

# TOEJAM - Round 4

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1. The title character of 2018's *Underhero* becomes the main character after one of these events kills the original hero. A deadly one of these events begins the second point-and-click adventure game by MicroProse. To get the Rusty Key in *Maniac Mansion*, players must cause one of these events by playing a cassette copy of the tentacle's scream in the living room. Players must trigger one of these events in the library to reach the Joker's suffocating hostages in *Batman: Arkham Asylum*. This event is caused by taking the title action of the game *You Have to (\* ) Burn the Rope*. The first battle in *Super Mario RPG* ends with one of these events after the Princess yells for Mario to attack "the chain." For 10 points, name this destructive event seen at the start of the adventure game *Return of the Phantom*.

ANSWER: a chandelier falling [accept clear equivalents identifying a chandelier breaking or falling or crashing]

2. In a Master System sequel to this game, a semi truck with the words "come in" on its tailgate provides the only means of acquiring upgrades; another, more faithful sequel to this game is set in the futuristic year 2019 and features a rainbow-colored rocket gauge. This game inspired the name and aesthetic of the debut album by French synthwave artist Kavinsky. Despite his girlfriend standing *right there*, the player character conjures up six Arabian babes using the magic lamp he wins in this game's "C" Ending. This game begins with a choice between (\*) "Passing Breeze," "Splash Wave," or "Magical Sound Shower" on a car stereo. After finishing Coconut Beach, players may choose any of the branching, intersecting routes to cruise their red Ferrari through in, for 10 points, what acclaimed 1986 Sega racing game?

ANSWER: OutRun

3. The first console game ever developed in Finland is a spinoff of this series based on the puzzle game *Drop Mania*. In one game, a protagonist of this series weirdly bounces on the chest of the villain Elizabeth Veronica. The organization Scum Labs is often responsible for the action of this series, which drew inspiration from the film *20 Million Miles to Earth*. Ruby the Lobster appears in a game from this series that sends its characters "through time" and another that begins in (\*) Salt Lake City and ends in space. The title character of *Wreck-It Ralph* is named for a character in this series, which is also the basis for a 2018 film in which the stupid phrase "what's happening to my friend?" is asked by Dwayne Johnson. George and Lizzy are other protagonists of, for 10 points, what series about monsters destroying cities?

ANSWER: Rampage [accept Rampage Through Time or Rampage 2: Universal Tour]

4. A long-running series that makes use of these peripherals counts games subtitled *Matixx* and *Nex+Age* among its nearly 20 sequels. Neil Patrick Harris voiced the protagonist of a 2010 action game whose cover depicts one of these objects, which is used when playing the game to defeat zombies. A namesake "Grip" serves as a stand-in for one of these objects in a short-lived DS series. An unsuccessful 2015 release made use of an online library for using one of these objects that used a new (\*) 3-by-2 design. A "pro" one of these objects has what is likely the greatest number of buttons of any game peripheral, with over 100 of them spread across it. An Xbox 360 game was bundled with a white "X-plorer" example of, for 10 points, what five-button peripherals used to play a pioneering Harmonix rhythm series?

ANSWER: guitar controllers [or guitars or similar]

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5. A 2019 video by the Game Theorists about "calculating the danger" of this action claims that doing this exerts over 9,000 newtons of force. Twitch streamer GrandPooBear claims to specialize in creating "machines" in the form of levels where this action occurs. The TV show *Animation Domination Hi-Def* depicted a cartoon version of this action set to lyrics describing "two best friends forever"; the end of that depiction censors a pair of middle (\*) fingers being flipped. A popular method for reaching Soda Lake involves taking this action. This action is typically unnecessary when a certain character is blue, since that character is then able to fly. A need for just a bit more height from a jump may lead to, for 10 points, what homicidal action that Mario might enact on one of this closest companions?

