

TOEJAM - Round 5

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1. A 2014 parody video about this character opens with Chuck Klosterman claiming there was a "Paul Bunyan description around him." Mark Peyser, who designed the appearance of this character, claimed that he was meant to be largely overlooked, in part because of his weirdly mis-sized clothing. Joey MacAdoo is a good friend of this character, and introduces him to a new activity in a game subtitled (*) *Hand Off*. A character select screen claims that this large-hatted character doesn't speak English, but also notes he is known as "Secret Weapon," a nickname inspired by *The Bad News Bears*. For 10 points, name this incredibly overpowered child athlete, who is routinely the best character in the *Backyard Sports* series.

ANSWER: **Pablo** (Ramon) **Sanchez** [accept either]

2. They aren't slugs, but these animals are central to a well-received Slug Disco Studios RTS that has been in Steam Early Access since late 2017. Giant versions of these animals take over Lizard Breath, California in a 1991 adventure game played on a real-time clock titled *It Came From the Desert*. Black, Crimson, and Flying are all classes of these animals in the *Earth Defense Force* series. A 1991 game centered on these animals is set in a suburban (*) backyard whose owners must be driven out to complete the game. The *Counterstrike* expansion to *Command and Conquer: Red Alert* features several hidden levels with these animals as a new faction. The studies of E. O. Wilson inspired a Will Wright game centered on these animals. The second spinoff of *Sim City* depicts, for 10 points, and "electronic colony" of what animals?

ANSWER: **ants**

3. This game's protagonist details an old acquaintance named Mikey Fat-Lips who fed subway tokens to his cat. An early scene in this game allows the player to watch the film *To Kill a Mockingbird* in its entirety. After not acting for nearly 40 years, Jerry Mathers's brother Jim starred in this game as Eddie Shrote, a corrupt cop who dies in an explosion at a church. The killing of this game's antagonist is timed to occur alongside a solar eclipse. This game was based on a Top Cow Productions comic book series spun off from (*) *Witchblade*. Faith No More's Mike Patton voices the title figure of this game, whose energy is drained by using dual-wielded guns. After killing himself following his girlfriend's murder, 21-year-old Jackie Estacado awakes in a hellish landscape in, for 10 points, what 2007 action game whose hero is imbued with a murderous spirit?

ANSWER: *The **Darkness***

4. In a six-minute song released on a promotional cassette, this character tells his companion "don't get annoyed" before causing an accident. This character's mother, a former pilot and track suit-wearing woman named Flo, is a playable character in a 2019 game. A shiny and dumb-looking robotic version of this character appeared as DLC in a 2002 Xbox exclusive. In recent releases, this character is immune to the effects of bad (*) food. This character is not playable, and instead just keeps track of the player's score, in the game *Ready, Aim, Tomatoes!*. When idle, this character's polka-dot shorts will fall down. Typically, this character has a slower walking speed but more health than his smaller, three-legged counterpart. For 10 points, name this rotund and cool orange alien typically seen with his pal, Toejam.

ANSWER: **Earl** [accept Big **Earl**]

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5. Atari abandoned a component known as "AMY" in favor of a similar device from this company for its Atari ST hardware. The first arcade game to feature technology from this company, Atari's *Marble Madness*, used the latter's 2151 device to provide a variety of real-time feedback. One of this company's innovations was central to Sega's "System-16" arcade standard, and impressed Sega so much that a subsequent chip by them was used as the Sega Genesis's (*) sound processor. Early versions of the "SoundBlaster" sound card also made use of this company's chips for achieving FM synthesis, which it had previously pioneered with the DX7 synthesizer. The vehicles in a namesake *Supercross* racing game were also made by, for 10 points, what Japanese motor and electronics company?

ANSWER: Yamaha

6. Though he prefers an alternate name for these items, massive versions of them are wielded by Slasher Hawk, a boss in *Metal Gear Solid: Ghost Battle*. A temperamental RPG character who also uses a large one of these things was raised by the family of her best friend Vyse. Two enemies wielding these things are fought at the end of coin ships in (*) *Super Mario Bros. 3*. Defeating Quick Man in *Mega Man 2* provides a "quick" one of these things. These things are the default weapons of EA platforming character named Ty, as well as of the Kirby enemy Sir Kibble. The prototype controller for the PlayStation 3 was lambasted for resembling one of these things. In some games, Link can wield both red and blue versions of, for 10 points, what curved, thrown weapons?

ANSWER: boomerangs

7. Taking this action allows the player to switch characters in a 1995 non-*Star Wars* game subtitled *Clone Wars*. In a baffling design choice, this action is required to switch between games on an NES Classic. After defeating Mojo, players see a computer screen that very confusingly tells them to take this action to reach the final level in the *Clone Wars* predecessor, (*) *X-Men*, though some versions of the Genesis and most of its emulators make this action impossible. Sonny is the first name of a character who admonishes players at length for taking this real world action in order to do things like force Tom Nook's store to refresh. A condescending mole in *Animal Crossing* is named after, for 10 points, what action that typically takes a game to its title screen?

