

TOEJAM - Round 3

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1. **Exact term required. This material names the beetle bags players gather around a namesake "Lagoon" in the "3rd Grade" installment of the *ClueFinders* educational game series. A clone composed entirely of this material in a 2019 puzzle-adventure game is introduced in the parking garage of the Last Resort, a high-rise hotel, where he demonstrates how he is highly vulnerable to water but can easily pass through (*) grates and other slatted barriers. Players must transport spheres of this material to a pipe by building structures like bridges in a physics-heavy 2008 puzzle game titled for a *World of* this stuff. In *Luigi's Mansion 3*, Professor E. Gadd creates a helpful green doppelganger of Luigi made entirely of, for 10 points, what oozy substance?**

ANSWER: goo [accept Goo Beetles or Goo Lagoon or *World of Goo*; prompt on Gooigi]

2. **An NES release branded in the U.S. as a sequel to this game was actually a rebranding of the Sunsoft game *Battle Hunter*. In the seventh episode of *Murder, She Wrote*, Jessica suddenly solves a crime while playing this game. A *Defender* cabinet and an object from this game are included with a *Lego Dimensions* mini-figure with the stupid name "Gamer Kid Gamin' gamer." This game was designed to star James Bond, but when the rights couldn't be secured its developers licensed the music from (*) *Peter Gunn* instead. A 2006 reimagining of this game, which was made as the tie-in for a cancelled movie, used the subtitle "Nowhere to Run" and starred Dwayne Johnson. A "Weapons Van" can be used to augment this game's title object, including with upgrades to its built-in machine guns. For 10 points, name this early Midway racing combat game.**

ANSWER: *Spy Hunter*

3. **After being lured to this location, the robotic character Emerl goes berzerk and attempts to use this location to destroy Earth. Red Eye, a boss fought in this place, sits within a large column surrounded by eight quickly rotating spheres. In one game, a former version of this place is brought back by the Time Eater, causing it to be visible from the Sky Sanctuary. The first appearance of this place abruptly follows a level set in a (*) "Winged Fortress." This place, whose original iteration was destroyed in the "Angel Island Incident," is usually seen with a uniform facade except for a massive moustache. A "mecha" version of a noted fast game character is fought on, for 10 points, what Death Star-esque fortress operated by Dr. Robotnik in several *Sonic* games?**

ANSWER: Death Egg

4. **Description acceptable. One of these devices preloaded with Godzilla-related content was introduced in Japan four months before the console that uses this device was released. This device could be used to earn rewards in the arcade version of *Marvel vs. Capcom 2*. *Circus Atari* inspired a game exclusive to this device that tasked the player with bouncing off the chest of Voldo from (*) *Soul Calibur*. Sony's Japan-exclusive "PocketStation" is an impressively blatant rip-off of this device. Certain software could install the games from the *Chao Adventure* series onto this device, which sported four buttons and a D-pad. A certain controller had a hole in its front so players could see the screen from, for 10 points, what versatile accessories used with Sega's final console?**

ANSWER: VMUs [or Visual Memory Unit or Visual Memory System; accept Dreamcast memory card or very similar answers; prompt on less specific answers like memory card]

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5. **This gaming action names a 2018 startup app aimed at making esports more interactive and features a horned purple ghost as its mascot. In *Mario Party 6, 7, and 8*, players had to spend 10 Stars to unlock the ability to perform this action, which previously had been free. Members of any class can perform the Skullcracker type of this action in *Team Fortress 2*. This basic action in *Street Fighter* and *Art of Fighting* fills Dan (*) Hibiki's Super Combo Gauge and, uniquely, he can do it any number of times. Performing this action in *Marvel vs. Capcom 3* makes Thor deliver his lengthy "Mighty Speech," during which he is completely vulnerable to attacks. For 10 points, name this simple and often rude command that can make Captain Falcon say, "Show me ya moves!"**

