



GOLBEZ : A Video Games Tournament

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PACKET 1 – Rusty Sword

1. Yuko Miyakawa claimed this character was originally meant to be gray, but was changed to red at the end of development to make him stand out on screen. Quince was forced to turn down this character's request for help due to concerns over the safety of his dog, Satty. The "Addendum 2" stone monument describes how Lurelin Village was saved from a giant beast inhabiting Hateno Bay by this character, who somersaults down to meet the player at Inogo Bridge. A young version of this character is taught to (*) swim upwards in a flashback cutscene from The Champions' Ballad. The player has to use the Cryonis rune to destroy ice projectiles while riding on this character's back in a sequence that involves using Shock Arrows to temporarily disable the Divine Beast Vah Ruta. This son of King Dorephan and younger brother of Mipha tells Link "I believe in you!" For 10 points, name this Zora prince from *Breath of the Wild*.

ANSWER: Prince Sidon

2. A random tourist-y dude in a green suit who appears with this status in every level is revealed to actually be the leader of H.A.R.M. at the end of *No One Lives Forever*. The player's level of this status is measured on a meter next to a "Gut" meter in *Redneck Rampage*. Hera in *God of War 3* constantly displays this status, which Mr. Orange must have in order to be able to perform the Konohana Shuffle in *Okami*. The styles of both Chin in *The King of (*) Fighters* and Shun Di in *Virtua Fighter* revolve around them having this status. Ohgren's favorite gifts are those that allow him to achieve this status in *Dragon Age: Origins*. A World Circuit fighter and palette swap of Super Macho Man originally had this status before being bowdlerized for U.S. release. *Team Fortress 2*'s Demoman is usually depicted as having, for 10 points, what status maintained by the uncensored version of *Punch-Out*'s Soda Popinski?

ANSWER: being drunk (or intoxicated or inebriated; accept all answers clearly indicating being smashed or wasted or plastered or otherwise under the influence of alcohol; accept alcoholism or being an alcoholic)

3. In a Kajetokun Youtube video, a two-chord sting repeatedly plays as Fred from *Scooby-Doo* pulls off masks and Link opens a chest, only to reveal this character's ass; dat ass was originally uncovered in a cartoon after the tail is ripped off this character's kangaroo costume. Pulling off a frame-perfect duplication glitch 3 times is required to kill all 7 CWU-01P enemies with this character's weapon, since it can only be used 4 times in that boss room. Near the start of this character's stage, the player must jump between 3 moving platforms that can dump them off at various holes in the track. Either this character's weapon, or Thunder (*) Beam, is required to reach the Magnet Beam. This Robot Master, who is weak to Bomb Man's Hyper Bomb, causes boulders to fall from the ceiling that he catches and uses as projectiles. For 10 points, name this *Mega Man 1* boss whose Super Arm allows Mega Man to pick up and throw giant rocks.

ANSWER: Guts Man (accept Guts Man's Ass)

4. **A Mutant Entertainment game centering on this activity begins by asking the player if they prefer pancakes or waffles; in that game, various levels of this activity involve “Ships” and “Animoos,” and the player can earn coins by playing a version of *Snake* featuring portals and a whale. In *Payday 2* this activity requires using a drill, while in *Battlefield 1* it involves using bolt cutters to destroy a (*) lock that subsequently falls away. The player can transform the results of this activity into Bright Dust in a game in which doing this requires visiting Tess Everis. This activity, which can only be done via the Everse in *Destiny 2*, depicts light pouring forth from a grey, blue, and white object before four discs flip into the air and land in *Overwatch*. The absolutely fantastic parody game *I Can’t Believe It’s Not Gambling!* involves, for 10 points, what activity of acquiring random shit you likely don’t need or want?**

ANSWER: **opening loot boxes** (accept clear equivalents such as **loot crates** or **star crates** or **Bright Engrams** or whatever dumb special snowflake term they’re called in other games that have what are clearly **loot boxes**; prompt on “gambling”; prompt on “not gambling”)

[If the player selects “waffles” in *I Can’t Believe It’s Not Gambling*, the game plays the Belgian national anthem and refuses to continue, since loot boxes are banned in Belgium.]