ANSWER: pressing the reset button [accept resetting or similar]

8. A website dedicated to this theory by Diedra Rater claims that its subject matter is essentially the same as the movie *Vanilla Sky*. A contemplative discussion in which a man claims "As long as you don't get your hopes up, you can take anything... You feel less pain," is cited as support of this theory, which is also allegedly supported by the sudden appearance of Moombas, but called into question by segments in which (*) Laguna Loire is playable. The event central to this theory occurs on top of a Deling City parade float; after it, its central figure awakens with a curious lack of a wound at the start of a game's second disc, at which point that game becomes increasingly strange. Edea impaling a guy with a huge ice shard to Rinoa's horror is central to, for 10 points, what theory concerning the fate of the protagonist of *Final Fantasy VIII*?

ANSWER: the theory that Squall dies halfway through *Final Fantasy VIII* [accept other reasonably descriptive answers like Squall is dead or Squall is killed at the end of disc 1; accept answers describing much of Final Fantasy VIII being a dream or being Squall's dream]

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9. One of these gaming accessories powers the device central to the real life "Tots on Bots Project," which designed a robot that moves babies around. A variation of *Tetris* using this device was a major component of the digital release *Tetris Party*. Because these devices automatically use the "player 4" position on the console for which they're designed, it is impossible to play with two of them at once. The star of a game bundled with this accessory emits numerous (*) rainbow-colored afterimages as a Final Smash. A Namco skiing game was designed specifically for use with this device, as was a weird mode tacked onto *DDR: Hottest Party 3*. Despite its name, a person's center of pressure is what's actually measured by, for 10 points, what peripheral used to play *Wii Fit*?

ANSWER: Wii Balance Board

10. At one of these locations, Tim has to jump in time to avoid two fireballs that travel at different speeds along the ground; that minigame appears in an NES game named for a "Caper" at this title location. This sort of place also titles Exidy's 1977 rip-off of *Breakout*, which replaces the bottom moving bar with a see-saw. In *Disney's Magical Quest 2*, Mickey and Minnie investigate a "Great (*) Mystery" at one of these locations. Kane from *Shining Force* creates one of these locations to lure unwitting sacrifices and which features a boss battle against an evil marionette. In a 1984 Konami game, a guy named Charlie must jump on trampolines over knife-throwers and leap through hoops while riding a lion because he works at, for 10 points, what carnivalesque attraction?

ANSWER: circus [accept Circus Caper or Circus Charlie; prompt on carnival before "Caper"]

11. This number titles a *Myst*-like computer game in which Steven Tyler and Joe Perry of Aerosmith voice aliens called the Toxic Twins who take over the Last Resort. On the PS4, this number identifies the highest level of parental control, reserved for solidly adult games. The *Mario Party* installment of this number was the first to place all four players into a car to travel around the board together. Players locate and kill this many (*) valkyries in a sidequest from 2015's *God of War*. In addition to having three balls, the first boss in *Borderlands* is a bandit lord named for having this many toes. This numbered *Final Fantasy* game abandoned the futuristic setting of previous games and was released in 2000. For 10 points, give this number of tails possessed by the evolved form of Vulpix.

ANSWER: 9 [accept Mario Party 9 or Nine-Toes or Final Fantasy IX or Nine tails]

12. In late 2018, Hoskinson Industries released a re-engineered "Pro" version of this accessory, which you can buy right now for 60 dollars. The short-lived portable computer AlphaGrip HC bears a strange resemblance to this accessory. The phrase "Colonial Marine" appears on an overlay that can be used with this accessory, another of which indicates various item options in *Trevor McFur*. A "TeamTap" to support additional instances of this accessory was bundled with an adaptation of (*) *White Men Can't Jump*. Several games, including a port of *Doom* that inexplicably has no music, made use of this accessory's large, 12-button keypad. Three square, concave action buttons appeared on, for 10 points, what garbage controller bundled with a garbage "64-bit" Atari console?

ANSWER: Atari Jaguar controller

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13. An NES game based on this media franchise is the basis of 7 *Grand Dad*, a batshit crazy Mario bootleg. That game based on this franchise introduces Dr. Butler, a guy from the 30th century who kidnaps the pets of this series' protagonists. A parody of *The Treasure of the Sierra Madre* titles an SNES exclusive starring characters from this franchise. A 1994 Taito game starring characters from this franchise is titled for a certain "Surprise," and was released exclusively at (*) Blockbuster Video; as a result, it is among the rarest games for the NES. A game based on a 1994 live-action movie in this franchise tasks its protagonist with rescuing his family and friends from Cliff Vandercave. For 10 points, what animated TV franchise is depicted in the game *The Rescue of Dino & Hoppy*?

