

TOEJAM - Round 8

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1. During development, this character was given a codename inspired by a power source in the *Back to the Future* series. Confronting Grayson at the Afterlife rewards players with the Malorian Arms 3516, a sidearm owned by this man. In a time-sensitive easter egg, this character tells the player to "go back to sleep" because it's "not December 10 yet." This man disappeared following a mission to destroy Arasaka Tower. In some contexts, this character is portrayed by Dennis Lyxzen, the (*) singer of the band Refused. This former leader of the band Samurai notes that "getting caught" makes one a criminal in a commercial set to Billie Eilish's "Bad Guy." The highly customizable character V is aided by the preserved personality of, for 10 points, what man played by Keanu Reeves in *Cyberpunk 2077*?
ANSWER: Johnny Silverhand [accept either]

2. In a weird example of when this gameplay mechanic is used, the hero of *Conquest of the Crystal Palace* is hung from a rope while his dog looks on in horror. According to most sources, the early SNK game *Fantasy* was the first game to ever include this gameplay mechanic. In many arcade games, using this mechanic amends the player's score by exactly one point. Using this mechanic will prevent Ryu Hayabusa from being killed by a (*) buzz saw in some versions of *Ninja Gaiden*. The player is told "Give up, street rat" by Jafar if this mechanic can not be used in the Genesis version of *Aladdin*. Collecting 50 rings in a bonus stage typically rewards the ability to do this in the *Sonic the Hedgehog* series. A "1CC" run of an arcade game does *not* use, for 10 points, what method of avoiding a game over?
ANSWER: using a continue [accept continuing]

3. Description acceptable. In 2016, YouTube channel ComradeWarbear published a painstaking analysis of this statement that cites fictional websites and a goof involving a box held by Ryder. An observation that "Kilo Tray is scopin' us out" occurs while four men are dealing with the result of this statement. Some gamers theorize that the man who gives this statement may be stalling for time, citing the fact that he never (*) shoots at the Ballas during the car chase immediately afterwards. Two components of these instructions from the mission "Drive-Thru" simply parrot the requests of three other men, including Sweet, the intended recipient of "a number 6 with extra dip." For 10 points, identify these ludicrous instructions given by C.J.'s fat buddy at Cluckin' Bell early in *GTA: San Andreas*.
ANSWER: Big Smoke's order [accept answers identifying Big Smoke and the meal or dinner or food that he asks for at Cluckin' Bell; prompt on partial answers; accept--with absolutely no leniency--I'll have two number 9s, a number 9 large, a number 6 with extra dip, a number 7, two number 45s, one with cheese, and a large soda]

4. A designer of this game, Vince Perri, angrily replies "Why do you want to know this?" or similar in response to interview requests. A trio introduced in this game named Apollo, Aries, and Hercules wield a crossbow, a pair of wooden clubs, and their fists, respectively. FarSight Studios developed a Genesis port of this game, whose more well known NES version samples the "woo!" break from Rob Base's "It Takes Two" for its intro. A contest promising over \$100,000 for clearing a certain level in this game was (*) unwinnable due to a bug that made the game crash before the level could be reached. Active Enterprises developed this game and preposterously charged \$200 for it. A game starring the *TMNT* ripoff "Cheetahmen" is one of the few functional games in, for 10 points, what multicart with over four dozen awful options?
ANSWER: Action 52

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5. A crappy friend of this 16-bit game's protagonist gets him drunk and tricks him into joining the military. In a message that shows little confidence in its players, this game's intro claims that "only fate will decide if we live or die." McCoy, a vest-wearing fellow with shaggy grey hair, sells items in this game, such as vulcan cannon upgrades. Despite rarely appearing in its source material, this game gave a major role to Greg Gates, one of its three playable characters alongside Mickey Simon and Shin Kazama. (*) *Carrier Air Wing* was a spiritual successor to this game, which was released in Japan under the name of the manga on which it was based, *Area 88*. Unlike similar titles, ships in this game can take multiple hits. Despite its name, a multi-national organization is unrelated to the title team of, for 10 points, what overlooked Capcom shoot-em-up?

