.

IN TRAINING

The Training mode of International Superstar Soccer goes beyond just teaching the basics. It can stand alone as a fun play. While challenging you to improve your skills in five critical areas of the game—dribbling, passing, shooting, defending and making corner kicks—the Trainer awards points for your performance. Four levels of experience must be conquered, with tough opposition from the computer players at the higher levels. By the time you break the preset record on the fourth level, you'll be a real soccer superstar.
Wheeling, IL—One of the premier wide receivers in the NFL puts his name on the line with Jaleco’s first football title, Sterling Sharpe’s End 2 End. As you might guess, the designers emphasized the passing game in this four-player Pak, but you’ll find the full range of football plays on both offense and defense. Play selection uses a process similar to that of Madden ’95 and previous Madden games. You begin by choosing a formation like Pro Set, then choose from the plays that can be run from that formation. Defense works the same way, and in the case of both offense and defense, you can call an audible at the line of scrimmage. End 2 End also lets the defensive player choose control of different players by tapping the A Button. Overall play control speed feels realistic. The graphics look sharp for a game that has been packed into a skimpy eight megabit Pak, which may also mean a lower retail price. All that sounds pretty good, but End 2 End drops the ball when it comes to some other features. Play modes are limited to End 2 End for head-to-head clashes, a Play-off tournament, and an All-Star game between the All American and All National squads, which is pointless since the game doesn’t include any real football players except Sharpe himself. Sound during play might best be described as the howl of wind over a microphone.

Passers will find the controls to be simple. The A Button kicks the ball from center and a second tap of the A Button shows the receivers’ designation letters at the same time that the perspective on the field zooms back to show a much larger area. For the offense it’s great, but on defense, it can be difficult to tell where the play is going. When you switch to the active defender, you might not see which player you control until he’s off and running.

Teams do seem to excel in the same areas as their NFL counterparts. Jaleco includes both Jacksonville and Carolina, but since this game received its final touches before the expansion draft, there’s no way to tell how realistic the teams will turn out to be. End 2 End delivers solid multi-player action. The stats are impressive, Instant Replay reveals good AI for computer controlled players, but the game leaves out many features like substitutions, a league schedule, and scenarios. In the end, it’s not in the same class as Madden ’95 from EA Sports or Acclaim’s NFL Quarterback Club.
SPORTS SCENE SPECIAL
MADDEN '95

Now, it’s time to hit the field and bang heads. This month we’ll share some winning strategies that you can use in Madden '95. The two boxes below reveal tips that work in many situations, but the best tip of all is to practice and to use the teams that execute best. There’s a good reason for boning up on your Madden skills, too, because the Super NES XBand Modem from Catapult, due for release this summer, will let you challenge players all over the country.

ON OFFENSE
READ THE DEFENSE
The most useful offensive skill you can learn is reading the defense and adjusting to it. In this scenario, the 49ers choose to run the halfback draw trap, but when they get to the line they find the Raiders sitting over the hole.

CALL THE AUDIBLE
Don’t panic! Call the audible at the line for a deep pass route. The Raiders, stuffed up in the middle, will be outmanned on the flanks by four receivers going long. In general, deep passes on the outside are the best bet in Madden '95. Crossing patterns and hooks are risky. Running the ball can be brutal.

BEST PICKS
THE CHAMPS
San Francisco 49ers—The current NFL champs have virtually no weaknesses. This means that the AI executes player movement just as it is drawn in the playbook in most cases.

LONE STARS
Dallas Cowboys—The Cowboys have so many strengths that you might wonder why they’re number two. Strong passing and a crushing defense may even make the 49ers into believers.

PURPLE POWER
Minnesota Vikings—You might not have guessed this one, but if you play with the Vikings you’ll see how powerful they are in most areas. The running game is their one weakness.

ON DEFENSE
THE SACK MACHINE
The best “D” results in loss—loss of yards, loss of downs, loss of the ball and loss of self-respect for your opponent. The key word is Blitz!

TOUGH GUYS
The AI in Madden '95 is good, but it doesn’t expect certain types of behavior. For one thing, the computer doesn’t expect you to blitz with the Tough Guy Blitz on virtually every down. This short yardage defensive scheme can be burned by deep passes, but in most cases you’ll down the QB long before he can throw the ball.
Bases Loaded Again

By Jaleco

Wheeling, IL—Super Bases Loaded 3: License To Steal is full of give and take. It features licenses from the MLBPA and Stats Inc., which means you get to play with real major leaguers. Great. But their skills are based on stats from 1993. On the plus side, SBL3 delivers realistic pitching. For each pitcher you can select from their four best pitches by pushing one of the four Controller Buttons. On the other side of the plate, however, the distant perspective of your batter makes judging your swing awkward. Placement of the ball becomes a matter of choosing a direction on the Controller and accurate placement is difficult. If you're used to a game like Ken Griffey Jr. Presents Major League Baseball or MLBPA Baseball where hitting feels very natural, the lack of control in SBL3 may make this game feel incomplete.

Players may combat some of the awkward feel of the defense by customizing the on-field play. If you choose automatic settings for fielding, batting and running, the computer responds well. On the other hand, be prepared to chase balls if you opt for the Manual setting. The problem once again is the perspective, which switches from behind the pitcher to behind the plate after a hit. The defensive player must completely reorient himself to a new scene, find the ball, and move his closest defensive player toward it. Most baseball games have chosen the behind-the-plate perspective to avoid this sort of view-switching problem.

Bases Loaded 3 looks nice on the screen, and the controls, although often difficult, are not impossible. If you use the Auto fielding option, you'll have some fun. Players play an entire season (something you couldn't do in the original Super Bases Loaded) or a championship series. You'll also find an MVP game and an exhibition game for two-players. But in the end, although the game may have the "license to steal," it isn't one.
**BASEBALL SIMULATOR RETURNS**

By Culture Brain

Redmond, WA—The next sequel of the season comes from Culture Brain. **Super Baseball Simulator 1000 2** differs from virtually every other Super NES baseball game due to the super powers of its Ultra League players. This is fantasy baseball with a difference. Your players can bring down lighting from above and turn pitchers into a buzzing mass of baseballs. Or a batter can call up his super power to gain base running speed. Baseball 2020 with its robots and other super teams is the only game remotely like it on this planet.

On the field, most of the play seems realistic. The game uses a standard view and the field holds no surprises like those in Baseball 2020. The game has an arcade feel due to the wild animations of the power plays and the messages that pop up on the diamond-vision board. Baseball Sim 2 also gives players good control. Whereas batters can't move in the box in Super Bases Loaded 3, in Baseball Sim 2 you have full movement. You can also set the difficulty level at one of the three positions from Standard to Expert. On defense, players seem to move slowly, but you have the option to change their positions on the field, to play close or deep depending on the situation. Most base runners also seem to move at tortoise speeds, which makes taking extra bases a risky business. The speed of the ball in the outfield also seems to vary at times for no known reason.

The big difference between Baseball Sim 2 and all of its competitors has to be the power play option. You activate the player's power on the mound or at the plate with the X Button plus any pitch or hit button. Some part of the view changes and the player performs his incredible feat sometimes. A power pitch or hit can still be a flop. In the Ultra League, you also have super fielding abilities like the Rocket Jump, Super Slide or Hyper Throw. Sometimes the power move takes on the form of super speed for the runner. The graphics during the power moves can be as simple as changing the look of the ball to dramatic setting shifts into outer space where a cosmic pitcher takes on an orbital batter.

Baseball Sim 2 lacks some features that have become standard in other baseball games. Virtually no suggestion of Major League Baseball can be found. Two of the six team leagues are based on major league cities. The Ultra League—the third division—is a fantasy creation. You can also create your own Original League. The team and player editting functions in Baseball Sim 2 give it yet another difference. If you've ever wanted to field a team of awesome players, here's your chance.

The Japanese design team combined two of that nation's pop culture pastimes—baseball and comic books—to create **Super Baseball Simulator 1000 2**. The on-field play is nowhere near as realistic or solid as Ken Griffey Jr., MLBPA Baseball or Tecmo MLBPA Baseball, but it is unique and fun in its own right.

"The game has an arcade feel due to the wild animations..."
By Hudson Soft
San Francisco, CA—Hudson Soft enters the baseball world with The Sporting News Power Baseball—the first four-player baseball game for the Super NES. Therein lies the game's claim to fame. The multi-player option is great if you have a multi-player adapter and friends who like to get together for a game. The Sporting News Baseball also features good graphics with large characters, particularly at the pitching/hitting view. The play control for both hitters and pitchers won't confuse anyone. It's all standard button stuff without much variety. The overhead fielding view shrinks the players and their movement can seem painfully slow, which is common in most baseball games. The game contains three levels of difficulty, but the AI remains fairly simple at all levels and the play on offense and defense is not nearly as realistic as in Ken Griffey Jr. MLBPA Baseball or Tecmo Baseball.

Hudson grabbed the MLBPA license to add Major League players' names to the rosters. You'll find season play, exhibition games for one to four players, a pennant race mode, an All-Star game and a Home Run derby. There's also a Watch option.

This game has a short learning curve, which makes it ideal for four players, because Hudson did a good job putting in the basics. If you're into realistic baseball action, however, The Sporting News may not have what you want.

BASEBALL SCORECARD

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THE FINAL FOUR PLAYS HERE

Novato, CA—The road to the final four isn’t an easy one. NCAA Final Four Basketball from Mindscape began life with tremendous promise. The development teams at Bitmasters and in Mindscape’s new 3-D studio created a rendered character set that allowed players on the court to move in realistic ways never seen before. Players pivot smoothly, turn around, pass the ball between their legs, etc. All of that is in the final version of the game, and it’s something to appreciate for its finer technical points. But NCAA Final Four scores fewer points for playability. The biggest disappointment comes from the absence of any way to identify the active player—the player that you control. In virtually every contact sport video game, the designers have seen fit to place a star, circle or some other indicator showing which guy you control. The game also loses points for the slowness of play. The nice graphics slow down the action to an awkward pace. That’s too bad. The NCAA’s top schools are represented, which will be a draw for many fans. The game also includes realistic free throws, good instant replays, the full tournament, and exhibition games for up to four players. But if you’re serious about basketball, look to EA Sports’ NBA Live ’95 for the ultimate hoop thrills, or NBA Jam Tournament Edition. And if you need a hit of the NCAA, hunt up a copy of Nintendo’s NCAA Basketball with its remarkable Mode 7 perspective.
Less than two years ago, Nintendo of America and Silicon Graphics Inc. announced the beginning of a dream. Together they would build a videogame system so advanced that it would rival the performance of the best computer graphics workstations. Even more staggering was the promise that the new, 64-bit video game system would cost less than $250 compared to the tens of thousands of dollars for high-end graphics computers. The “Project Reality” working title reflected the incredibly realistic nature of the graphics that would appear on the new system. The power of Silicon Graphics’ technology would allow the most realistic animation and special effects ever seen on home televisions. Doubters said it couldn’t be done, but Nintendo and Silicon Graphics knew that Project Reality would become a reality. The reality is this, the system will fulfill every promise made back in mid-1993 including the promise of revolutionary game graphics and a price of less than $250. The first games designed for use on the Nintendo Ultra 64 have been declared winners at the arcades. Killer Instinct and Cruis ’N USA have set a new standard for arcade games, but the NU 64 home system is even more powerful, capable of delivering even better animation and effects.
From the outset of the project, the goal has been to create the best video game platform ever imagined. The 64-bit processors from Silicon Graphics' subsidiary MIPS Technologies Inc. are at the heart of the system and promise to deliver the quality of the finest Hollywood special effects with the speed necessary for real-time gameplay. Combining those two elements has guided the engineers from day one. The decision to use MIPS processors, which require data to be delivered to the CPU (Central Processing Unit) and Graphics and Audio Processing Unit at super high speed, also determined the need for game data to be stored on ROM chips rather than CD-ROM disks. That in turn meant that a high speed connection had to be made between Game Paks and the processors, which led to the use of Rambus' breakthrough memory technology. The operating speed of the CPU at 100 megahertz makes the NU 64 faster by far than high-end personal computers, and the dedicated architecture of the system will deliver even greater graphics performance than the speed alone suggests. MIPS technology makes use of RISC (Reduced Instruction Set Computer) chips. The beauty of the RISC chip is that it breaks computing into simple tasks that can be calculated much faster than they could be with traditional processor designs. Since the major workload of creating complex graphics comes from recalculating pixel positions, the lightning-fast RISC chip is the perfect processor for software with tons of graphics.

