

## Games For Ur Enjoyment League (GFUEL)

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**Packet 4:** my fender knows not the sweet taste of blood, but i am prepared to allow her to feast

1. The recurring character Birdhead in this game describes the protagonist as “without a face floating indifferently through a world stuck in time.” A passage in this game describes a catastrophic “fourth flood” and calls its title location “an old abandoned [town] on a ghost of a river.” In this game, the player plays a recording of Pawpaw saying “ephphatha”(“ef-fa-THA”) to escape from the Promenade Mall, where a cult of Garretts live. After discovering her mother’s headdress, the protagonist of this game is attacked by her family’s robot (\*) Million, who is actually a spy for Thomas Saint Claire. This game uses a “mindmap” mechanic to keep track of information, and this game’s primary plotline involves the protagonist Kay learning about her late mother Catherine’s involvement with Superduck. For 10 points, name this “petroleum blues” Southern Gothic point-and-click game set in the title suburb near New Orleans named after an oil refinery.

ANSWER: NORCO

<IH, Indie>

2. Starting at level 3 in a “*Faster Harder More Challenging*” version of this game, the player is chased by a woman in love with them instead of a deadly enemy. A pinball knocker inside this game’s cabinet provides force feedback when the player falls off the map. This was the earliest game to make use of a joystick panel rotated 45 degrees to match the movement pattern of the title character. Enemies in this game that move orthogonally to the player are named (\*) Ugg and Wrong-Way. The player can jump onto spinning colored discs in this game to lure a purple snake named Coily to jump off the map. The player starts at the top of an isometric pyramid in, for 10 points, what arcade game featuring an orange character whose swearing is implied with speech consisting of symbols like at signs and exclamation points?

ANSWER: Q\*bert (“Q-bert”)

<EG, Early Video Games>

3. Note to moderator: read the answerline carefully.

Note to players: the answerline is not a game genre. Description acceptable. **ADRIFT** is one of these systems that uniquely includes a graphical map and uses folders to sort objects and locations. Andrew Plotkin designed one of these systems called Glulx. Martin Frost created the Quetzal file format for one of these systems, which also creates files that end in .z (“dot z”) and a version number corresponding to that one of these systems. Scott Adams created one of these systems for the TRS-80 that could only recognize the first three letters of commands. (\*) Infocom derived one of these systems from MDL and developed the ability to recognize certain prepositions and conjunctions. The seventh version of one of these systems writes Blorb files and is natural-language-based. Graham Nelson developed that one of these systems called Inform. Inky and Twine are examples of these systems that may be run with HTML5. For 10 points, name these systems that run games like *Curses* and *80 Days*.

ANSWER: engines for text-based games [accept programming language or virtual machine or parser instead of “engine,” accept interactive fiction or text adventure or narrative or hypertext or electronic literature instead of “text-based;” prompt on engines or any of the listed equivalents with “For what sort of game?”]

<IH, Other>

4. Figures with this status who lose their way can transform into Bloody Fingers, frenzied hunters who revel in the blood of others with this status. A king who was forced to abandon his crown after his queen forced this

**status on him uses Serosh to suppress his violent urges. White-Face Verré taunts a character with this status for not having someone to magically empower them, making their quest pointless. Characters with this status gather in (\*) roundtable hold. Dungeater, Hora Loux, and Goldenmask are mentioned in an opening cinematic noting the return of people with this status, alongside one “of no renown” in a shot showing the protagonist. For 10 points, name this status, which occurs when one loses the grace of the Erdtree and is banished from the Lands Between, and which serves as the name of the protagonist in *Elden Ring*.**

ANSWER: **Tarnished** [prompt on answers like banished or exiled by asking “what are people who are exiled called in the game?”, prompt on maidenless on the White-Face Verré clue by asking “Verré calls a person known by what status maidenless?”]

<MB, Major Publishers (Other)>

**5. This character praises another character for having “the battle, the experience to be a true *Fortnite* twink player” before a section noting the lack of a cutscene. In a fandub, this character kidnaps a gamer girl who eats rocks so they can promote their new *PUBG* game and make it the ultimate battle royale. After a boss fight with a five year old impersonating the police on an aircraft carrier, this character abruptly declares that “I miss my wife. I miss her a lot” before suddenly running away. Later in that fandub, this character makes a callout post on their twitter.com where they call (\*) Shadow a “bitch ass motherfucker” for peeing on their wife, and this character pees on the moon to spite Obama, starting a 24 hour countdown for the end of the world. For 10 points, name this Snapcube Sonic fandub character voiced by Alfred Coleman, the technomaniac nemesis of Sonic.**