ANSWER: UN Squadron [accept Area 88 before mention]

6. This adjective partially titles a fighting game series by Solus Games featuring dancing stick figures and a magical basketball player. Along with "first," this word describes a "Fighter" in the name of a Whack-a-Mole clone where you punch a shark to death. A student described by this word gives the player a puzzle to solve at the start of *Persona 4 Golden*. This word describes Phil, a pink dancing flower toy in the *Chibi Robo* series. A green *Pac-Man* ghost whose name is this adjective first appeared in *Pac-Mania*. A farming simulator titled for this type of (*) "Barn" was a Wii U launch title. A character described by this word operates a store that sells the Grape Shooter and Peanut Poppuns. Surfboards are a common feature of a namesake "Flights" business operated by a character named after, for 10 points, what adjective given to an extremely cool Donkey Kong ally?

ANSWER: funky [accept Funky Punch or *The First Funky Fighter* or funky student or Funky Phil or Funky Barn or Funky Kong]

7. This franchise culminates with its protagonists killing Konjuro and the king he serves. Some winners of games in this series attain lesser titles like "Brave Venturer" and "Wise Warrior." This franchise, which began development as a sequel to *Adventure*, presents groupings of numbers with no context that actually refer to (*) hidden words or numbers in the artwork of certain comics. Michael Rideout confirmed in 2017 that one of a quintet of objects that the Franklin Mint manufactured for this series still resides in his safety deposit box. Winners of a real-life contest centered on this series were awarded actual fabulous treasures like the Chalice of Light. *Earthworld*, *Fireworld*, and *Waterworld* were part of, for 10 points, what aborted Atari series with a generic, adventurous name?

ANSWER: Swordquest

8. Combustion enables the building of this construct in the "Gathering Storm" expansion of *Civ VI*, in which it is unusually difficult to place on a map. If the player builds the shitty plane Icarus in the *Black Ops II Zombies* map "Mob of the Dead," it will ultimately crash into this structure. A 2011 Ubisoft game features a mission based on *Gone in 60 Seconds* that ends at this structure. Atlas uses drones hidden in a truck to destroy this structure in the story of *Call of Duty: Advanced Warfare*. An analogue of this structure named "Gant" appears in the (*) *Grand Theft Auto* series. A poster for the movie *Pixels* depicts a giant Pac-Man approaching this structure, whose towers contain satellite dishes in a 2016 sequel centered on hacking. Art for *Watch Dogs 2* prominently features, for 10 points, what big orange thing in San Francisco?

ANSWER: Golden Gate Bridge

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9. Dan Church helped resurrect this title as a browser game in 2013 after news about Internet Explorer 11 convinced him to contact Microsoft. This game's I-B-M-A-B cheat lets players view portraits of its creators in a level that, despite appearing on the start screen, is otherwise unplayable, since the game just endlessly cycles between castle, city, and sewer maps. The lower left of this game's HUD shows Cloak, Wall, and Spring icons to indicate accumulated power-ups, which are found in floating (*) green spheres. Enemy crafts in this game emit a sonar-like "ping" when in line-of-sight of the player, while a ricochet sound indicates that the enemy team has captured a flag. For 10 points, name this 3D game that came bundled with CD-ROM versions of Windows 95, in which players operate levitating bumper cars.

ANSWER: Hover!

10. Several cans of this substance are found on a highway near Jamaica Plain in *Fallout 4*, where they are protected by Alissa, Kate, and Kyle. Like the film series on which it is based, the *Mad Max* video game features a brand of this substance named "Dinki-Di." A real-life example of this substance is advertised by the rare Atari 2600 game *Chase the Chuckwagon*. This substance is an unexpected health pick up in *Wolfenstein 3D*, in which it provides just 4 hit points and only appears in levels where a certain (*) "Killer" creature is present. Characters can not enter contests if they actively desire this substance in an uber-popular Nintendo simulation series from the mid-2000s. For 10 points, what form of sustenance is critical to the title characters of a DS series that includes *Labrador and Friends*?