The Reality Co-processor is the name for the Graphics and Audio Processing Unit designed by Silicon Graphics for the NU 64. This Co-processor uses specialized techniques such as real-time anti-aliasing and trilinear mipmap interpolation for the creation of ultra realistic graphics. Anti-aliasing is a technique that eliminates the jagged edges of diagonal lines on a TV or computer monitor. The NU 64 performs anti-aliasing on all objects, no matter where they appear in the 3-D space of the scene. As an object scales larger, its edges remain smooth and realistic looking. Tri-linear mipmap interpolation also works in real-time on the NU 64, eliminating the effect of exaggerated pixelation, a problem that is very common when objects are scaled to large proportions. With Tri-linear mipmap interpolation, the close-up surface always looks realistic without any of that blocky effect. These types of functions are carried out almost...
instantaneously by the NU 64’s Graphics and Audio Processing Unit, whereas most computers must make lengthy calculations to achieve the effects, and even then the effect may only occur in limited areas of the picture. The final effect is dramatic—smooth, realistic looking objects that can move through space at high speed. Unless you spend tens of thousands of dollars, the only place you’ll be able to see effects like these is on the NU 64.

To make use of the advanced graphics in the NU 64 system, Nintendo needed an extremely fast delivery system for the game data characteristic of a Game Pak. Nintendo Ultra 64 Game Paks, using sophisticated compression techniques, will pack at least 100 megabits of data onto 32 megabits of ROM chips. That’s at the low end, but even then the amount of memory is many times greater than the largest games for the Super NES, and high-end memory configurations may well take NU 64 games into the lofty realm of 800 megabits. Zipping all that information from the Game Pak to the CPU won’t be a problem, either, because of the Rambus. The Tiger Team at Rambus has been working closely with Nintendo to customize the architecture of the bus that delivers game data to the CPU and from the Controller. It has achieved remarkable speeds of 500 megabytes per second in data transfer using innovative circuit and board designs. According to Rambus, its custom bus designs will set a new high end standard in the computer industry. The end result of using ROM chips rather than CD-ROM disks will be that the Nintendo Ultra 64 will have access speeds many times faster than competing CD-ROM-based platforms. This hardware is absolutely remarkable, but no video game hardware stands alone. The games must be up to the same standard.

Courtesy of Alias and Origin Systems

TOOLS OF THE TRADE

Video games don’t just drop out of the sky once you have a new hardware platform. You have to create them, and to create the awesome graphics and animation that can run on the Nintendo Ultra 64, you need the best tools possible. The development materials being used by Nintendo’s exclusive software development partners include several products designed expressly for SGI machines and users. Alias and MultiGen create tools with which artists and animators can realize their wildest dreams. From rendering 3-D images to creating fully integrated scenes full of the complexities of shadows and textured surfaces, Alias provides the tools to create images and animations that will dazzle players with their depth, subtlety and realistic appearance. Simulating realistic movement in a real-time, 3-D world requires the sophisticated tools provided by MultiGen. Its software makes it easy to model real systems, like the movement of boats through the water, or the interaction between objects. Software Creations has long been recognized as one of the top developers of video game sound and music. Sound Tool for
the NU 64 will put refined techniques in the hands of all NU 64 composers.

AN EXCLUSIVE CLUB

The first games to be released for the Nintendo Ultra 64 will appear only on that platform. You won’t see watered-down versions on other video game systems. Nintendo of America has been busy creating exclusive relationships with top publishers and developers so that NU 64 buyers will have the best library of games possible. These partners have received early development help from Nintendo and SGI so they could begin work on their games immediately.

THE PLAYERS

ACCLAIM

Acclaim climbed to the top of the video game publishing mountain on the strength of mega hits such as Mortal Kombat II and NBA Jam Tournament Edition. Acclaim has begun working on its first exclusive title for the NU 64, Turok: The Dinosaur Hunter from Valiant comics. Acclaim will make use of its Advanced Technologies group and award-winning motion-capture technology in the creation of this action adventure. The developers also plan to use a new tetherless, optical motion capture process. The story is sort of a Back to the Future/Jurassic Park theme: Turok returns to the 20th Century, but he brings the dinos with him!

ALIAS

Based in Toronto, Ontario, Alias is one of the leading 3-D graphics software tool developers for SGI machines. Their products include PowerAnimator™ and CharacterBuilder™, which are used to create advanced graphics for use in video games and other fields such as movie special effects. Alias will soon merge with SGI and Wavefront, another high-end graphics tool developer. Alias’ tools are being used by the exclusive software developers for the Nintendo Ultra 64 and will be part of the development kit that all publishers and developers will use in the future.

ANGEL STUDIOS

Angel Studios made a splash in Hollywood with the incredible special effects they created for The Lawnmower Man and Peter Gabriel’s MindBlender. Now, Angel turns its artistic and creative focus on the NU 64. The title of the game now under development for the Nintendo Ultra 64 hasn’t been released.

Courtesy of Angel Studios, Peter Gabriel’s MindBlender 1993
DMA
This Scottish game developer gained fame for creating the award-winning Lemmings games and Uniracers for the Super NES. Its first NU 64 title is under development. You can bet that it will feature innovative gameplay, creative graphics and a wicked sense of humor.

GAMETEK
Recent acquisitions of top computer development talent put GameTek in the chase for an exclusive NU 64 game. That game turns out to be based on the futuristic Robotech license, featuring morphing vehicles in a dramatic sci-fi setting.

MULTIGEN
MultiGen's modeling tools for 3-D simulation give developers a means of linking images to simulation models that describe complex movement in a 3-D environment. Making use of a visual database that specifies attributes for each object in a simulated model, MultiGen's tools like OpenFlight™ allow for realistic animation in a 3-D world and are part of the NU 64 development kit.

NINTENDO
More than 100 years ago, Nintendo opened up shop in Japan, manufacturing Hanafuda playing cards. In the 1980s, Nintendo turned first to arcade games and then to home video games, becoming the number one video game company in the world. Nintendo's reputation for creating the best hardware platforms for home video games dates back to the 8-bit NES, introduced in 1985. The 16-bit Super NES followed in 1991 and has proven to be the best-designed and most versatile video game platform to date. Nintendo engineers in Kyoto are responsible for creating the NU 64 while Shigeru Miyamoto's development group at EAD (Entertainment, Analysis and Development) works on some of the first Nintendo games for the system. Nintendo will also be bringing two hot arcade titles—Cruis 'N USA and Killer Instinct—to the NU 64 bash.

PARADIGM
Long known as the leader in realistic flight simulations, Paradigm enters the mass market working on a project with Nintendo's most famous game designer, Shigeru Miyamoto, the maker of Mario and Zelda.

RAMBUS
The Rambus technology may well become the future standard for data buses in computers of all kinds. A bus is basically a gateway between a source of data and the CPU. If a bus is too slow or too narrow, the data stream is choked and processing slows down. The designers at Rambus have created a special architecture to allow for a wide, extremely fast bus for the NU 64.

RARE
With the unprecedented success of Donkey Kong Country, Rare has risen to the top of the video game development world. Its first NU 64 title, Killer Instinct, has already become an arcade phenomenon. KI will be only the first of many new games from Rare.

SIERRA ONLINE
One of the newest exclusive partners, Sierra Online pioneered online computer gaming. It also excels at flight simulations like Red Baron. The Nintendo Ultra 64
version of this WWI dogfight simulation will make use of Sierra's legendary gaming expertise.

SILICON GRAPHICS

Silicon Graphics Inc. stands at the pinnacle of the computer graphics world. Its product line includes desktop systems such as the Indy at the low end up to the POWER Challenge super computers at the high end. Based in Mountain View, CA. Silicon Graphics provides systems to companies like Industrial Light & Magic, which creates special effects for many blockbuster motion pictures, and to other companies that create effects for computer and video games and medical imaging. Another large and growing part of the business is the CAD (Computer Aided Design) market where engineers use Silicon Graphics systems to design new products and tools in 3-D.

SOFTWARE CREATIONS

Software Creations, known for developing quality games like Ken Griffey Jr. Presents Major League Baseball, Spider-Man & X-Men: Arcade's Revenge and Equinox, will develop a game for the NU 64. SC has also developed the sound for hit games like Interplay's Rock 'N Roll Racing. Sound Tool, the sound authoring software to be included in the Nintendo Ultra 64 development kit, makes use of Software Creations' extraordinary techniques for creating realistic, full-voiced sound.

SPECTRUM HOLOBYTE

Although many people may think of Spectrum HolobYTE in terms of puzzle games, it has long held a premiere position in the PC gaming world for its extraordinary combat flight sims like the Falcon series. The exclusive Top Gun game for the NU 64 will be a fast-action, arcade-type fighter sim, perfectly suited to the 3-D real-time graphics capabilities of the NU 64.

WILLIAMS

Last, but in no way least, Williams brings the top arcade development team in the world to the exclusive club of the NU 64, but that's just the beginning. Williams will release the exclusive NU 64 version of Doom. The fast-scrolling, 3-D world of Doom will make the Nintendo Ultra 64 the showcase for first-person action games—a category that could become huge.

Courtesy of Sierra Online from Red Baron the PC game.