ANSWER: taunting

6. **An especially uninspired one of these actions depicts very basic arm movements being made by a character played by Kerri Hoskins. A dog is heard squealing from off-screen at the end of another of these actions, causing the dog's owner to recoil. A parody of the "Epic Sax Guy" meme and a performance set to "Give My Regards to Broadway" appear as varieties of these actions that were added in a 2019 game's (*) "Aftermath" expansion. In one game, a diminutive character named "Kidd Thunder" features in one of these actions, while others each end with an on-screen command to buy a doll. In the second game in which these actions appear, an announcer incredulously asks "again?!" after announcing one of them. A disco ball appears above Liu Kang in an example of, for 10 points, what unusually cordial actions done to the losers of *Mortal Kombat* matches?**

ANSWER: Friendships

7. **Noted gaming cheater Todd Rogers claimed he scored an outlandish 65 million points on a port of this game, for which the *actual* record is just over 58,000. In a PC reboot of this game, a druid tasks players with saving the tiny villagers of the land of Weedom. Kids named Maisy and Max star in a weird, top-down spinoff of this game for the Wii and 3DS. The main enemy in this game was used by the Strokes as the cover art for the single (*) "Reptilia." *Apeiron* for the Macintosh was an out-and-out rip-off of this game, whose direct 1984 sequel introduced inchworms, which slowed time when hit. In this game, fleas zip downward towards the player, leaving behind vertical trails of mushrooms. For 10 points, name this classic Atari shooter about killing a long, segmented insect.**

ANSWER: Centipede

8. **These animals lure Samantha and Jonathan into the title haunted house in the Sega CD game *Mansion of Hidden Souls* Murdering a twin sister to have her reborn as this animal is the goal of the Crimson Sacrifice Ritual, which is central to the second *Fatal Frame* game. A gold barrette in the shape of this animal is stolen off Hugo Moller's wife by a child molester in an *L.A. Noire* homicide mission. A demon known as the Mistress of Atrocity, from whom (*) Bayonetta derives most of her power, resembles and is properly named for one of these animals. Max notices a blue one of these animals come in through a bathroom window early in *Life Is Strange*, while a ghostly image of them marks fateful decisions in *Until Dawn*. Metapod evolves into a Pokemon that is basically, for 10 points, what beautiful insect?**

ANSWER: butterfly [accept Madama Butterfly or blue butterfly or crimson butterfly or The Golden Butterfly]

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9. One of only five non-original songs used in this game franchise is Scott Joplin's "Searchlight Rag," which plays after selecting "Ragtime style." In this franchise's first two games, merely clicking on lawns with any size terrain tool removed overgrowth, an exploit that rendered the "mow grass" option a complete waste of time for Handymen. Agoraphobia and Claustrophobia were a pair of black-and-white structures in the (*) Diamond Heights scenario of this franchise's first game. Bumping up the speed on the pre-built "Shuttle Loop" design in this game was a favorite way to kill NPCs. This series is central to the meme "Mr. Bones' Wild Ride." Perfecting the balance between nausea, intensity, and excitement ratings is a key aspect of, for 10 points, what amusement park simulation series?

ANSWER: RollerCoaster Tycoon

10. One of this character's dearest possessions bears two "Pass" stickers with pictures of Brewster and Dr. Shrunken sketched on them. The only time this character is seen wearing clothes is when serving as the DJ at Club LOL. This character was based on Kazumi Totaka, whose name inspired this character's full name. In various personas, this character appears on the cover art for creative works like "Pondering," "Two Days Ago," and "Stale Cupcakes." Background figures watch this character instead of the battle if the *Super Smash Bros.* stage (*) Smashville is being played after 8PM on a Saturday night. Attaining a three-star island rating from Resident Services is required to unlock the weekly concerts given by this character in *New Horizons*. For 10 points, name this laid-back, anti-corporate canine music star from *Animal Crossing*.