ANSWER: dog food [prompt on food or pet foods]

11. Some depictions of this event intersperse it with flashbacks of its central figure speaking to a child flanked by a blue and white cat. This scene and its consequences were intended to be much darker according to its writer, Masato Katō, though he was overruled by other developers. Shortly before this event, its central figure is told to "run away, tail betwixt your legs." This event is foretold by a young boy who also claims "the black wind howls." Winning a (*) fight just before this event can occur is a difficult way to reach the "Dream Project" ending. Norstein Bekkler can help undo this event by creating a "doppel doll" that is effectively a clone of its central figure. The Ocean Palace is the site of this event, in which Schala's life is saved. The first encounter against Lavos culminates in, for 10 points, what fateful event in a Squaresoft RPG about time travel?

ANSWER: Crono's death [accept descriptive answers indicating Crono being killed; accept answers like the first Lavos fight or first battle with Lavos before "first"]

12. In the mid 1980s, an offshoot of this game company began making equipment for fish tanks. Latter day releases by this company include the mediocre survival horror game *Carrier*. A series of loosely-related sports games by this developer had Japanese titles beginning with "Moero!!," a word meaning "burn"; Games in that series include the 1-on-1 street basketball game *Hoops*. A simple maze chase game by this company shares its name with the group that bought this company after the latter went out of business in 2014. (*) *City Connection* was released by this company, who had greater success with a series that included *The Second Season* and briefly featured Ryne Sandberg as a cover athlete. *Bases Loaded* was a flagship franchise of, for 10 points, what company whose common name shortened the phrase Japan Leisure Company?

ANSWER: Jaleco (juh-LEE-koh) [accept Japanese Leisure Company before the end]

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13. In a game with this subtitle, players can release a parrot that then flies around screaming "grandpa! grandpa!" during a major confrontation. In a two-disc 2006 follow-up that added online modes, this subtitle was replaced with the word *Subsistence*. Cynthia Harrell performed vocals on a song with this title that begins "what a thrill" and declares "I give my (*) life not for honor but for you." In a 2004 Konami release, the botched "Virtuous" mission necessitates a covert operation with this codename that aims to destroy Colonel Volgin as well as the Boss, who only *appeared* to defect to the Soviets. This is the subtitle of a game whose 1964 setting places it chronologically before *Portable Ops* and *Peace Walker*. For 10 points, give this subtitle of *Metal Gear Solid 3*.

ANSWER: *Snake Eater*

14. Characters from this series replace the usual playable characters in the Japanese version of the puzzle game *Gem Smashers*. The first bosses in the game *God Hand* are likely references to characters from this series. X-Nauts and Psikyo developed the most recent game in this series after its creators, Masaya, went out of business. Playable characters in one game in this series include a moon-riding figure based on (*) *The Creation of Adam* and Mami 19, who is a mix of a girl and a battleship. The most recent game in this series prominently features the "Holy Protein," a blob of unknown origin. Samson and Adon, a recurring pair of characters in this series, fire shots from holes in their heads known as the "Men's Beam." Speedos are a frequent occurrence, for 10 points, what kitschy and incredibly homoerotic shoot-em-up series?

ANSWER: *Cho Aniki*

15. To reach the boss fight in this area, players must reunite an obstinate sailor with his invisible buddy, who apparently has a unibrow and a gold tooth. Navigating this area requires talking to NPCs who reply "Hello! And... good-bye!" before warping the player away. A mouse reveals that two boys who thought they were in this realm were actually just wandering around the warehouse behind Jackie's Cafe, since this area is merely an illusion projected by the Evil (*) Mani Mani statue that Everdred sold to Mr. Monotoli. The black-and-neon landscape of this realm is populated by Dali-esque melting Clocks and framed Abstract Art that attack Ness and Jeff. For 10 points, name this dream-like, bizarro-version of the metropolis Fourside in *Earthbound*.