ANSWER: Doctor **Eggman** [accept Dr. Ivo **Robotnik**]

<MB, Culture>

**6. The design of this game’s opening stage was inspired by Iwagumi aquascaping. At one checkpoint in this game, an icosahedral red stone becomes a glowing turtle that illuminates the way as it swims downward. In a part of this game, the player is guided by a cube-headed friend who eats cubical apples that fall from trees. An organ plays frantically in this game’s soundtrack as the player weathers sandstorms near its start, and later when Karasu, a (\*) blackbird spirit, screeches. This game opens with the protagonist waking in the hand of a giant crumbling statue to find that she has lost her voice, which she regains after the underwater “Blue” level. Many mechanics in this game change the shape of the protagonist’s minimalist triangular black dress. For 10 points, identify this failure-free platformer by Nomada Studios about a young girl rediscovering color in a wasteland of her loss.**

ANSWER: **Gris**

<VD, Indie>

**7. The “Dark Tallon” variant of these organisms is observed storing food in piles and are formed when their “Tallon” variant is possessed by the Ing. A purple liquid was developed to keep these organisms from reproducing and was used to flood cities inhabited by the Thoha. A vaccine containing these organisms’ DNA hybridizes the protagonist with them to survive an infection by X (\*) Parasite. A large example of these organisms dubbed “Prime” absorbs the player’s DNA and Phazon Suit to be reborn as a “Dark” version of the player character. These organisms’ name is derived from the Chozo word for “ultimate warrior.” The planet SR388 is the home of these organisms, which were stolen and taken to Zebes (“**ZEH-bis**”) by a band of space pirates commanded by Ridley. For 10 points, name these creatures that title a franchise featuring the protagonist Samus Aran.**

ANSWER: **Metroids** [accept Dark Tallon **Metroids**, Tallon **Metroids**, **Metroid** larvae, or **Metroid** Prime; prompt on **Dark Samus**]

<EG, Major Publishers (Nintendo)>

**8. This character names Rank III Hydras in one game, who can be poached to obtain Whale Whiskers. An enemy named “[this character] Eliminator” serves as a boss in Orphan’s Cradle, and has attack patterns resembling the Ushumgal Subjugator. This character guards a chest containing the Genji Helm in**

**Pandemonium, where they serve as one of Satan's generals. This character appears with a ring around their neck in Henne Mines, contrasting their usual (\*) multi-headed appearance in other games. In their first appearance, this character is the first of the four fiends to awaken, and they guard the Wind Crystal atop a flying fortress. For 10 points, name this non-Bahamut great dragon that appears as either an enemy or a summon in *Final Fantasy* games, named after a Mesopotamian deity.**

ANSWER: Tiamat

<MB, Major Publishers (Other)>

9. *Note to players: the answer to this question is a specific game, not a franchise or series. SolidifiedGaming discovered Arbitrary Code Execution in this game by creating an overflow buffer and a fake event structure to perform a credits warp in twenty-five minutes. In this game, Hazard Respawn Glitch requires frame-perfect jumps into a body of water and causes the player to respawn in the center of the room. Malleo placed a \$200 bounty on finding a way to perform Blimp Ticket Skip in this game. Palace Skip uses text storage and a (\*) Yoshi teleport to clip into the loading zone after Riddle Tower in this game. A speedrunning trick used in Chapter 2 of this game spawned memes asking about the ticking of a timer. AFlurrie Super Slide in the Japanese version of this game can be used to obtain the Ultra Hammer early. In this game, performing a Super Jump while in Paper Mode allows early access the teleporter room to the X-Naut Fortress. For 10 points, name this RPG in which Mario collects Crystal Stars to unlock the title object in Rogueport.*

ANSWER: *Paper Mario: The Thousand Year Door* [or *Paper Mario: TTYD*; reject "*Paper Mario*"]

<IH, Culture>

10. **Players read poems by Valluvar on a calendar to begin levels in a game about performing this action. A "memory" mechanic is used to help the title character remember how to perform this action in a narrative game about Indian immigrants living in Canada; that game is *Venba*. Hidden levels in a game about performing this action are named after the dog Kevin. Warly begins with an item used to perform this action in (\*) *Don't Starve Together*. The player can play as a raccoon in a wheelchair in a game about performing this action. Besides when taking pictures, the only time Link will smile in *Breath of the Wild* is when he is performing this action. To gain effects like Flame Guard or Stealth Up, one must add things like Smotherwing Butterflies or Silent Shrooms while performing this action. For 10 points, name this action performed in games like *Papa's Pizzeria*.**

ANSWER: cooking [or obvious equivalents]