5. **In one game, the player is offered a choice between this item and a sellable item worth 10,000 bucks after clearing a factory, but is still given this item even if they are stupid enough to pick the vendor trash. In a card game, this item’s card allows a player to search the top 7 cards of their deck and choose 1 card to put in their hand. Players could get a code for one of these things by completing a side game to *Diancie and the Cocoon of Destruction*. One of these items is the reward for perfectly matching an (*) ID number in the Lilycove Department Store’s Lottery Corner. In this item’s first appearance, the player receives it after they free the Silph Company headquarters from Team Rocket. This item is generally depicted as having a purple top half augmented by two pink oval bulges. In *Smash Ultimate*, a legendary is guaranteed to emerge from, for 10 points, what insanely-rare item that will catch any Pokemon it is thrown at?**

ANSWER: **Master Ball**

6. **A Seamus Blackley tweet somehow led to Hyperkin’s 2018 release of an updated version of this piece of hardware that includes an OLED screen and which, since this thing has always been a piece of shit, was fittingly only available first from Gamestop. A Penny Arcade comic mocking this thing included the lines “We’ve secretly replaced Gabe’s” one of these things “with an eight hundred pound grizzly bear. Let’s see if he notices.” The name of Brett Schnepf’s son, (*) Duke, was used to refer to the first form of this object, which placed a small pair of hard-to-press white and black buttons above its four main face buttons. Imports of the Japanese “S” type of this object soared after people realized the Japanese version didn’t include a useless, 2-inch diameter inlaid logo jewel in its center. For 10 points, name this gigantic failure of an accessory released in 2001 alongside Microsoft’s first console.**

ANSWER: the original **Xbox controller** (accept all answers indicating the **first** or **original controller** for the first Microsoft **Xbox**; accept The **Duke** before “Duke”; do not accept or prompt on answers referencing the “Xbox 360” or “Xbox One”)

7. **This weapon assumed the form of Krita-Yuga during the time that it was hidden away at Ling Sheng-Su Temple. In one game, Z.W.E.I. is tasked with finding someone worthy of wielding this weapon, whose will manifested itself as the spirit Elysium. This weapon, which was forged by a grief-stricken king after he was forced to kill his possessed son Arcturus, is embedded in another object’s eye in an “embrace.” Good-aligned players in a 2018 game’s single-player campaign can stop (*) Azwel from creating the Ultimate Seed by summoning this weapon from the Astral Chaos. Algol created this weapon, which was corrupted by Inferno after being left behind by Xinghua, and which was later claimed by Siegfried after he was freed from the influence of its evil counterpart. Kilik, Maxi, and Mitsurugi are other characters in a fighting game series named after, for 10 points, what sword used to suppress Soul Edge?**

ANSWER: **Soul Calibur**

8. **Two former holders of this title state “We’re here to help” after emerging from a portal in Agartha wearing power armor at the end of *The Conduit 2*. Elizabeth Winters holds this title in *Vanquish*. In the *Sonic Adventure 2* level “Route 101,” Tails chases down a holder of this title. In a From Software game that Devolver Digital remastered in 2018, a holder of this title confronts Richard (*) Hawk in outer space. The author Jane Austen narrates a game in which a holder of this title escapes from Pleasantville after Kinzie tells him he is trapped in Zinyak’s computer simulation; that man earns this job after stopping a nuke launched by Cyrus Temple. In an iconic ending scene, a man with this title suggests “Let’s go for a burger.” The protagonist of *Metal Wolf Chaos* holds this position, which The Boss of the 3rd Street Saints attains at the beginning of *Saints Row 4*. For 10 points, name this office whose holder is “kidnapped by ninjas” in *Bad Dudes*.**

ANSWER: **President**(s) of the United States of America (accept the American **presidency** or other clear equivalents; accept The **president has been kidnapped by ninjas**; prompt on “(The) Boss” after “Austen” by asking “What other title does he eventually get?”)

[*The Conduit 2* ends with George Washington and Abraham Lincoln appearing wearing power armor. No, seriously.]