THE DREAM TEAM NINTENDO ULTRA 64

HARDWARE

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GAMETEK
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PARADIGM
RARE
SIERRA ONLINE
SOFTWARE CREATIONS
SPECTRUM HOLOBYTE
WILLIAMS
From Agent #925

Sound Test

If you want to take a break from the flying fists, you can play around with the sound test in Super Punch-Out!! When you first turn on the Game Pak, wait until the Nintendo Logo appears, then press the L and R Buttons on Controller II before the logo fades. The screen should switch automatically to a Sound Library screen. Use Controller I to change the music or sound effects, and press the A Button to start the sound.

From Agent #001

Two-Punch KO

You can finish off any opponent in just two-punches with the help of this great code. When the Copyright Screen appears, press Right, Y and B together, four times in a row. If you enter the code correctly, you'll hear a low grunt, indicating that the Two-Punch Mode has been activated. When you begin a new match, your punches will be super powerful and no one will be able to stop you!

From Agent #0662

A Late Start

Are you tired of beginning on Level 1 when you run out of Continues? Now you can begin on Level 6 of Pitfall: The Mayan Adventure with the help of this great code. When the Title Screen appears, press A, X, A, Y, A, X, Select, Select and Start on Controller I. When you begin playing, you'll start on Level 6 with all of your Continues. It's much easier to finish the game when you don't have to start on level 1!
Making it all the way through Crazy Chase will prove difficult for even the best game players because of the unusual view and playing style. Players can improve their chances of finishing the game with the help of these tricky stage select codes. To use these codes, reset your game and wait for the Title Screen to appear. Hold down the L and R Buttons on both Controllers, then press the appropriate button on both controllers at exactly the same time. If you enter the code correctly, you'll skip directly to the desired stage, but if you mess up, the game will begin on Stage 1. To find the correct button for the stage you want to skip to, check the list below.

STAGE 2 - Press A on both Controllers at the same time
STAGE 3 - Press B on both Controllers at the same time
STAGE 4 - Press X on both Controllers at the same time
STAGE 5 - Press Y on both Controllers at the same time

Normally you'll need to struggle your way through each level if you want to save Honey. When the Title Screen appears, hold L and R on both Controllers.

Press the appropriate buttons to begin on a later stage of the game.

Finishing this game should be easy with the help of these codes.

This strange code for Earthworm Jim will let you access a secret screen hidden in the game. After you've begun playing, press the Start Button to pause the game, then press Y, A, B, A, Y, A, B, and A on Controller I. After entering the code a screen will appear that tells you that you've entered the wrong cheat code.

Pause the game, then press Y, A, B, A, Y, A, B, and A. You'll skip to a secret screen that lets you know that this is the wrong code.

In the world of international business, it is important to have complete knowledge of the countries you deal with. When you play Aerobiz Supersonic, you can take a break from international finances and test your knowledge of the world's flags. During the game, select the Controller Icon and press A to go to the Save Screen. While on the Save Screen, press the Select Button to access the Flag Game.

On the Save Screen, press the Select Button to begin the Flag Game.
From Agent #333

The Bass Code Ever!

Agent #333 has hooked a code that will make anyone a pro fisherman! Before you begin playing, hold the X and Y Buttons on Controller I and the A and B Buttons on Controller II. While you're holding these buttons, turn on to your Super NES. When you do, the words “Debug Mode” should appear at the top of the screen. If you've entered the code correctly, start a new game and begin fishing. You can activate the various special features by pressing the appropriate button on Controller II.

Hold X & Y on Controller I and A & B on Controller II

Enter this password to play Log War, the Lumber Level bonus game.

X Button - Controller II

While you're on the boating screen, try hitting the X Button.

Time flies when you're having fun!

Y Button - Controller II

While you're on the boating screen, press the Y Button.

You'll instantly reel in a random fish other than a bass.

From Agent #974

Bonus Game Passwords

The passwords in Ren & Stimpy: Time Warp usually take you to regular stages of the game, but these special passwords take you to the bonus games. When you enter these oddly shaped characters on the options screen, you'll skip straight to one of four different Log games!

A Button - Controller II

Hold the A Button while on the Boating Screen, then go to the Casting Screen.

Enter this password to play Log Invaders, the bonus game from the Fish Head Level.

B Button - Controller II

Hold X and Y on Controller I and A and B on Controller II, then turn on the game.

Enter this password to play Space Invaders, the bonus game in the Splinter Level.

If the words Debug Mode appear at the top of the screen, you've entered the code correctly.

Enter this password to play Log Man?

Try hitting the B Button while you're on the Casting Screen.

Want to play Log Man? Use this password to skip to the Toothpick Level bonus game.

You'll catch yourself a random bass, some even lunkers!
**From Agent #577**

**Same Player Code**

If you're going to play a two-player game of Sonic Blastman 2, use this code to let both players play as the same character. When you are on the Character Select Screen, Player 1 must first choose his character. When it's Player 2's turn to choose, hold the L and R Buttons on Controller II while selecting the same character. When the game begins, both players will be the same, with the exception of color.

Pause the game, then press Left, Y, L and Down to enter the code. When the game resumes, press Select and L to skip to the next stage.

**From Agent #000**

**Morphin Duels**

If you've finished the Mighty Morphin Power Rangers and you're looking for a little more action, these passwords are perfect for you! Each of these passwords will take you directly to the stage where you fight the boss, but you can control either the boss or Megazord. You'll need to have a friend control the other character; otherwise, it won't be much of a fight.

- **Mutaytus** - 0411
- **Silver Knight** - 1007
- **Gold Knight** - 1212

**From Agent #103**

**Stage Skip**

Finishing Disney's Beauty & the Beast can be tough, especially when you're in stages like Level 2 of the Castle. If you're having trouble, press the Start Button to pause the game, then press Left, Y, L and Down on Controller I. If you enter the code correctly, the game should automatically resume. After entering the code, you can skip to the end of the stage at any time by pressing Select and L together.

You can play a two-player practice match against the boss of either stage 6 or stage 7. Enter the password for the boss you want to play, then start fighting!

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MISSING TREASURES

Bonkers is on the case! After bidding his partner a speedy recovery from the injuries he got in a nasty car accident, he now sets out to track down the three stolen Toontown treasures: the Magician's Hat, the Mermaid's Voice, and the Magic Lamp. Who could have stolen them? No one has a clue. You and Bonkers must set out to search all of Hollywood, inside old and dangerous mansions, through the busy streets of downtown, among the starry sets of the movie studios, and even on board a slippery ocean liner. One by one, Bonkers must track down the stolen items—and face the thief's evil henchman. Only after recovering all the treasures can you and Bonkers track down the Big Boss himself. Once in his evil lair, Bonkers will have to use all of his crazy tricks to lock the Big Boss up for good!

DASHING FELLOW

Bonkers may not be the toughest cop around, or even the strongest. But he has a few Toon tricks in store for his enemies. When he gets a minute to rest up, Bonker's Dash meter will power up and give him all sorts of speed. When he starts scurrying, he'll crash through barriers, burst balloons filled with surprises, and send enemies flying. He can roll where no Bobcat has rolled before to find some hard to reach treats.
TOOLING TOONTOWN

Hollywood may be a great place for sightseeing, but it's a tough place to track down a slippery thief. Few things are as they seem. With a little Hollywood magic, even the most normal object can surprise.

MANSION
You can get a map of the stars' homes on any Hollywood street corner. But to get a map of nasty thief hangouts, you and Bonkers will have to venture into the city's oldest mansion.

DOWNTOWN
Like many big cities, Hollywood has a rough downtown. But this one also has jumping oil drums, flower pot-throwing maidens, and an angry helicopter who's guarding a certain Magic Hat.

STUDIOS
Action! Bonkers hits the sets of old westerns and spacey sci-fi movies to face some crazy enemies in his quest to find the dangerous and big-haired guardians of the Lamp.

BIG BOSS
Use a dashing leap to make it safely to a far-off platform here in the boss's mechanical lair. Once Bonkers makes it through, he'll have to bomb, duck and dash past the mysterious collector and his wild ship of destruction. But is that the end of the case?

OCEAN LINER
Bonkers must weather a fierce storm as he swabs the decks of this gigantic ship where the salty dogs try to put an end to his crime-fighting days forever. But don't worry — there are plenty of life-saving boats to help him along.

POWER-UP

STOLEN . . . AGAIN!
Just as Bonkers and his pal, Toots, think the danger has past, a mysterious forcefield pulls the treasures, and Bonkers, sky high. There, you and Bonkers must face the real master of this evil scheme, Pops Clock. He's big and nasty, and he sends lightning bolts and scurrying creatures after Bonkers. But with a few quick homs and some speedy rolls, Bonkers can best even the master of time itself and save the treasures of Toontown!
Nintendo Power provides Super Power Club Members with the hottest deal in the Jungle. During the month of April, members can cash in Nintendo Power Stamps and Banana Bucks for a bunch of Donkey Kong Country Merchandise!

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Donkey Kong Country Merchandise!
The biggest advantage in the one-player game is the aircraft instrument panel that is displayed at the bottom of your screen. By keeping an eye on your instruments, you can watch for enemy vehicles and incoming missiles during the mission. During the briefing before each mission, you'll see a map of your targets, but because you can't access this map during the mission, finding your targets tends to be a matter of luck. Don't worry though, most of the missions are easy to complete.

The real challenge in this game comes when you take on one of your friends in the Two-Player Vs. Mode. Because of the split screen, the instruments have been removed from your view. This makes it tougher to find your enemy, but you can still use your Heads-Up Display to keep track of your fuel and altitude. The objective of the Versus Mode is to hunt down your opponent and blast him to pieces. When you destroy your enemy five times, you win!

If blasting your friends out of the sky seems overly brutal, you can play a cooperative game with them instead. In the Co-Op Mode, you and your partner must work together to complete the same missions that you played in the one-player game. You can still fire on your friend's helicopter, but you'll want to avoid doing so. You both share the same pool of extra lives, so destroying your partner only depletes your own supply of helicopters.
Your missions in the Middle East are the easiest combat situations you'll face, so it is a good idea to take advantage of these flights to learn how to handle the various aircraft. The terrain is flat and open, making it easy to spot the enemies from a great distance. If your gunship is carrying any guided missiles, you can fire as soon as you've got a lock on the enemy. When you fire an unguided missile, you'll need to keep your target in your sights until they've been destroyed.

CENTRAL AMERICA

The missions in Central America are tougher than those in the Middle East. Your enemies have stepped up their attacks and have hidden dozens of SAM launchers in the jungle. It is a good idea to take out the SAMs from a distance, using your Hellfire missiles whenever you can. Because the jungles are cut by massive rivers, your enemies patrol the waterways with powerful missile frigates. If you're not careful, these dangerous warships will spell the end of your flying career.

INDONESIA

The armies in Indonesia have massed on the various islands in the area, and they're pressing forward with their offensive. The missile frigates seem to be everywhere in these missions, so you might want to take them out of the way early. Because the Indonesian Stages are the toughest of the three campaigns, you'll spend more of your time avoiding missiles than destroying targets. Try to complete your mission goals as quickly as you can.