ANSWER: killing a Yoshi [accept answers like sacrificing a Yoshi or letting a Yoshi die or similar]

6. This character explains that he descends from a man who was transformed by the Egyptian god Thoth after being caught having an affair with his daughter. In its first form, which is called the "mushroomer," this character is immediately eaten and then escapes from the creature that eats him. On occasion, this character will say "here's something for you to chew on" before throwing his own poop. This character, who was designed by (\*) *Odama* creator Yoot Saito, will share random facts about players' birthdays. Leonard Nimoy narrates a game starring this character, whose cover depicts sign reading "caution." Lengthy sentences will cause this character to complain and ask the player to communicate more simply. A Dreamcast microphone was bundled with a game starring, for 10 points, what horrifying talking fish with a person's face?

ANSWER: Seaman

7. In *South Park: The Stick of Truth*, Kyle's preferred weapon is one of these objects. Because it's just a re-skin of the Eyelander sword, Demoman from *Team Fortress 2* can bizarrely use this object to decapitate enemies. In the first Avery Carrington mission in *Grand Theft Auto: Vice City*, this weapon is dropped after the player murders Carrington's business rival. Joel Miller is (\*) killed with this weapon in *The Last of Us Part II* Killing Mr. House with this weapon in *Fallout: New Vegas* yields the accomplishment "A Slave Obeys," which alludes to what Andrew Ryan says when he is killed with this weapon in *BioShock*. In *Super Smash Bros.*, Peach's forward smash employs either a tennis racket, frying pan, or, for 10 points, what sporting equipment *non-violently* wielded by players in *NES Open*?

ANSWER: golf club [accept a variety of answers, like golf drivers or putters or nine irons, that are clear equivalents for golf club]

8. During development, this game was codenamed for Opie Taylor due to the sound of one of its in-game voice lines, which was recorded by Chicago radio host John Doremus. This game's cockpit-style arcade cabinet was the first such machine made by Williams, who introduced the 49-direction joystick to play it. The message "The battle computer is engaging warp engines" pops up after beating each of this game's levels, which include (\*) Warrior Zone and Void Zone. Players in this game must constantly zap red workers and collect crystals that chip off of floating planetoids. Countless gamers have been traumatized by the title enemy of this game, who roars loudly and shouts phrases like "Run, coward!" or "Beware, I live!" For 10 points, name this 1983 space shooter that pits players against a demonic spaceship.

ANSWER: Sinistar

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9. A person whose job requires working with these things is central to a 2017 indie game by Gabby DaRienzo. Vincent Schiavelli starred in a terrible FMV action game titled for a "killer" of these things. A tagline for the neo-retro adventure game *Thimbleweed Park* claims that one of these things is "the least of your problems." The recurring *Castlevania* boss Legion has a large, circular (\*) shell made of these things. Phrases like "Fuck you BD" are scrawled on these things in certain missions of *LA Noire*. *RPG Maker* was used to make the first game in a Team GrisGris horror series titled for a "Party" of these things. The *Diablo* series' Necromancer can utilize an "explosion" of, for 10 points, what things that often need to be hidden by Agent 47 in *Hitman*?

ANSWER: corpses [or dead bodies or human bodies or similar; accept Corpse Killer or Corpse Party or corpse explosion; prompt on bodies]

10. This character's original name was changed due to a copyright issue with the Red Hot Chili Peppers. A nemesis of this character, who is sometimes known as "The Midnight Thunderboy," gave him his nickname while observing his moves. Sequels starring this character establish that his powers only work when he has an audience, a problem that is solved by having his girlfriend point a camera at him. This character can wield "Shocking Pink," an (\*) explosive that he kicks at enemies. Multiple forms of this character, including an untransformed version of him, are playable in the fighting game *Red Hot Rumble*. This boyfriend of Silvia and fervent movie enthusiast can zoom in and out or manipulate time using a special watch. "Henshin-a-go-go, baby" is a catchphrase of, for 10 points, what Capcom beat-em-up character?