<IH, Other>

11. **A difficult quest in this game requires the player to remove rocks and mushrooms from the path of fireflies who only speak in haikus. In the Fireworks Factory in this game, the player is given an infinite flight and flame powerup to defeat two continuously regenerating enemies. The player has to box the Colossus Yeti in this game to try to reclaim Bartholomew's ball while playing as Bentley. This game begins during a celebration of the title event, during which 150 (\*) eggs are stolen by the sorceress Bianca. This game included top-down shooter levels where the player controls Sparx, the title character's dragonfly companion. In this game, the player is aided in boss battles by characters like the penguin Sergeant Byrd and Sheila the kangaroo. For 10 points, name this third installment of the original *Spyro* trilogy with a name inspired by the Chinese zodiac.**

ANSWER: *Spyro: Year of the Dragon* [or *Spyro: YOTD*; accept *Spyro 3* before "third"; prompt on *Spyro*; reject *Spyro the Dragon*]

<EG, Major Publishers (Other)>

12. **A board game publisher named for these things created games like *Nemo's War* and *Twilight of the Gods: Age of Revelation*. Players bid with these things to determine who can go first through Naqala in the board game *Five Tribes*. In the board game *Puerto Rico*, these things are kept hidden in the player's windrose and are represented by a red-brown number. A *Cities* expansion to one game introduces the ability to make other**

players lose these things by forcing them into debt. In another game, cards named for these things have an orange frame and are (\*) hidden and may only be revealed in the process of winning the game. In that game, players receive two of these things for having the longest road and one for each of their settlements. For 10 points, name these points which are used to determine who wins board games like *Seven Wonders* and *Settlers of Catan*.

ANSWER: victory points [accept Victory Point Games or victory tokens; prompt on points]

<MB, Non-Video Games>

13. An obstacle course level in the Happiness Research Lab is built around the player using this weapon class. A weapon of this class was revealed in CoroCoro Comic along with a cap and hoodie. One weapon of this class is a cup holder that uses a cup with a long straw to hold ammo. Weapons of this class are not affected by the Run Speed Up ability when they are in use. Long range vertical attacks are possible with certain weapons in this class such as its (\*) Dynamo and Flingza varieties. The Carbon form of this weapon class is lighter than its more common Splat variety. Weapons of this class have a “flinging” attack, and players will crush opponents when running into them if they are using this weapon class. For 10 points, name this class of *Splatoon* melee weapons that can be dragged to leave a trail of ink on the ground.

ANSWER: roller [prompt on brush]

<IH, Major Publishers (Nintendo)>

14. Running between two bushes causes this character to lose a red bow that they earlier tricked a woman to put on them by hiding a statue resembling this character. After completing all the game’s tasks, this character is awarded a crown that requires an NPC to put it on this character to be worn. An image of this character holding a knife spawned a sharp increase in usage of the “peace was never an option” meme. This character can cause a man to (\*) hammer his thumb by making a loud noise while he puts an anti-[this character] sign back in his yard. After traversing a smaller scale model of the game’s village, this character topples a tower to retrieve a bell, after which they return to the beginning of the game to add it to their nest. The player can honk to scare people as, for 10 points, what avian title character of an “untitled” indie game?

ANSWER: the goose from *Untitled Goose Game*

<EG, Indie>

15. Kirby can be fought as a bonus boss in a fake game titled for this action by linking it with a game titled for its opposite, for which SiIvaGunner (“SEE-vah-GUN-er”) created a series of music tracks. The player performs this action by ripping a paper, which prompts Mayor Onion to tell the player that this action is “a real thing” in the game *Turnip* (\*) *Boy* [performs this action].” The only canon evidence of a certain character performing this action occurs in *Fortune Street*, where they are the only character to request an exemption from a certain building type. A Tumblr post consisting of a screenshot of a video titled “64 Things WRONG With” a certain character and the word “nothing” 64 times spawned a meme in which a certain Mario side character is accused of performing this action. For 10 points, name this crime allegedly committed by Yoshi that involves avoiding payments owed to the government.

ANSWER: committing tax fraud [or tax evasion; accept answers indicating not paying taxes; accept *Turnip Boy Commits Tax Evasion*]

<EG, Other>

16. A Rhystic Studies video on this card explores how Shahar Shenhar used it to win the 2013 semifinals in the Amsterdam world championship. A recent crossover between the game this card is a part of and *Street Fighter* produced an alternate art version of this card called Hadoken. A common aphorism tells players to cast this spell on “the bird,” an aphorism which has recently been adapted to say “hurt the hierarch.” Toralf’s disciple shuffles four copies of this card into your deck in *MTG Arena*. A weaker arcane version of this spell which can only target players was printed in (\*) *Champions of Kamigawa*. Mono-Red Burn decks often

play as many functional copies of this card as possible, including Lava Spike and Chain Lightning. For 10 points, name this red instant, which deals three damage to any target in *Magic: The Gathering*.