POWER-UP

Finding Friendlies

Although it seems that you're fighting this war alone, there are other units on your side, so don't go making their job tougher by firing on them. You may be able to get away with making one mistake, but the second time you blow up your own troops you're in big trouble. You can avoid making a deadly mistake in the one-player game by watching your radar screen. When you get a lock on a unit, your display gauges identify it for you. If you're flying a two-player mission, you'll need to get up close before you can tell who you're firing on.
Before exposing the false Mayor, you need to talk to the real Mayor of Rococo, who is at the end of the tunnel that leads to the back of his house. After finding the true town leader, go back outside and talk to the dog on the east side of the building. Now, when you enter the building, the dog will follow you. When you talk to Mint, she'll tell you that something is suspicious.

Take the dog into the office to confront the false Mayor. Unlike the real Mayor, who likes dogs, this imposter is afraid of them. He'll flee when you and the pooch walk in.

At the Harbor several kids are tormenting a helpless Crab on the beach. This talking Crab has vital information about how to reach Snowy Island, so you don't want it to get steamed and have it refuse to talk to you. To make the kids stop, provide them with another source of entertainment. They'll leave the Crab alone if you offer them the Surprise Horn. Don't sweat losing it—you'll get another one later.
MEGA MAN X 2

HOW DO I GET ZERO?

You'll have to find all three of Zero's Body Parts in order to gain the assistance of the super-mega mate—and if you don't get him to join you, you'll have to fight the Evil Zero near the end of the game. The body parts are held by the three X-Hunters, Violen, Serges and Agile, who randomly descend into three of the eight stages when you access the map screen. They hide behind the silver Zero Doors, which will open only if they're concealing an X-Hunter. You must go to all of the stages and check the doors to get Zero's Body Parts, and you must do it quickly. If you wait too long, the X-Hunters will depart, and you'll never be able to collect all of the parts you need.

HOW DO I GET THE SUB TANK IN THE CENTRAL COMPUTER STAGE?

To get the Sub Tank in the Central Computer Stage, you must have a powered-up Speed Burner with the Mega Buster Enhancement and the Mid-Air Dash Boots. Just before you reach Sigma's Sword, the stage's mini-boss, look for a hole in the ceiling. Below and to the left of the hole is a raised section of floor. Stand on the raised section and execute a Dash Jump by pressing A and B simultaneously. At the height of the jump, ignite the Speed Burner to propel Mega Man across the room to the right. Just before he loses momentum, do a final Dash Jump in mid-air and grab the wall on the right. Jump to the top of the wall and go through the hole to get the Sub Tank.

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE EMPTY ROOMS?

The Empty Rooms in the Energen Crystal and the Deep Sea Base Stages are no ordinary rooms. If you use your Radar Optics, or I. Tracer, you'll see that the chambers are power-up locations. Activate the Enhanced Mega Buster with the Silk Shot to charge up all of Mega Man's weapons or life bar. Return to recharge as often as you like.

When you access the map screen, the three X-Hunters will descend into three of the stages.

If an X-Hunter is behind a Zero Door, it will open before you, otherwise, it stays closed.

You must collect the Head, Body and Legs in order to gain the help of this powerful ally.

Stand on the raised section of floor below and to the left of the hole in the ceiling.

Dash Jump to the right and ignite the Speed Burner. Do another Dash Jump in mid-air.

Jump to the top of the wall and go through the hole in ceiling to get the Sub Tank.

Use Radar Optics to check the "Empty" Rooms.

Return whenever you need to re-energize.
THE LION KING

HOW DO I SURVIVE THE OSTRICH RIDE IN STAGE 2?

The Ostrich Ride is a challenge because you can't see what's coming up as you race across the screen to the right. In the first part of the stage, arrows will show you whether to jump or duck, but later, you'll have to rely on your own quick reaction time. When you see the baby pink rhino, wait until the last possible moment, then jump. To do a double jump, press the jump button again at the height of your first jump. You'll have to master the double jump in order to clear both a baby rhino and a bird nest at the same time. It takes practice.

HOW DO I AVOID THE ROLLING BOULDERS IN STAGE 5?

There are lots of falling rocks and rolling boulders in Stage 5. Two of the boulders can be deadly. As you run to the right to flee the first rolling boulder, you'll meet a slow-moving porcupine. You can't slow down without becoming roadkill yourself, so quickly roll under the porcupine and continue. Later in the stage, listen for the sound of a second boulder. Don't be a flat cat—begin to run to the right before it rolls onto the screen. Jump off the cliff and hold Left on the Control Pad as you fall. You'll grab ground while the boulder plummets past.

HOW DO I REACH THE TOP OF THE WATERFALL IN STAGE 6?

You'll have to jump onto falling logs to reach the top of the waterfall, and it will take some practice. Stay on the logs in the middle of the waterfall when possible so you'll have the option of jumping right or left. Avoid the fast-falling logs and opt for the slow ones when you can. If you have to jump to a fast-falling one, leap to it while it's above you and plan to jump from it immediately.

Try to choose slow-falling logs if you have to use a fast one, jump while it's above you.
HOW CAN I GET ITEMS THAT ARE OUT OF REACH?

You don't have to have every item to finish the game, but you can obtain some out-of-reach items by modifying Mega Man's Mega Arm. Whenever you defeat a boss and finish a level, you're given the option of visiting Dr. Light's lab, where cool tools are for sale. For 90 PChips, you can purchase an MH Capsule, which reconfigures Mega Man's Mega Arm. With the newly customized arm you can reach all sorts of far away items.

HOW DO I MOVE OR BREAK BLOCKS?

Stone blocks are one of the few obstructions that don't harm Mega Man, but they can keep you from exploring all the areas. You can destroy the blocks, though, by finding two essential items, the Deep Digger (UR) and the Break Dash (PL). The Deep Digger lets you pick up certain blocks in the game, while the Break Dash quickly converts granite to dust. If you can't move or break a block using the Deep Digger or the Break Dash, you'll have to find another route around it.

Q & A FAST FACTS

WARMIOLAND

Q: Can I open a treasure chest as Small Wario?
A: No. You have to be Big Wario.

Q: What is the largest number I can have on my save file?
A: 99.

Q: Can I re-enter previous areas I have already finished?
A: Yes.

DEMON'S CREST

Q: How do I find Worlds V and VI?
A: Find the Air Crest in World IV.

Q: How do I access the Overworld Map?
A: Stop and press the Start button on the Overworld screen.

Q: How many endings are there?
A: Four.

IGNITION FACTOR

Q: Why can't I run or kick?
A: You're carrying too many items.

Q: Can I prevent items from breaking?
A: No, but you're more likely to break an item if you fall down.

Q: How do I get through the doors that say "Entry Denied?"
A: Find and touch the computer that matches the color around the door.
Fans of the arcade classic, Defender, will be thrilled by the heavy action in Archer Maclean's Super Dropzone. The action is very similar to the classic hit, but Psygnosis has increased the challenge by including bosses throughout the game. The bosses also help break up the repetitiveness of blasting away wave after wave of alien invaders. Players that are not familiar with Defender, may find the controls difficult to use, but like its predecessor, Super Dropzone, it requires hours of practice to master. In order to finish the game, players must battle their way through 50 difficult levels. Luckily there is a password feature that will save the player's progress along the way!

The Cloak
Although the Cloak is more of a protective device than it is a weapon, you can learn to use it to gain an offensive advantage over your enemy. When you press the Y Button, you will fade out of sight and be safe from all attacks.

Strata Bomb
Letting loose with a Strata Bomb will destroy all of the enemies that are on the screen with you. Although they are one of the most powerful weapons you have, Strata Bombs are very limited in supply, so save them as an attack of last resort!

Multi-Fire
Using the Multi-Fire weapon will let you cover a wide area of space with a deadly spray of shots. This is the perfect weapon to use when you're facing a large group of aliens in a concentrated cluster.

Rotamace
When you activate the Rotamace weapon, two large balls will begin rotating around your suit. They will destroy anything they hit as well as help protect you from enemy shots. They're not perfect protection, but they help.

Homing
Are things moving just a little too fast for you to get off a good shot? Then try the Homing Shot! This handy weapon is perfect for wiping out those hard-to-hit enemies when you're in a hurry. No more aiming—just fire your weapon!
Your colonizing mission takes you to several different planets and moons in the Solar System. The hospitable Jovian satellites are your first target, but they are very well protected. You must protect the base on each moon so that the humans can successfully colonize the surface. In order to protect a base from danger, you must stop all ten Attack Waves on each planet. If you fail to stop the attack, the humans are finished.

Io

Io is your first target, so the enemies tend to be a little easier on you here. They will be in the later stages. Take advantage of this lull in the action to master your weapons systems and practice maneuvering your attack suit. The controls should be second nature to you before you move on. Take your time when you face the enemy, clearing out one small section of the planet at a time.

Pull out easy, but finishing off this winged beast will prove tough if you aren't ready for him.

Callisto

The action heats up when you land on the surface of Callisto. The attack waves move more quickly, so you'll need to take advantage of your Multi-Shot and Homing Shot weapons. When you encounter the Fireball Wave Boss, aim for the center of the ball while avoiding the slow moving fire shots that fly at you.

Try to have some extra weapons when you reach Callisto's Planet Guardian. The extra firepower will come in handy.

Ganymede

You're only halfway through your mission, and things are getting almost impossible to beat! Try to collect as many of the colonists as possible before the aliens grab them. If you don't grab them early, you may not get a chance to get them at all, and that will cause trouble for you in the future attack waves. When you face the Floating Sphere, you'll need to hit all of the power units that float around it before it can be damaged itself.

This arachnid-like beast is protecting the surface of Ganymede. You'll need to fly low to hit it, so be careful.

POWER-UP

THEY CAN'T HIT WHAT THEY CAN'T SEE

Mastering the use of your Cloaking device is key to finishing this game. While you have it activated, you are able to fire on your enemies, but they are unable to hit you with their return fire. The only drawback to the Cloaking device is the fact that you can only use it for a limited time. The Cloak will be replenished between Attack Waves, so use it while you can. Engage the Cloak during a battle with any Wave Leader so you can fly up to your enemy and lay into them with a barrage of shots without worrying about getting hit.
Here’s your chance to test your puzzle game skills against one of the best players at Nintendo. Mike’s been honing his skill with Kirby’s Avalanche lately, and he’s got a score that he thinks will be tough to beat. If you can top his incredible score of 223,540 on the practice mode, send us a photo and show off your feat!

You’ll need to think fast if you want to beat the Cajun Level of the Practice Mode.

Take a swing at some of the toughest holes at the Dream Land Country Club! We want to see the top ten (meaning the lowest) scores on course eight of Kirby’s Dream Course. You need to be a good player to get to course eight, but you have to be a great player to win the stamps.

It will take a few hole-in-ones to become one of the top ten players of this game.

Now that NBA Jam Tournament Edition has hit the market, it’s time for Arena Jam Tournament! This month we want to see how well you can do with the NBA Rookie team. The ten players with the biggest blow-outs in a one-player game will score themselves some power stamps!