ANSWER: K.K. Slider [accept either underlined portion; accept Totakeke]

11. A riot in one of these places is the opening setting of the beat-em-up game *State of Emergency*, similarly, a *nightmare* in one of them is the opening scene of *Silent Hill 3*. Diminutive, annoying axe-wielding enemies that occasionally burst into flames are first seen in a level set in one of these places in *Zombies Ate My Neighbors*. One of these places is the setting and namesake of the first downhill level of the first (*) *Tony Hawk's Pro Skater* games. The second chapter of *Heavy Rain*, in which Jason gets lost, is set in another of these places. A strong similarity to a 1978 horror film set in one of these places prompted a 2006 game to include a disclaimer that the two were unrelated. The original *Dead Rising* is set in, for 10 points, what enclosed spaces for doing capitalism?

ANSWER: shopping malls

12. In 2013, Yard Team released what they claimed to be a "3D" remake of this game to Steam, where it was quickly taken down. This game began development as a sequel to a game partially titled "Radical Psycho Machine," or "RPM." A 1997 game released in the U.S. under the name *Red Asphalt* was titled elsewhere as a sequel to this game. This game's Scatterpacks are a strict upgrade to Bear Claw Mines. Larry Huffman plays "Loudmouth Larry," the announcer of this game, who often shouts "Let the carnage begin!". Snake Sanders can (*) pilot the Havac in this game, whose developer was known at the time as Silicon & Synapse and whose characters include Olaf from *The Lost Vikings*. "Radar Love" appeared exclusively in the Genesis version of, for 10 points, what Blizzard vehicular combat title whose opening music is "Bad to the Bone"?

ANSWER: Rock n' Roll Racing

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13. A 1996 ASC Games release about this activity was later remade to star the Animaniacs. A wise-cracking green chicken provides commentary in a KID-developed SNES game, whose mediocre N64 remake is among the rarest on the console. A sci-fi influenced version of this activity is played by a character named Milo in a *different* mediocre N64 game. A Virtual Boy game built around this activity starred the *Nintendo Power* character (*) Nester. After visiting a carnival, this activity occurs in the "First Date" mission in *Grand Theft Auto IV*. An impossibly popular late 90s PC game with a holiday theme replaced the central objects of this activity with elves. An especially popular game in *Wii Sports* allowed Miis to participate in, for 10 points, what activity seen in games sponsored by Brunswick?

ANSWER: bowling

14. The manual for this game defines its last level as "Top Secret" before explaining it in detail, and ominously tells the player "This is your Waterloo." That level of this game tasks the player with destroying a space shuttle sitting on a launch pad. While its Japanese equivalent is generic, the map seen at the start of the US version of this game clearly depicts Saudi Arabia. Instructions like (*) "Right! Right!" are given at a critical point in each of this game's four levels. "The Second Mission" was the follow-up to this game, in which an otherwise successful level can be failed if the player fails to maintain the correct speed and angle at its end. Incredibly difficult tasks like refueling and landing on an aircraft carrier are parts of, for 10 points, what infamous NES flight sim based on a Tom Cruise movie?

ANSWER: Top Gun

15. Shortly before making *Fall Guys*, Mediatonic created a mobile spinoff of this series using Funko Pop figures. In 2018 ex-athlete Lenwood Hamilton sued this franchise's developer, claiming they stole his likeness for one of its key supporting characters. A trial adjudicated by an officer named for Ezra Pound is central to a 2013 spinoff of this series. The latest installment in this series is a turn-based game that tasks players with placing explosives inside (*) Emergence Holes. Several games in this series depict the use of a powerful laser weapon that fires from orbit. A chemical known as "Imulsion" spawned the Lambent, a mutated version of this franchise's recurring subterranean monsters, who hope to conquer the planet Sera. The extremely cool Lancer, a gun that is also a chainsaw, appears in, for 10 points, what Epic Games shooter series?