ANSWER: Viewtiful Joe

11. It's not *Killer Instinct*, but early copies of this game were bundled with an unrelated CD with tracks by Danzig and The Jesus and Mary Chain. This game's ending varies based on whether or not the player saves Alissa, who is thrown into a chamber being filled with liquid by the villain Mortus. Finishing levels in this game fills a "Super Hero Meter," which doesn't actually do anything besides indicate progress. Roadkill, a helpful (\*) rat, is frequently put to use by this game's protagonist, who can use the game's environment to perform a "paper plane" attack. That protagonist, the ridiculously named Sketch Turner, is a struggling creative type who suddenly finds himself inside one of his works. For 10 points, name this Genesis exclusive beat-em-up whose hero fights his way through an illustrated book.

ANSWER: Comix Zone

12. The ancient internet meme Geddan was inspired by the result of an unorthodox usage of this general type of object while playing *GoldenEye 64*. The "J" type of these things were introduced by Codemasters for games like *Super Skidmarks* and *Pete Sampras Tennis*. Manipulating one of these things is pretty much the easiest way to access a "secret level select screen" in *Sonic 3D Blast*. An unusually-shaped one of these things prompted many collectors to believe the Atari game (\*) *Air Raid* was a hoax. Jerry Lawson essentially invented these elements, which were first implemented for the Fairchild Channel F. For the Switch, Nintendo added a "bitterant" to these things. 700,000 of these things were found in 2014 in the New Mexico desert after Atari buried them in 1984. For 10 points, name these interchangeable console components.

ANSWER: game cartridges [or game carts]

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13. While saying goodbyes to a long-time friend, this character insists "I'll always have a minute for you...maybe two." An antagonist defeated by this character is told to stare directly at the sun, in reference to a prior incident during the Proving Massacre. In a DLC episode, Aratak briefly cedes leadership of his people to this character, who goes on to defeat an AI named (\*) Hephaestus. Hanna Hoekstra, an otherwise unknown Dutch actress, was the basis for this character. A scientist who researched the Faro Plague, Elisabet Sobeck, was cloned to create this character, who was later raised by Rost. This "Brave" of the Nora tribes wields numerous bows and other weapons in pursuit of various mechanical beasts. For 10 points, name this red-headed protagonist of *Horizon: Zero Dawn*.

ANSWER: Aloy

14. A car that strongly resembles this item is used to traverse the Scorching Sandpaper Desert in *Paper Mario: The Origami King*. The official artwork for this item incorrectly depicts it and a nearby enemy with their colors swapped. This item is referenced in a letter received after finishing the second world of the game in which it appears. A level named "Kutsu o Haite GO! GO!," which is exclusive to users of the Nintendo e-Reader, established that this item could be used to (\*) kill Thwomps. One of these items with a more feminine style was introduced in the *Mario Maker* series, though that version does not have a winding key on its back end. World 5-3 in a certain game is the original source of, for 10 points, what bouncy green item that appears in just one level of *Super Mario Bros. 3*?

ANSWER: Kuribo's shoe [accept Goomba's shoe]

15. In the intro of the Sega CD game *Panic!*, a global computer virus causes TVs, vacuums, and washing machines to all take this action. An economic debate in *Fable III* gives the player an option to adjust a limit that, if removed, will make nearly every NPC in the game take this action. An early mission in *Bully* called "That Bitch" tasks the player with making Mandy take this action. The 2002 remake of *Resident Evil* largely edited out a scene in which Jill Valentine takes this action after encountering a zombie in a (\*) bathtub. Based on what they say upon being defeated, a significant number of *River City Ransom* enemies are prone to taking this action. In *Left 4 Dead*, Zoey aptly warns the player not to let a Boomer take this action. Marvin the Mouse's horrible flatulence is one of several things that can make Conker take, for 10 points, what gross action?