ENTER THE ARENA!

Be sure to include your name, address and Member Number on the back of your photo when you send in your Challenge or entry for one of our Challenges. All entries to the Challenge printed in this issue must be received no later than April 25, 1995 to qualify for the Power Stamp prizes. The players who best complete Challenges will receive four Super Power Stamps for use towards the purchase of Super Power Supplies. Scores printed are determined by the Nintendo Power Staff.

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SUPER PUNCH-OUT!!
Fastest K.O. against Dragon Chan

Bob Schulza..............8 15 secs.
Redlands, CA
Joey Kabason..............10.65 secs.
Farmington, NH
Ryan Kwak..............12.45 secs.
Westminster, CA
Tallahassee, FL
Kenneth Zibell.............19.90 secs.
Milwaukee, WI
Jeffrey Ezard.............29.16 secs.
Ingleside, IL

What is that thing sticking out of the top of your Super NES?! Using that "Game Enhancer" may give you a better score, but isn't going to make you a better player. This page is for real game players, so this entry is round-filed!

POWER CHALLENGES

THIS MONTH'S WINNERS FOR:

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DONKEY KONG COUNTRY
Fastest 101% finishes

Jason Provost..............1:08
Union City, NJ
Marie Garcia..............1:08
Hialeah, FL
Pat Rafferty..............1:10
Altamont, NY
Donnel Bencato..............1:14
Valhalla, NY
Lowell Duchert..............1:15
Seattle, WA
Scott Zelenka..............1:32
Cary, NC
David Hendren..............1:33
Cranes, WV
Mark Emanuel..............1:37
Oakville, MO
Brandon Swenken..............1:42
South Bend, IN
Shawn Patrick..............1:52
Lyndhurst, VA
Don Ciez..............2:03
Seattle, WA
Brady Hodgson..............2:15
Naperville, IL
Glenn Garber..............2:18
M. Holly, NJ

STUNT RACE FX
Fastest completion of Radio Control Track 1

Joshua Stamulis..............6" 85
Palm Coast, FL
Jonathan Sturack..............7" 23
Hazleton, PA
Frankie Braga..............7" 32
Wheeling, WV
Jeremy Lasseter..............7" 6D
Midland, TX
Michael Lesky..............7" 61
Reseda, CA
Chris Friesen..............7" 96
Killarney, MB
Jonathan Bryant..............8" 06
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Steve Dwarzeczki..............8" 16
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Kert Gartner..............8" 23
Winnipeg, MB

VOLUME 71 83
Hidden somewhere in each stage are colored rings that provide one of four Power Ups, each essential for finishing a level. To obtain a Power Up, you must jump through a ring. The Magic Rope allows access to high areas, while the Fireball disposes of most enemies. The Sledgehammer breaks through logs and the Water Bubble allows Pac-Man to explore watery depths.

In order to be reunited with his family, Pac-Man must venture through five different stages, each containing ten levels. You earn a password after every fifth level. Be sure to write it down.

The Ghost Witch's spell has deposited Pac-Man high in the mountains. The fresh, alpine air is probably the only thing that is not hazardous to your health. Explore for hidden bonus areas as you descend to the Forest in the valley below.
Many hazards lurk in the undergrowth of the Forest. What you can't see will get you. Use your rope to search the treetops for the pellets that will open the Exit Door. Restore your life bar by eating food you find, but watch out for the Spiked Fruits!

**The Forest**

**The Village**

This is the village where Pac-Man was born! Unfortunately, the Witch's spell has turned most of the inhabitants into unruly neighbors. Perfect your jumping and climbing techniques here.

**Take 2**

**Forgotten Palace**

The ruins of this ancient palace were not left unguarded. Avoid traps while exploring for secret passageways. Remember that jumping through a dark ring removes an item.

**The Castle**

Welcome to the humble abode of the dreaded Gum Monster. Avoid green acid and cannonballs as you discover the many secrets in the castle. Survive this area and reunite Pac-Man's family!

**Power-Up**

**Winning Strategies**

**How to Climb**

Use the Magic Rope to swing up over ledges and cliffs. Tap Left and Right to make Pac-Man swing, and use the centrifugal force to rise above overhangs. Using the rope takes practice.

If Pac-Man eats a Power Pellet, Ghosts run away or avoid him until the effects wear off. The best strategy is to lure a Ghost to a Power Pellet before munching on both of them.
Taito's bubble-bodied dragons are back in Bust-A-Move, but they play much different roles than they did in the NES classic, Bubble Bobble. This time, they're helping out by loading the bubble launcher. Your goal is to launch the bubbles and clear the screen. It's a simple concept that somehow translates into an extremely engrossing game that has kept players here glued to controllers for hours on end. There are 100 puzzles in the 1-Player Mode, and there is unlimited play in the vs. and challenge modes. If your preference is puzzles, don't miss this one.

When you begin each level, bubbles of eight different colors are arranged on the play screen. To clear the screen, you must launch a bubble of one color into two or more blobs of the same color. The screen slowly scrolls down as you attempt to clear the screen, so you'll be racing against the clock as you "bust your moves."

Hone your skills by working your way through the 100 rounds in the one-player mode so you'll be able to bust some truly impressive moves when you take on your friends in the two-player mode. Outstanding moves earn the greatest number of points in the solo mode. The challenge increases with every round, and the password feature lets you save your progress. The game offers three difficulty levels, so you can also select the setting that suits your ability.

SPECIAL BUBBLES

- When you break a Water Bubble, it washes over the ones below, making them the same color.
- Strike a Thunder Bubble to shoot lightning to the side, dropping bubbles hanging below.
- When you blast Flame Bubbles, they burn away any bubbles that are touching them.
All of your practice in the One-Player Mode pays off when you go head-to-head against either a friend or the computer in Vs. Play. When you pull off great moves that clear lots of bubbles at once, you'll send a barrage of blobs flying onto your opponent's screen. The more spectacular your move, the more severe the damage. The contests in this mode are fast and furious, and they're almost as much fun to watch as they are to play. Hone your skills, then challenge a friend to a duel to end all duels!

In the Challenge Record mode, you can set your own best record for eliminating the most bubbles, then go back and challenge that top score as many times as you'd like. You can also set a record, then take turns with a friend to try to beat it. Like the other modes, this one has you pressing the replay button to start again as soon as you lose out in the previous round.

You can drop a hunch of bubbles at once by aiming carefully and hitting the critical blobs. Sometimes, a big hunch of bubbles hangs on just a few. Blast the few to drop the hunch. Other times, a group of like-colored bubbles will be nestled together. You can drop the whole group by hitting any one of them. Use the walls to bounce bubbles into out-of-the-way niches.

It's important to get the drop on your opponents as quickly as possible, before they get the upper hand. If you drop a group at once, the bubbles will fly onto your opponents' screens, and your foes will have to concentrate on clearing them out instead of planning strategy for dropping loads of bubbles onto your screen. Dropping a bunch is much more damaging than clearing out a few bubbles at time. In fact, a mass onslaught can easily send your opponent over the line.
Tetris fans, give your tetrads a rest. A new obsession just rode into town from Nintendo. Mario’s Picross for Super Game Boy mixes the challenge of crosswords with the fun of jigsaw puzzles. By chipping out blocks on a grid, you uncover a hidden picture. It sounds easy, but forget that. The numbers beside each row and column indicate how many groups of blocks to chip out in that row or column. You can use logic or luck, but the clock is ticking, and if you chisel out the wrong chip, you’ll lose a chunk of time. Mario’s Picross helps out with a learning mode, hints, and a battery that saves your progress.

Solving Picross puzzles requires visualizing the missing parts of the picture, just like you do when you piece together jigsaw puzzles. You must also work logically, looking for places where rows and columns intersect, as in a crossword puzzle.
The How To Play option explains the process of solving Mario's Picross puzzles step-by-step. After that, try the Easy Picross mode. The easy puzzles teach basic strategies. Finally, the Picross mode contains large, challenging puzzles.

**THE BASICS**

Here's a quick look at Mario's Picross, how it works, and some basic rules to keep in mind as you begin solving the puzzles. 

- **Chip out blocks on the grid or mark them with an X if you think the block should remain untouched.**
- **When you're ready for a bigger challenge, try the larger grid.**
- **Pick your Picross playing order, skip around or start with tough puzzles first. You can even replay completed puzzles.**
- **Mistakes cut down the 30 minute limit for each puzzle.** The first mistake chops two minutes, the next cuts four minutes and so on.
- **Try carving out letters and simple images in the Easy Picross mode.**
- **Start chipping away at the outer rows first. Groups of blocks beginning at an edge can only extend in one direction.**
- **Work row by row or column by column, checking for blocks where both vertical and horizontal groups intersect.**

**PIC TIPS**

Believe it or not, if you work patiently, you should never make a mistake in Picross. There is no guesswork involved if you follow these Pic Tips.

1. **Fill in all complete rows or columns immediately, and if a row or column has no chipped blocks in it, make sure to mark the blocks with an X so that you won't mistakenly chip them later.**
2. **Complete all obvious groups first.** Sometimes you can tell that a group will use at least some of the blocks on a line. Chip out those blocks that are obvious, leaving the end blocks to finish up later.
3. **Always place an X after a group of blocks because there is always at least one empty block separating groups.**
4. **Don't guess! Even if chopping a block looks like the right move, don't chip it until you are sure.**
5. **Try to stop the Hint Cursor along the sides of the grid. It's easier to build from a side than from the middle.**
6. **If you are close to running out of time, make a sketch of your puzzle on paper so you can start over and quickly fill in the groups of blocks that you chipped out during the previous attempt.**
There's one basic rule for Picross: line numbers indicate how many blocks should be chipped out on that line. For instance, on the first horizontal row of the puzzle below, two blocks next to each other must be chipped and all the other blocks are open.

1. Begin by filling in all the unused blocks with Xs. For instance, the 11th column has one group of five blocks. Since the hint reveals an X in the 12th row, there's no way to chip out five blocks below it. Therefore, you can X out all those blocks.

2. The 5th column has a group of 14 blocks. Chip out 13 blocks but leave both ends open. Column 7 has an 11 block group. This can only happen above the X in the 12th row. Since the first row has a group of two blocks, X out the first block on the 9th column and chip out the 15th block of the 9th column.

3. Your next move is to complete the four block group on column 15. Then you can finish the five block group on row five. Every time you finish chipping a block, it opens up other possibilities. The final chips reveal the picture:

Congratulations! You've chiseled out a hammer.
Example 1

You can solve picross puzzles on paper to get the hang of it. We've included four examples below with the answers printed upside-down.

Example 3

Masses of chipped blocks actually make this puzzle easier to carve out than a puzzle with lots of open space. You can chip out many blocks without straining your brain.

Example 2

This puzzle has several long horizontal groups—perfect for starting out. Work from the bottom up or you might be sunk.