ANSWER: The Flintstones

14. This activity is central to the first video game to star Austin Powers. Yōkan, a woman who helps the player engage in this activity, is the mayor of Pokte Village in *Mega Man Legends 2*. The newest game in a long-running series centered around this activity depicted the fictional conglomerate Binjpipe. Tito and Bonzo are among the characters in a mobile game centered on this activity by (*) Etermax. This activity comprises the gameplay of the arcade game *Professor Pac-Man*. An absurdist take on this activity appears in a series typically hosted by the highly sarcastic Cookie Masterson. A PlayStation exclusive series centered on this activity was bundled with a set of four small controllers that each have a big red button. The *Buzz* series depicts, for 10 points, what activity central to *You Don't Know Jack*?

ANSWER: trivia [accept quizzing or answering questions or similar]

15. If played on a certain day, this game's loading screen wishes consultant Hollie Lohff a happy birthday. In one cutscene, this game's protagonist discovers a room filled with toasters making "surplus bread" that is messing with a large building's power. In another cutscene, one character with a low-effort mafia accent talks to another about "convincing" an enemy to give them a light. A gothic architectural style is employed in the final levels of this game, which are amusingly named (*) "Seizure's Palace." Eurogamer very correctly called this game a bad "rubbish version of *Elevator Action*." The player must close each door in a series of single-screen levels to advance in this game, which was created following an unfruitful, third-party licensing deal. For 10 points, name this CD-i puzzle game in which a pair of plumbers navigate various housing units.

ANSWER: Hotel Mario

16. A story told by a traveling musician in this game hints at the location of a duel in a seaside grove that ends with a murderer being struck dead by lightning. A set of armor that increases potential Standoff Streaks in this game is, once fully upgraded, topped by deer antlers. Names meaning "trust," "sky," and "shadow" are this game's only options for naming a beloved (*) horse that dies during a grueling escape north. Twittering yellow birds in this game guide players to important locations like shrines, hot springs, and Pillars of Honor. Because this game's hero refuses to surrender, he is forced to watch as his blacksmith friend Taka is brutally beheaded by Khotun Khan. Jin Sakai dishonors his samurai clan in, for 10 points, what 2020 Sucker Punch release set on a namesake Japanese island?

ANSWER: Ghost of Tsushima

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17. Both the SG-1000 and this other system were cloned by a console known as the Dina. One add-on to this console called the "Super Action Controller Set" was used for a game based on *Rocky* and a port of *Front Line*, while another of its peripherals was a keyboard computer unit called the *Adam*. Outside of the U.S., this console was branded under the toy division of CBS. This console's Expansion Module #1 let it play Atari 2600 games, prompting a big lawsuit. This system's version of (*) *Zaxxon* was featured in the first video game commercial ever shown on U.S. television. The Intellivision and this console had near-identical controllers with numeric keypads and joystick knobs. The first licensed home port of *Donkey Kong* was bundled with, for 10 points, what second-generation console released in 1983?

ANSWER: ColecoVision

18. In several games, this character is accompanied by Ukon, an apprentice whose name means "right." In his most recent appearance, this character was depicted as having numerous tentacles in his back, which have never been explained. Canonically, this leader of the Manji clan is actually multiple incarnations of characters with the same name, which explains his appearances across several generations. A vertical (*) banner is carried by this character, who in another series has a female counterpart that wears a fox mask. This character can mount his weapon in a "flea stance," and turns his back to his opponent for an attack that, depending on how close his opponent is, will deal enormous damage to either his opponent or himself. For 10 points, name this esoteric swordsman who appears in both *Soul Calibur* and *Tekken* games.

ANSWER: Yoshimitsu

19. A 1996 sequel titled for these animals pits the player against an alien race named "Doom" and, while it's not a snake, features both the Super Cobra and the Vic Viper. A summon named for one of these animals is dropped by a *Chrono Cross* boss found on Mount Pyre. This animal is the namesake of one of the Mana Spirits in the *Mana* series. While pursuing Princess Whats-Her-Name, Jim briefly dons a disguise of Sally, a "blind (*) cave" variety of this animal in *Earthworm Jim 2*. This animal titles a shoot-em-up series spun off from *Gradius* that was released in the U.S. as *Life Force*. The *Final Fantasy* series more closely mimics the mythological depiction of this animal, which is said to breathe fire. For 10 points, name this lizard-like amphibian.

ANSWER: salamanders [accept Salamander 2 or blind cave salamander]

20. The developer of this game got its start on a promotional game titled *Keyboard Drumset Fucking Werewolf*. At the end of this game's story, an old man laments that "nothing seems to really matter anymore" before telling the protagonist to shoot him, which he does. Every store in this game is seemingly operated by the same former Special Forces officer named Beard. Instructions like "Make sure you give them a great stay" are delivered via answering machine messages in this game, though all of these are euphemisms for (*) killing people. The silent protagonist of this game, who was dubbed "Jacket" by fans, is told "failure is not an option" upon being given a rooster mask and tasked with killing Russian mobsters. *Wrong Number* is a sequel to, for 10 points, what ultraviolent, 80s-inspired top-down action game set in southern Florida?

ANSWER: Hotline Miami