ANSWER: Lightning **Bolt**

<MB, Non-Video Games>

17. In this series, Savage Lee drops a pistol that shoots three rounds which split into five, and then into seven. That pistol is “Unkempt Harold”. In a game in this series developed by Telltale Games, Rhys gets into an epic finger gun battle with members of the accounting department in Helios while disguised as Vasquez. A faceless character in this game speaks entirely in (\*) haiku and emotes on his helmet to show emotion. The ice element is introduced in a “Pre-Sequel” in this series which takes place on the central planet’s moon. The second game in this series features a “Gunzerker” who can dual wield guns and a siren who can lift enemies into the air among its playable characters. For 10 points, name this cel-shaded first person shooter series where the player fights enemies like Handsome Jack as a Vault Hunter.

ANSWER: **Borderlands**

<MB, Major Publishers (Other)>

18. While attempting to partner with SEGA to make this console, one of SEGA’s executives said that its parent company “doesn’t know how to make hardware.” This console was originally conceived as a collaborative project in 1988 after its creator convinced Nintendo to use his SPC-700 sound chip in the SNES. Originally intended to be a (\*) CD-ROM add-on called the SNES-CD, this console became an independent project after Nintendo CEO Hiroshi Yamauchi backed out of the deal. Because its parent company lacked game development experience, Ken Kutaragi had to rely on third-party game developers like Namco and Konami to help develop this console. This console was released in 1994 and again in 2000 as a special One model. For 10 points, name this fifth-generation, Sony-made console that featured exclusive titles like *Gran Turismo* and *Crash Bandicoot*.

ANSWER: Sony **PlayStation** [accept **PlayStation**, **PS1**, or **PSX**; accept **SNES-CD** before read; accept any answers referring to the **original Playstation**]

<DA, Early Video Games>

19. A 2022 episode of this web show featured a running gag about a flying whale in the background being sexually aroused by the other character in frame, at one point dubbed Blood Shark. A politician in an episode of this show ran against Duran Duran in a mayoral race on the grounds that dogs should be able to vote. A pink creature from this show called Jaa’m (“JAM”) was branded as “the dog that kisses back” in an effort to create the sequel to (\*) dogs. An episode of this show set in *Fallout 4* featured a romance between Roachie the Radroach and the player character, The Final Pam. In the first episode of this show, the hosts repeatedly use the randomization feature to play *Dark Souls 2* as a man resembling Squirtle. For 10 points, name this Polygon series hosted by Griffin and Justin McElroy (“MACK-el-roy”) in which they use character customization options to create crimes against nature.

ANSWER: **Monster Factory**

<EG, Culture>

20. Upon reading his thoughts, a shopkeeper muses at the lack of information about this character beyond an inscription on a fountain. At the end of an incredibly difficult platforming section, the player is shown a flashback of a king and this character before unlocking the journal entry for the Seal of Binding. This character turns to look at the player after climbing out of the (\*) Abyss, during which this character is described having “no mind to think, no will to break, no voice to cry suffering.” This character only takes one damage per hit when they begin to stab themselves during their boss fight. After locating the three Dreamers, the player can fight this character at the now-unsealed Temple of the Black Egg, where they can be Dream Nailed to reach the game’s true

final boss, the Radiance. For 10 points, name this title character of an indie metroidvania who was created to seal away the Infection in Hallownest.

ANSWER: the **Hollow Knight** [accept the **Pure Vessel**; reject “the Vessel”]

<EG, Indie>

Tiebreaker

21. In a game titled for this emotion, the player receives a haunted duck call that debuffs enemy stats, though it is revealed that the thing haunting it is just a bunch of spiders. A tree creature in a game titled for this emotion tells the player it is one of three brothers, one who tells the truth, one who lies, and one who only honks, though it was lying about the one who honks. Repeatedly interacting with a bookcase at the beginning of a game titled for this emotion gives the player the “Walking (\*) Stupid” perk, giving them ridiculous walking animations. Cow Puncher and Bean Slinger are playable classes in a game titled for this emotion set after the Cows Came Home. The player can get the Spit Free perk or a spittoon hat based on how they interacted with spittoons in a game titled for this emotion. For 10 points, name this emotion that follows the phrases “Shadows Over” and “West of” in a series of comedy RPGs.

ANSWER: **Loathing** [accept *West of Loathing* or *Shadows over Loathing*]

<EG, Indie>