Example 4

Working from the top and both sides toward the bottom and middle will help to make solving this Picross a snap. Otherwise, it could be pretty hairy.
Continuing its successful collaboration with Disney, Virgin has released The Lion King for the Game Boy. Though it can't match the Super NES version's music and sound, this Game Boy game takes Game Boy graphics to new heights, showing the same attention to detail and fluid animation as its 16-bit counterpart.

SIMBA HAS RETURNED!

You can see by the maps that the game's stages are very similar to the Super NES version's. You'll find that the maps are a bit shorter, and Stage 8 ("Be Prepared") has been taken out altogether. Another similarity between the two is that they can be somewhat difficult to master. Younger or less experienced players may become frustrated with the game control, which demands a very precise touch. We hope that this review will give you just enough of a boost to help you progress through and enjoy this challenging new title!
**The Pridelands**

**A “Leaping Lizards”**
Lizards are easy prey, but the hedgehogs must be flipped over with a roar before you can leap on their bellies. Rolling attacks also work, but these are difficult to do.

**B “Bash’ n Jump”**
You’ll have to make running jumps over large gaps. Watch out for waitin’ enemies.

**C “First 1-Up”**
With only one continue on the “Prince” difficulty level, don’t take this easy 1-Up.

**D “Hear Me Boar”**
Beetles will explode when touched, but you can set them off at a safe distance by roaring at them.

**E “Who’s Laughing Now?”**
On “Cub” difficulty, you can flatten the Hyenas with a single jump. In other modes, wait until he’s out of breath before attacking.

**“Bug Patrol”**
Grab the special bug in each area to enter the Bug Patrol bonus game at the end of the stage. The special bug in this stage is at location “C” on the map. Move Pumbaa back and forth to eat the falling beetles. If you eat a spider, though, the stage will end.
**THE MANE EVENT**

**A “Help From a Friend”**

This rhino doesn't mind if you swing from its tail, but it won't get you anywhere. Jump on his horn to get a boost into the tree.

**B “Jumpin' Giraffes”**

The monkeys will toss you around and drop you to a giraffe's noggin. Move over to the right, then jump from head to head. If you pause for too long, the giraffe will knock you into the drink.

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**ELEPHANT GRAVEYARD**

**A “Shortcut”**

From the last bone stair on the left, make a long jump up and right, then tap the control pad back to the left. If you do it right, you'll land on the ledge above you. Go left to the end of the stage.

**B “Rock & Roll”**

Break this bony obstacle with a roll attack. Move to the left to get a running start, but don’t fall into the chasm!

**C “Deadly Fountain”**

Wait for the water to recede, then jump until you reach the top. The shortcut is tough, but much safer than this!
**THE LION KING**

**Crowning Achievements**

The trick here is to stay alert. You'll have to alternate between jumping over pigs and ducking under branches, but there are no double jumps, as in the Super NES version.

**Hippo Mysteries**

You can jump from tail to tail, or make a long jump to the center hippo, then to the shore. Either way, it's rough!

**THE STAMPEDE**

The antelopes are stampeding, and you must dodge their pounding hooves. Even though it seems dangerous, stay near the center of the screen, which gives you the most options for movement. If you're near the edge, you may get trapped and run over!

**Exile**

Simba is led to believe that he is the cause of his father's death, so he flees. There's a lot of jumping and grabbing in this stage, so practice your advanced maneuvers, and be careful of the boulders falling all around you.

**Abuna Nafua**

Unlike the Super NES version, this stage has a rock in the waterfall area that you can stand on, which makes getting to the top much easier. Defeat the orangutan at the end of the stage by kicking the seeds he throws back at him.

**Simba's Destiny**

As the adult Simba, you will now journey back to the Pride Lands, encountering a jungle race and many homely orange tigers along the way. You have since gained a fearsome slash attack.

**Hyena Lair**

The hyenas won't appreciate the intrusion, but you must follow a winding path through their caves to reach Pride Rock. They'll try to ambush you with their own jump attacks.

**Return to Pride Rock**

The true king has returned at last! Scar is the only thing between you and your rightful kingship. Defeat him twice to regain the throne and finally restore peace to the Pride Lands!
Your vehicle has broken down, and it doesn’t look like help is on the way. You’ll have to make the rest of the journey through the park on foot, with a rifle and a few grenades as your only protection against prehistoric predators. Collect the magnetic card keys scattered along the paths to open the security gate at the end of each area.

Initially Zone 2 might look like the first area, but now you’re moving deeper and deeper into the rain forest. This zone has more card keys to find and more dinosaurs to contend with—all of them hungry! Climb high into the treetops to find the remaining cards necessary to complete the level. The forest canopy is filled with wandering predators, so stay alert at all times.

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Raptors are just one of the several species of dinosaur that you’ll encounter on your trek through the park.

This zone is a bit more challenging than the first, with multiple paths to explore in each area.
Despite what you may expect, you don't actually fight T-Rex in this stage; instead, you run away, dodging raptors and floor spikes as you flee. This level has many challenging jumps, and there's barely enough time to pull them all off. Collecting all the key cards here will earn you an extra life. If you're lucky, you may not encounter T-Rex again, but I doubt it!

You've finally made it to the edge of the rain forest, only to find a raging river in your path. Why not take a raft down the river to avoid the raptors? It may sound like a good idea, but it turns out that the water is home to even bigger dinosaurs, and they've got appetites to match! You'll find a number of new enemies above and below the surface of the river, so you'd better keep your wits about you at all times. Despite what you may expect, you don't actually fight T-Rex in this stage; instead, you run away, dodging raptors and floor spikes as you flee. This level has many challenging jumps, and there's barely enough time to pull them all off. Collecting all the key cards here will earn you an extra life. If you're lucky, you may not encounter T-Rex again, but I doubt it!

Your skill and determination have gotten you to Jurassic Park headquarters, but your journey isn't quite over yet. You must make your way through the headquarters to escape the park, and there are about a bazillion ravenous dinosaurs between you and the safety of the outside world! Some of the electrical systems have come back on-line, but a few lights won't be much help in navigating the shadowy, twisting corridors. Those nasty spikes were meant as a last line of defense against dinosaurs, but they end up working against you.

**Beat the Triceratops**

There are several bosses lurking throughout the game, and Triceratops is just the first you'll encounter on your adventure. (You'll have to play the game to find out who the others are!) He follows a definite pattern of movement, as do the platforms that rise and fall. Follow these steps to avoid being trampled.

Use rapid fire shots as Triceratops is advancing towards you.

Drop into the gap until he backs off or goes off screen. When one platform rises, head for the other one.

The screen constantly scrolls to the right. You want to know what's ahead of you? Can it be any worse than what's behind you?!
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CRUISE CYBERSPACE IN STYLE
APOLCALYPSE II

Company: Psygnosis
Release Date: April 1995
Memory Size: 8 Megabits

If you have blinding quickness and nerves of steel, Apocalypse II may be your ultimate test.

Challenge yourself with this arcade shooter from Europe. Psygnosis, better known for its puzzle games like Lemmings, turns to fast, shooting action that may leave many players back at the starting line. The graphics look sharp for such a simple shooter and add to the sci-fi feel and theme. Some enemies scale out of the background using Mode 7 until they present a threat. Actual gameplay falls into the vertical scrolling school of shooters with Power-Ups available along the way.

- Very fast action
- Challenging Arcade shooter fans will have a blast
- Good graphics
- Not much variety

They're creepy and they're kooky, and they're back for a new adventure on the Super NES.

Ocean returns to an adventure style of game for Addams Family Values that may remind die-hard gamers of the old NES title, Fester's Quest. In AFV, the quester is Fester, but his goal is to rescue baby Pubert, who has been kidnapped. You'll meet the rest of the spooky clan as you wander through haunted grounds, defeating monsters and boss characters. For the step-by-step tour, turn to the Power review in this issue.

- Good graphics and depth of play
- The adventure contains many tasks
- Battles are simple and play control is hampered by awkward hit detection ranges around objects

ADDAMS FAMILY VALUES

Company: Ocean
Release Date: April 1995
Memory Size: 16 Megabits

Take to the air with this Take 2 offering from GameTek. If you've ever wanted to fly a chopper into battle, here's your chance.

One or two players can pilot one of three attack choppers in realistic mission settings around the world. In the two-player mode, you'll work as a team or hunt
Move seems like a big game, but it can go pretty fast if you never let it cool down. Check out our Power review this month.

- Play control is very good and intuitive.
- Not enough variety; even more puzzles would be nice.

The furball feline is lost in the ultimate museum while trying to rescue his niece and nephew.

Bubsy II for Game Boy has the fun graphics and animation of the Super NES version and most of the moves, but the areas are more limited. Game play includes platform action, in which Bubsy runs, jumps, and glides, plus more arcade-like action, in which he flies around. With nine levels of the Amazatorium to search through while dealing with Oinker P. Hamms traps, Bubsy II gives players a decent run.

- Good graphics and lots of variety, including bonus and hidden areas. Lots of action.
- Not enough game and uneven play. Some areas are fun while others are tiring. Play control in some areas isn't sharp.

It's a bubble blasting action puzzler from Taito.

Bust A Move is one of those puzzle games that is nearly impossible to abandon. The idea behind the game is very simple—you shoot colored bubbles at similarly colored bubbles that are hanging from the box. If you attach three or more bubbles of the same color, they fall, clearing part of the box. Once you clear the entire box, you'll move on to the next level. Bust A

- Good use of the Super Game Boy for screen graphics, but no border.
- Play feels clunky because of slow frame rate.

Defend the Solar System from the alien menace in this sci-fi shooter from Psygnosis.

Fans of the old arcade game, Defender, will wonder if they've been transported back in time when they plug in Drop Zone. The game play involves shooting alien targets as you hover and zip over distant planets. The development team at Eurocom added some of the coolest lead-in graphics and music of any game we've seen, but the arcade action of the actual game breaks no new ground. Power explores Drop Zone further in this issue.

- Fast, fun arcade action. Very cool cinema scenes.
- Very similar to other arcade shooters.

The great EA Sports soccer title comes to Super Game Boy, thanks to T*HQ.

T*HQ may soon build a reputation for its translations of classic EA Sports titles for the Super Game Boy. FIFA Soccer captures much of the spirit of the excellent Super NES title and most of the options, including tournaments and 48 international teams. You can choose the angled view or vertical view and set other characteristics like weather, field surface, penalties and time. The animation and play control is tediously slow, however, and there is no two-player option.

- Good use of the Super Game Boy for screen graphics, but no border.
- Play feels clunky because of slow frame rate.
Home Improvement

Home Improvement goes interactive with plenty of power tools.

Tim "The Tool Man" Taylor takes his power tools through the dangers of a TV studio in order to track down and terminate the thief who nabbed his special Binford tool set. Tim staples and nails enemies in this side-scroller based on the hit comedy series. In addition to finding the tools, you must collect nuts and bolts and race against the clock. The studio sets recreate fun worlds, like the age of dinosaurs, but the game play never rises above standard jumping, shooting and the collecting of items.