ANSWER: vomiting [accept puking or barfing other synonyms for vomiting]

16. The aptly-named Japan-only expansion game *Expansion Kit* features a level on this planet named "Japan" that is shaped like Japan. If Jack opts *not* to take the X route to White Land, his final chapter will end on this planet's Slip Highway; that game, which also features this planet's Big (\*) Billow and Slalom levels, is subtitled *Climax*. This planet's Quick Turn level begins with a sharp left turn and is exponentially harder than its Cylinder, which takes place on a long snaking tube above this planet and is the fifth course in the Jack Cup. Party balls tend to be useless in a *Smash Bros.* level named for this planet due to its speed. In a 1991 SNES game, this planet's namesake course comes second in the Knight League, after Mute City. Oceans cover 99% of, for 10 points, what planet that names one of *F-Zero*'s most iconic racetracks?

ANSWER: Big Blue

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17. On occasion, this character will quote Christian Bale's on-set rant by claiming "We're done, professionally." In 2011 Capcom introduced Max, a blatant ripoff of this character, in an iOS game. Remains of enemies defeated by this character become the final boss "Meaternstein." Though he has nothing to do with *Portal*, this character can find a hidden cake in every level in which he appears. At the end of his namesake game, this character is captured by his creators, (\*) Big Science; the ensuing celebration creates his female analogue who titles an ensuing sequel. The control options for the first game starring this Twisted Pixel character aptly note that every face button makes him do the same thing. An evidently combustible material fully comprises, for 10 points, what character who, as his name suggests, basically just blows up?

ANSWER: Splosion Man [do not accept or prompt on "Explosion Man"]

18. These food items incessantly pop out of the ground in a pixel-art mobile game set at a hotel named for a million of them. A handy patch just north of the sewer grate in *Stardew Valley* is where the "spring" variety of these vegetables grow. Siegmeyer of Catarina is a knight frequently given a demeaning nickname based on this vegetable due to the way his helmet is shaped in *Dark Souls*. A *dojo* master whose (\*) head is one of these food items is featured in Stage 1 of *PaRappa the Rapper*. The king who rules the kingdom where *Overcooked!* is set looks like one of these food items, as do the plush Pachimaros (PAH-chee-MAH-reez) from *Overwatch*. The bulb on Bulbasaur's back is, for 10 points, what vegetable with a pungent smell?

ANSWER: onions [accept *Million Onion Hotel* or spring onion(s) or Onion King or Onion Kingdom; do not accept on putative substitutes like "turnip(s)"]

19. In one appearance, a demonstration of this man's power causes a series of paintings to laugh at him. This character miraculously survives the crash of an airplane that exploded as it flew over a hospital in Cyprus. A young version of this character appears under the name Tretij Rebenok, meaning "Third Child," and uses his abilities to reawaken a Soviet colonel as the "Man on Fire." Shortly before an encounter with this character, a woman begins acting strangely and insists (\*) "I want you" and "Make love to me." While fighting this character, he can emulate a channel being changed and can be defeated by moving a controller to port 2. In a boss battle, the player's memory card is effectively read by, for 10 points, what gas mask-wearing *Metal Gear Solid* villain named for a type of insect?

ANSWER: Psycho Mantis [prompt on partial answers]

20. In the mid-90s, this company was rebranded as "Time Warner Interactive California" and developed a Sega Saturn version of *Virtua Racing*. In a rare original game, this company introduced the environment-loving rival of Dr. Machino, Awesome Possum. This company converted the shoot-em-ups *Grind Stormer* and *Robo Aleste* for 16-bit platforms. Mindscape's reissue of *Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom* was previously published by this company. Shortly after being founded in 1987, representatives of this company (\*) lied to the US Patent Office to obtain the schematics of a competitor's lockout chip, leading to a lawsuit; a different lawsuit forced this company to recall its very good version of a ubiquitous puzzle game. The best NES version of *Tetris* was released by, for 10 points, what company founded by Atari to release unlicensed NES games?

ANSWER: Tengen [do not accept or prompt on "Atari"]