ANSWER: *Moonside* [prompt on *Fourside* or answers like "alternate-universe Fourside" before "warehouse"]

16. An article about this game by the AP's Wendy Walker featured designer Paul Jacobs's claim that its sales numbers were a "trade secret." The manufacturer of this game conceived of it after they licensed a predecessor to Chicago Coin, who made a fortune on the game but didn't share it with them. That developer, Exidy, *Destruction Derby* was heavily modified to create this game as a result. This game's enemies are depicted as (*) "gremlins" rather than humans, though they still let out shrieks upon being killed and turn into tombstones that must then be avoided. At its end, players of this game are rated from "skeleton chaser" to "expert driver." Despite having similar names and release windows, a 1975 David Carradine film is unrelated to, for 10 points, what very early source of video game controversy, in which players commit vehicular homicides?

ANSWER: *Death Race*

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17. A voice actor who appears in this scene later claimed that it landed him a role in *Star Trek: Into Darkness*. Chronologically, this scene immediately precedes the introduction of the ex-Nazi Karl Schäfer. A series of flashbacks explains that the protagonist deliberately shooting some propane tanks after being shot in the stomach directly led to this scene, whose setting is the property of Zoran Lazarević. A quote attributed to (*) Marco Polo on his deathbed appears at the start of this scene. The central figure of this scene notes "that's a lot of my blood" upon waking up in a daze, shortly before the seat he is in falls out beneath him, and he has to climb his way up the outside of a damaged structure. A vehicle dangles precariously from an icy mountain in, for 10 points, what scene that re-introduces the protagonist Nathan Drake?

ANSWER: the **opening** of *Uncharted 2: Among Thieves* [accept descriptive answers detailing the **first level** or **beginning** or **train scene** of *Uncharted 2*; do not accept or prompt on answers giving just "Uncharted"]

18. In a 1992 platformer, a character partially named for one of these things invents a one-wheeled skateboard and must recover all of his bones that were stolen by a dinosaur. A fake one of these items is awarded in *Minecraft* by ringing a bell in a village containing a hostile enemy. A Tap-Tap modified to have a red one of these things is a boss in world 6 of *Yoshi's Island*. Codemasters developed multiple unlicensed NES games titled for a (*) caveman with a large one of these things. A robot that fires multiple hands fends off a barrage of these things in a *WarioWare: Twisted* boss fight, which is reminiscent of one of the series' weirdest recurring micro games, "Gold Digger." Probopass evolves from a rock-type Pokemon with a red example of, for 10 points, what body part that is the source of some of Boogerman's attacks?

ANSWER: **noses**

19. Along with *Catherine*, this game was one of two non-fighting games to be featured at EVO 2018. After this game found a weird resurgence in popularity on Giant Bomb in 2013, the site named it their "Old Game of the Year." Some versions of this game feature a non-musician named Steve Miller in place of Beeho Yoo. Dotemu is developing a sequel to this 1994 game, which will count the German Klaus Wessel among its returning characters. Special moves in this game, such as Hiromi Mita's "Fire Snake," may cause the game's central object to ride along a (*) wall or move at an unexpected angle. Different spaces behind each player have different values in this game, which some critics derided as a fancier version of *Pong*. A weather phenomenon appears in the title of, for 10 points, what 1-on-1 disc-throwing game first released for the Neo Geo?

ANSWER: **Windjammers** [or *Flying Power Disc*; accept *Windjammers 2*]

20. An RPG spinoff of this series introduced Bizuki, a priestess who rivaled a recurring villain with a very similar name. A 2019 reboot of this series included Warden from *For Honor* as a guest character. Early games in this series featured an elderly priest named Nicotine Caffeine and a Texas-born, 1,300-pound ninja named Earthquake, though both are absent from its third game, subtitled (*) "Amakusa's Revenge." One of the central characters of this series is typically aided by Mamahaha, a large hawk. Taking damage increases a "Rage" meter in this series, which begins rounds with the phrase "En Garde" and can depict enemies being cut in half by a heavy slash. A wild, black hairdo is sported by Haohmaru, the protagonist of, for 10 points, what SNK fighting series about guys with swords?

ANSWER: **Samurai Shodown**