- Lots of attack modes
- Very awkward play control. The humor that makes the TV show so great is missing from the game. Small character graphics. Difficulty of game play because of poor placement of objects


International Superstar Soccer

Konami makes one giant leap for sports animation and soccer realism.

Konami's entry into the soccer wars may have come late, but it is the best of the bunch in many respects. Outstanding animation and play control make this game special, and it's all packed into an efficient 8 Megabits. The play modes include a World Cup tournament, exhibition games, scenarios and training. With 26 of the top international teams to choose from, International Superstar Soccer represents its sport with flying colors. For an in-depth look at this soccer feast, turn to this month's Sports Scene.

- Very good animation and play control. Good options, challenge and fun
- Cheesy music. No four-player option


Jurassic Park Part 2: The Chaos Continues

Dr. Grant is trapped in Jurassic Park... and he doesn't want to be late for lunch.

Ocean's second Jurassic Park game for Game Boy emphasizes action over adventure. In this side-scrolling shooter, Dr. Grant totes assault weapons and shoots at the dinosaurs until they are extinct, which is the way he prefers his fossils. Your goal is to collect the passcards that let you pass from one dino paddock to the next. In the final area of each level a giant dino awaits. The layout and story are both different from the Super NES game of the same name, and in some ways this is even better, although not nearly as challenging. Check out the review in this issue of Power.

- Good play control. Good music.
- Not very challenging. No Super Game Boy features


Mario's Picross

Imagine putting pictures into a crossword puzzle. Mario's Picross does that and more.

The Picross idea has become a phenomenon in Japan, where it started. The idea is simple enough. You have a grid with numbers for the vertical and horizontal columns and rows. The numbers indicate how many of the squares should be filled in along that row or column. If you fill in the correct squares on the grid, you'll create an image. That's it! Mario's Picross is an electronic version of this game with puzzle images ranging from simple figures, like letters and numbers, to fairly complex images on large grids. This issue takes a look at this captivating new puzzle experience.

- Fun and different. Engaging. Good demo mode
- There's no action element, so it isn't for everyone
Crush, crash and crunch the competition on the U.S.H.R.R. monster truck circuit. Monster Truck Wars puts you on the national circuit for monster truck races. Tracks around the country feature obstacles like deep mud, crushable cars, bumper bashing competitors, pits, bumps, slicks and more. You can also pick up Power-Ups and money along the way. As in most racing games, customizing your vehicle becomes a strategic necessity. Acclaim gives you the options to monsterize your truck so that it is a fearsome, nitro-belching four-by-four of fear. Three difficulty options and a 20-course circuit will keep players on the road for quite a while, that is if they keep themselves on the road. Controlling these trucks is a monster, too.

- Good overhead view and challenge
- Unresponsive control

The road to the Final Four begins here with Mindscape's collegiate hoop fest. NCAA Final Four Basketball from Mindscape includes most of the best b-ball schools in the nation and rendered graphics that do some impressive things. Don't be surprised if you see players dribbling backwards, for instance. But the realistic animation isn't the only story. Four players can hit the boards or one player can attempt to move up from the round of 64 to the championship game. It won't be easy, for several reasons: Take a closer look in this month's Sports Scene.

- 3-D animation, NCAA license: Unique free-throw perspective
- Somewhat slow action: No active player indicators to show which player you control

Enix's strategic adventure features ogres, wizards and a unique battle view. Enix's Ogre Battle has had a major following in Japan for several years. Its reputation as an RPG with a difference is well deserved. Ogre Battle looks and plays more like a strategy game than an RPG. Characters move and fight in units of up to five party members, but individuals also increase experience and strength. You can change the class of your characters and edit your units so they are completely customized. The action takes place in the Zenobian Empire with your rebel forces moving from one region to another, defeating armes and liberating towns along the way. Hidden items, towns and characters can be found everywhere on the map. This month, the Epic Center Looks at Ogre Battle and helps player's get started in this epic adventure.

- Very deep with multiple endings for good replay value
- Unusual game design and a slow learning curve

Pac-Man plunges into a new adventure in a familiar setting. Pac-Man enters a standard platform action game this time around, forsaking the creative interface of Pac-Man 2: The New Adventures. In this game, you'll hop and bop and jump through hoops with the circular arcade hero. He also has special moves including a rope that attaches overhead, allowing the Pauser to swing and climb. If you want to run with the Pac, check out the review in this issue.

- The game can be challenging, but some of the challenge is because of the puzzling layout: Fun character
- Stage goals are unclear: Some moves are awkward
Spidey runs for his life when an army of madmen stalk him in the Big Apple.

Acclaim's Spider-Man fest continues with this Super NES action game based on the new TV series. The story involves a mass breakout of Spider-Man's enemies at Ravencroft prison for the socially challenged. Once Mysterio, Rhino and the others gain their freedom, they go after the wonderous webbed one who put them behind bars. Spidey uses grenades, the web-shooter and fighting techniques to battle his foes. When the going really gets tough, the Fantastic Four make cameo appearances to help out. Tune in to this issue's review.

Marvelous Marvel-esque graphics - Good play control - Fantastic Four cameos

Standard action scenes with little innovation - Simple baddies

The ballpark moves inside with this multi-player big league baseball game from Hudson.

The Sporting News Power Baseball features four player simultaneous action. Surprisingly, this is the first four-player baseball game for the Super NES. Not so surprising is that the game comes from Hudson, the maker of the Multitap and Bomberman. The action on the field uses standard video game baseball controls and views. Hudson picked up the MLBPA license, so the names of major leaguer appear in the game. The rendered player graphics also look sharp and the field options even include a corny Field of Dreams (Pardon the pun.) The multi-player mode feature makes this Pak interesting enough for a closer look. See our coverage in the Sports Scene this month.

Easy to pick up and learn - Four person interface

Pitching isn't realistic - Slow fielding - Lacks a full range of baseball play-making on offense and defense

Movie magic and one of the greatest sci-fi adventures of all time light up the Super NES.

Acclaim's StarGate includes action, action and more action. It's also packed full of excellent graphics, wonderful animation, great sound and lots of variety. Probe performed the developmental magic, just as it did previously with Alien³. The quality really shows. Each area contains missions for O'Neil to carry out in addition to the main goal of just staying alive. Our review this month will help you save the world.

Good although repetitious graphics and very good game play control - Lots of variety - Some very cool and realistic moves

Poor close combat fighting

Sharpe makes it look easy from one end zone to the other.

Sterling Sharpe can catch passes with the best of them, and this game tries to play up on that. Passing is easy, but it's no more developed or strategic than in any other video football game. Options include Playoffs and an All-Star game, but no full season. This month in Sports Scene, we take the field with Sterling.

Easy to pick up and play - Four player option

Poor sound - Not a lot of depth
Jaleco was striving for a sense of realism with this game, from the animation to the music to the use of the MLBPA license and the names of all the big league players. They succeeded in some respects, but the game play suffers from some severe problems, like the poor batting perspective. For the full report, turn to the Sports Scene review.

From the Star Spangled Banner to the seventh inning stretch, SBL3 takes you out to the ballpark.
Boogerman promises to be the Earthworm Jim of the first half of 1995. It’s funny, funky and full of gas. Interplay’s team of designers left no brick unturned, no toilet unflushed and no nose unpicked to bring players the greatest gross-out ever. The game even scores over Earthworm Jim in the play control category, although the variety of stages may not be quite as bizarre. Even so, Boogerman goes where no game has gone before, at least willingly. The courageous hero must plunge the depths of toilets, sewers and other vile holes in his quest to bring Prof. Stinkbaum to justice. Boogerman’s mode of transport ranges from jumping on trampolines of mucus to lighting up a (ahem, natural gas) rocket that blasts him sky high to new levels. When he meets a disgusting denizen of the dump or a toxic terror, Boogerman, a.k.a. Snotty Ragsdale, throws himself into action, attacking the miscreant mess with green chunks, belching belches and the more traditional platform game stomp. The preview version received at Pak Watch looked great. Play control felt natural while the layout of the maps seemed demented, but thoroughly logical. After a while, it felt perfectly natural to leap up inside a nose, only to be blown out again somewhere else. The graphics, story, characters and animation are all well-done, clever and fun. Expect the finished Boogerman early this summer. It’s quite the pick.
A cheer went up from the Pak Watch desk when the terrorist urban assault vehicle that had been circling the Washington Monument exploded in a cloud of black pixels. Yeah. T*HQ got this one right. Unlike Desert Strike, which had a few control and menu problems, Jungle Strike strikes all the right chords. The chopper moves smoothly, using realistic momentum and the gun/missile selection takes place during the action with the push of a button. (In Desert Strike, changing weapons required moving to a subscreen.) All the mission data can be brought up on subscreens, just like in the original Genesis game from EA. Although the designers didn’t make use of the Super Game Boy enhancements like specialized borders, they made very good use of Game Boy graphics in creating the 3-D combat terrain.

The Bad Boy of Belgium, Jean Claude Van Damme, makes his action game debut in JVC’s Time Cop. The game graphics showcase a digitized Jean Claude kicking out at time traveling bad guys with his patented moves. Multi-scrolling digitized backgrounds add to the realistic look of the game. He’s also armed with a gun and bombs. The frame rate of the animation makes for a smooth looking game, but the variety between stages lacks creativity. Although the game makes use of settings from the movie, a good sound score and some cinema scenes, it appears to lack the depth of other movie-based JVC games like the Star Wars series. Time Cop should make it to the stores by May.
Once, Rolls Royce built luxury automobiles in the vast plant at Leavesden Airfield. Today, they film movies here. In February, Pak Watch dropped in for a look at the new James Bond film, Goldeneye, which is being filmed at the Leavesden Studio near London and around the world. We weren’t alone. Tim Stamper of Rare Ltd. drove down for the press conference, but he was less interested in getting an autograph from Pierce Brosnan, the new James Bond, than in talking to the film’s production designers and artists. His interest is in making the Super NES version of Goldeneye as realistic and true-to-the-movie as possible. There was a lot to take in: movie stars, sets, props, scale models, fancy cars, cool gadgets and more.

United Artists may be holding onto the script of the 17th Bond film as if it were a top secret document, but they did let a few plot elements slip out. The story takes place in today’s Post Cold War world in which the power of the Kremlin has been replaced in part by a shadowy organization of the Russian mafia. Bond’s mission will take him into the new Russia and around the world in a race to foil a bone-chilling plot. The shooting schedule takes the cast and crew from the vast studio complex at Leavesden to Puerto Rico, St. Petersburg in Russia, the Nene Valley and Monte Carlo. That’s 18 weeks of hard work to live up to the traditions that have been laid down over more than 30 years of Bond films.

Your first chance to see the picture will be during the upcoming holiday season.