ANSWER: Gears of War

16. Team17 released a noir-inspired space shooter with this name centered on a cop named Beck. A 29th-century space detective with this name bears a strong resemblance to Captain Falcon and first appeared in *F-Zero AX*. In 1980, Centuri published a *Galaxian*-esque game with this title, which depicts a mothership that is one of the first bosses in gaming history. "Run it Back" and "Hot Hands" are abilities of an offense-oriented (*) *Valorant* character with this name, which is shared by a Protoss unit that can lift enemies into the air to render them useless. A man with this name established a namesake "Anything Agency" and formed a rivalry with Miles Edgeworth. A reviving item in the *Final Fantasy* series shares its name with, for 10 points, what first name of a certain "Ace Attorney"?

ANSWER: Phoenix [accept Phoenix Wright]

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17. During a motorbike chase sequence, this character keeps insisting on being called by his nickname and suavely plans a dinner date while shaking off tiny, fuzzy, pink monsters. This character must avoid blue shafts of light that quickly fill with electricity after he infiltrates a space station's "level 1." An attract screen describes this character as "the defender of truth, justice, and planet Earth" and asks players to help "restore his (*) manhood." This character's alluring sidekick Kimberly is kidnapped by the blue-skinned villain Borf. By using his wristwatch's Energize ability, this character can become adult again and reverse the powers of the Infanto-Ray. A previous game starring Dirk the Daring is often bundled with a game starring, for 10 points, what square-jawed sci-fi protagonist of a 1983 Don Bluth arcade game?

ANSWER: Ace or Dexter [accept Space Ace]

18. As a form of copy protection, one game in this series replaced every text label with the word "oink" if a question in the manual was answered incorrectly. In a futile attempt to improve its sales, the maze game *Escape from Mt. Drash* had the name of this series slapped onto it. Several games in this series are centered on pieces of a gem that was destroyed to kill Mondain in the series' first game. The games in this series are divided into three "ages," with the Age of (*) Armageddon comprising its seventh through ninth entries. 2018 saw the release of a spiritual successor to this series titled *Shroud of the Avatar*, which refers to the general name of this series' protagonist. *Warriors of Destiny* and *The Black Gate* were designed by Richard Garriott as a part of, for 10 points, what early fantasy RPG series whose 1997 "Online" version is still active?

ANSWER: Ultima [accept Ultima Online or other other specific titles in the series]

19. This animal's name appears twice in the name of an Intellivision game programmed by Ji-Wen Tsao, one of the first hit games programmed by a woman. As a recurring easter egg, a large one of these animals is hidden in most games of the *Battlefield* series. These animals are the primary source of player deaths in *Game and Watch: Parachute*. *Armed and Dangerous* features a gun that fires a rapidly growing variety of these animals. Chris Parnell voiced the narrator in a 2020 (*) M-rated action game by Tripwire Interactive in which the player character is one of these animals. A couple of levels in *Banjo-Kazooie* are plagued by an annoying one of these animals named "Snacker." A bad NES game featuring music by John Williams features, for 10 points, what animals central to the games *Maneater* and *Jaws Unleashed*?

ANSWER: sharks

20. This game features a brief appearance by the performers of the song "Bon Voyage, Amigo," the band DCMC. A villain in this game accidentally reveals the existence of the laboratory where an "Ultimate Chimera" is being engineered. In an E3 video segment by the *Robot Chicken* animators, Reggie Fils-Aime (FEESS-uh-may) responds to a question about this game by eating a fire flower and killing the person who asked it. Part of this game's plot centers around the retrieval of seven (*) needles, which are each guarded by a "magypsy" (ma-JIP-see). In an attempt to combine two elements that can't actually be combined, this game's logo features an odd mix of wood and metal. A deluxe "micro" console made as a tie-in to this game is almost entirely red, much like this game's box art. The blonde-haired by Lucas is the protagonist of, for 10 points, what GBA-exclusive follow-up to *Earthbound*?

ANSWER: Mother 3