As for Goldeneye the game, Tim Stamper and the talented team at Rare have just begun the hard work. Pierce Brosnan will appear as Bond just as he does in the movie. Other elements to be imported from the film include the famous Bond theme music, the new BMW Roadster and Q’s cool toys. Goldeneye, like Donkey Kong Country, will be a fully rendered game that uses the same ACM (Advanced Computer Modeling) techniques. It’s too early to report a release date for the game, but it should appear shortly after the movie.
Would any Bond movie be complete without some criminal trying to take the high ground? The aging Soviet space station plays a crucial role in the plot when it catches the eye of a new international cartel of super criminals.

A canine guard and handler watch over James Bond's venerable Austin Martin. Goldeneye will also showcase the brand new BMW Roadster, but the car was still under wraps at press time.

These rough models depict the graveyard of the heroes of communism. Goldeneye takes place after the end of the Cold War when old enemies become friends and old friends can become deadly enemies. The statues were piled together unceremoniously after the fall of the U.S.S.R.

How big is a sound stage? The vast interior of the old Rolls Royce factory at Leavesden Airfield encompasses 1.25 million square feet, enough to hold an entire valley complete with a Russian radar tracking station.

Models are used extensively by the production crew to test camera angles and shooting sequences. This operations room has been thoroughly scoped out by a fiber optic camera that can be moved around the model just like the real thing. The results are viewed on a small TV unit.

A gas powered, RC attack helicopter and two MiG fighters roared over the scale valley, just as they would during filming. In another part of the studio, a full-scale model of the chopper receives an extra bond of duct tape.

Two of Her Majesty's Secret Service agents with licenses to kill seem to be pleased with their work. For the first time, audiences will see Bond teamed closely with another top agent—006, agent Alexander Trevelyan, played by Sean Bean.
Titus plans to introduce four Super NES games by this summer including one side-scrolling action game set in the year 5069 and tentatively called Realm, a 3-D action puzzle with an Equinox-type feel known as Whiz; Oscar, featuring a quick-change artist in a variety of platform game settings; and Prehistorik Man, which whisk you back to the days of clubbed sandwiches and dino burgers. Most of these games are being developed in Europe, where Titus looms as one of the major software publishers. This foursome may signal a growing Titus presence in the U.S. Realm features a cyber punk hero armed with an array of futuristic zappers. You must blast your way through five multi-level stages to reach an orbiting space battle station and the fiend who threatens the world. In Whiz, you spin through a 3-D world full of obstacles and enemies in 11 stages that combine puzzle and action game elements. Oscar disguises himself as a vampire and a game show host among other things as he scampers through this side-scrolling platform world full of bright graphics. The prehistoric world of Prehistorik Man follows in the footsteps of Joe and Mac. The character and the world are wacky and full of visual caveman puns.

**UPDATE**

If you didn’t get a copy of Tecmo Super Bowl II: Special Edition, don’t worry. Tecmo Super Bowl III: Final Edition is coming and it features the same improved game play as did the Special Edition. Although the game engine won’t change dramatically, the game will have both expansion teams and any other team moves. In fact, Tecmo is waiting until trading deadline in the NFL before finalizing the rosters in the game. One of the reasons that Tecmo kept the number of Special Edition Paks so small was that they wanted the next major release to have the new teams and rosters. So when can Tecmo fans get their hands on Tecmo Super Bowl III? The countdown is on for next October.
Cupertino, CA, 1995. A previously unknown company headed by refugees from Apple Computer have begun their invasion of America's households. Our agents have uncovered a plot that may alter the way Americans play video games. The first alpha version of the device known as the XBand Modem for the Super NES was uncovered at NOA headquarters in Redmond, WA. Previously, the agents had experimented with the simpler Genesis version, and even that was fun. But the Super NES XBand benefitted from being developed second. It had more internal ROM than the Genesis model, holding more graphics and animation modes. When it is released into the American marketplace in September, the XBand for the Super NES will have the best game options available including play patches for Ken Griffey Jr. Presents Major League Baseball from Nintendo, EA Sports' Madden '95 and NBA Live '95, Mortal Kombat II and NBA Jam Tournament Edition from Acclaim. Not long after that, subscribers to the service should be able to play games that have special features programmed with the XBand in mind. How does it work? Our agents will report back in a special article next month. Is this the future of gaming? The truth is out there.

U.S. Gold's new Super NES game—Izzy's Quest for the Olympic Rings—tries to add a twist (or at least a spin) to traditional platform game play. Izzy, a strange little fellow who spin jumps and gains super powers, spends most of his time just trying to find his way through the confusing mazes of each stage. The graphics mix fantasy and Greek themes with a bright palette. A truly dizzying array of collectible objects fall from the sky or bounce out of the grass at Izzy's feet. Collecting the objects may give the Izzy special powers, like the ability to rocket through the air. As far as the theme is concerned, apparently U.S. Gold is trying to get a jump on the '96 Atlanta Olympic games for which they hold the license.
BASS MASTERED

Readers of Sports Scene may recall our Bass Round-up earlier this year. At that time, Bass Masters from THQ wasn't finished, although it was playable. Now, we've hooked into the final version of Bass Masters. The product is definitely more refined. Improvements in the sound include realistic watery gurgles. Graphical improvements include more detailed lake bottom views and more fish details. Bass Masters is the only bass tournament game that lets you upgrade all of your equipment, even your boat's engine. The game, also takes a dramatically different view point. Working lures in this perspective isn't quite as intuitive as in Bassin's Black Bass from Hot-B, but it has the unique advantage of showing close-ups of the fish. As you stare into those cold black eyes, you'll know that it's just man vs. fish. Bass Masters should be on the lake by May.

WORMS WORMS WORMS

Do you need more slime in your life? Do you really hate crows? Have you ever flung a cow? If you answered 'yes' to any of these questions, you'll be happy to learn that Earthworm Jim 2 development is well underway. Playmates hopes to release the next Super NES Jim in October. Can't wait that long? Well, luckily, Earthworm Jim for Game Boy should be out long before EJ2. The small screen version looks surprisingly like its big brother. In fact, EJ Game Boy should have all but one of the levels that appeared in the original game. But that's not all for jimbo. The coolest annelid (worm) on earth moves into mainstream marketing this fall when his cartoon series debuts on the WB Network. Warner will air Jim during its Kids' WB hour. Still haven't had enough of the Worm? Playmates will introduce an Earthworm Jim action-figure line of toys and accessories in September. Let's hope that Jim doesn't let all the fame go to his head, even if he doesn't have one.

Playmates won't put all of its eggs in the Earthworm Jim basket. Mutant Chronicles for the Super NES should storm the stores this summer with as much flesh-shredding, bullet-pumping action as you can take. Mutant Chronicles takes a page or two from the Contra series of games, but it doesn't stop there. On the Game Boy front, World Heroes 2 jet featuring World Heroes fighting action in development.

THE SPECTRUM

Spectrum Holobyte circles the globe to bring you some of the most innovative games ever designed. Recent proof of this comes from the affiliations with FASA and AnimaTek. FASA, the Chicago-based company best known for its Battletech simulations, signed a multi-year deal granting Spectrum the rights to its titles for new video game platforms. AnimaTek, partly owned by Tetris-creator, Alexey Pajitnov, develops lifelike sims and puzzle games. Its most recent project, Fresh Water Fish, lets you design a video aquarium. Spectrum Holobyte has invested in the company and will distribute some of its products on new gaming platforms. The new platforms indicated in both deals will include the Nintendo Ultra 64, but so far the only Spectrum Title for the NU 64 is Top Gun.

SLAP SHOT

In the deja vu file, RHI Roller Hockey from American Softworks is a dead-ringer for Accolade's Brett Hull Hockey. How could such a thing happen? The same development team at Radical Entertainment used virtually the same game engine, changing only a minimum of graphic and sound elements and slapping on a new title. The roller hockey game plays just as well as the ice hockey title, but the developers insist that it incorporates slightly tighter turn radiuses and a
gray/white concrete rink floor instead of a blue/white ice floor. In addition to those exciting changes, the voice of Al Michaels has been replaced and the title screen looks completely different.

**GRIDIRON STORY**

HudsonSoft's *Gridiron Glory* combines some of the least impressive football graphics for the Super NES with some of the least inspired plays—not exactly a winning combination. From the animation to the play selection, this game is mired in the muck of mediocrity—definitely not a game we would expect from Hudson, the makers of the Bomberman series.

**QUICK-TAKES**

Acclaim announced a deal with Marvel comics giving Acclaim the rights to make video games based on Marvel's characters and stories, including popular heroes such as Spider-Man, The Fantastic Four, Iron Man, X-Men, Wolverine and others. The Battletech game for the Super NES has run into some delays according to Activision. Earlier in the year we had anticipated receiving Battletech by now, but the earliest release date has slipped to September. Another title that won't be showing up as soon as we hoped is *Capcom's Mega Man 7*, which was shown at Winter CES. The latest and largest of the Mega Man games at 16 megabits, was one of the best games at the show. In spite of this, no date has been set for the release of this game. We'll let you know as soon as the status changes. Virgin Interactive reports that the *Spot III* game has become *Spot Goes to Hollywood*, the perfect place for such a well-rounded celebrity. Puck & Marion is a new, politically correct, anti-smoking game from Raya Systems. The message may win supporters, but the graphics and play won't attract many players. *NHL Hockey* from Maltibu is next up in the Game Boy conversion conveyor. Hockey fans will finally have a game they can take on the road. Hi Tech Expressions reports it plans to make a Super NES version of Cosper based on the upcoming movie that brings the friendly ghost back from *well* the graveyard of syndication. In spite of its broad story development, Accolade's *Fire Team Rogue* suffers from jerky animation and low-end, Genesis graphics. Dark Stroker, shown at the *Capcom* booth in its arcade form, was not mentioned as a Super NES game, but Capcom Japan may have different ideas. At Koel, *Rise of the Phoenix* breaks away from the historical RPG tradition of the Romance of the Three Kingdoms series with a more strategic war game design. The LifeCycle from LifeFitness is making news with its announcement of a significant drop in price for later this year along with new hardware configurations and software titles, including Tetris, Pac-Man, and Exertoin Speed Racer.
Justice League Task Force

Talk about your super fighting games! All of your favorite DC Comic heroes battle it out against some of the toughest bad guys around. Street fighting will never be the same now that these superheroes have gotten into the action. Check out Sunsoft's latest hit next month!

Kirby's Dream Land 2

The mighty puff-ball is back! Kirby's latest adventure has been created with the Super Game Boy in mind, so you can expect some super gameplay. If you're one of Kirby's many fans, you won't want to miss this issue.

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Mortal Kombat III

Okay, here's the scoop. Mortal Kombat III is the game that everyone is waiting for. Rumors that it wasn't going to be released for the Super NES and the Ultra 64 have been flying. Nintendo Power is going to blow that rumor out of the water next month, so tune in!

Don't miss this!

NP Award Winners for 1994

Nintendo Power readers have spoken! The votes have been tallied and the NP Awards are ready to be handed out. See if your favorite game won a trophy next month.


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