9. **In this section of this game, the player can find an unequippable Badelaire by lowering and climbing a hidden staircase. Finishing this section in less than 60 seconds while taking no damage and collecting the Cross nets the player plus 5 MP for the rest of the game. The player can earn a Neutron Bomb by collecting more than 40 hearts in this section, and will be gifted a Heart Refresh if they finish it with exactly zero hearts. This section ends with the screen turning into a sepia-colored (*) photograph that subsequently burns. Should the player run out of health in this portion, Maria will run in and instantly heal them. This section’s legendary voice acting includes the lines “Die, monster! You don’t belong in this world!” and “What is a man? A miserable little pile of secrets!” The player controls Richter in, for 10 points, what recreation of the final boss fight from *Rondo of Blood* at the start of a PS1 *Castlevania* title?**

ANSWER: the **intro** to **Symphony of the Night** (accept all answers indicating the notion of the **intro** stage or **opening** stage or **first stage** or **Richter** stage of *Castlevania*: **Symphony of the Night** or **SOTN**; accept **Final Stage: Bloodlines**)

10. **One of these vehicles is the boss of both the “Gun Runners” and “Chemical Plant” stages of the light gun game *Lethal Enforcers*. The player controls one of these vehicles in the early SNES shmup *D-Force*. Programmer Jacques Servin infamously added code to a game about these vehicles that caused numerous buff men in Speedos to appear and start making out on certain dates; in that Maxis game, players could use these vehicles to travel through *Sim City 2000* maps. The player is tasked with rescuing their instructors from the EVIL Syndicate using one of these vehicles in a pair of special rescue missions from the SNES version of (*) *Pilotwings*. The Falcon in the *Halo* series is this type of vehicle, from which Brad Vickers drops a rocket launcher so Jill or Chris can kill the Tyrant and escape at the end of the original *Resident Evil*. For 10 points, name these vehicles that include *Fallout 4*’s Vertibird.**

ANSWER: **helicopters** (accept **helis** or **copters** or **choppers** or clear equivalents; accept **Sim Copter**)

11. **During the group stage of The International 6, Wings Gaming utilized a support Morphling to counter OG’s pick of this hero. In a fan comic, this hero, hexed into a chicken, licks blood off his lips while Shadow Shaman dies offscreen. This hero takes the role of Aizen in a fan-made SFM video which parodies a fight scene from *Bleach*. In a popular highlight video, this hero is shown using unorthodox items like Dagon, Force Staff, and Blink Dagger while a slam-jam remix plays. In one comic, this hero gets a rampage and declares “THE (*) FUN ENDS HERE” after having spent the last 30 minutes farming the jungle to buy every item in the shop. This hero’s core item progression is Battle Fury into Manta Style, since his illusions gain access to his first passive, allowing him to quickly drain enemies of mana then finish them off with a Mana Void. For 10 points, name this agility carry, a *Dota 2* hero who hates magic.**

ANSWER: **Anti-Mage** (accept **Magina**) <BB>

12. This weapon's "Cyclone" ability, which is unlocked following the defeat of the Apocrypha Generator, is the only one of its attacks that can inflict the "Topple" status. A namesake shield created by this weapon can block a single Talent Art of lower level than its shield ability. This weapon siphoned off the souls of a group of Homs explorers who came upon its resting place in Ose Tower on Valak Mountain. Spike damage and auras can be negated with this weapon's "Purge" ability, which (*) Alvis teaches to its user during a battle with Telethia in Makna Forest. This weapon's wielder can warn his allies of incoming attacks after this weapon gives him a vision of the future. Using this weapon during the Battle of Sword Valley cost Dunban the use of his right arm. This weapon is initially the only reliable way to damage creatures from the Mechonis. For 10 points, name this sword wielded by Shulk in *Xenoblade Chronicles*.

ANSWER: The Monado (do not accept or prompt on "(the) Xenoblade")

13. A 1997 "virtual" version of this city, released for PC, tasked the visitor with acquiring all 74 Community Collector's Cards, and included the minigame "Larry the Looter," which could be played while visiting the Noiseland Arcade. In the first ever video game to feature this city, the player must cleanse it of hats, exit signs, and purple objects. This city is filmed for the show *Foolish Earthlings* using cameras shaped like (*) wasps, while its residents are driven mad by Buzz Cola, in a 2003 *GTA* clone in which you can drive the Canyonero and the Mr. Plow, subtitled "Hit and Run." In a classic 1991 Konami arcade beat 'em up set in this city, four players can use a jump rope, skateboard, and vacuum cleaner to attack a giant balloon in Krustyland on their way to the nuclear power plant. For 10 points, name this city where the Simpsons live.

ANSWER: Springfield

14. One of these objects can be obtained via a Japan-only glitch that requires the player to fly backwards over a wall at the end of World 5-1 to spawn either it or a 5-Up. A finalist in the tournament Video Armageddon miraculously finds one of these objects in order to beat Lucas Barton, despite never having played the game in which they appear, in the movie *The Wizard*. Locating one of these objects required deducing that the phrase "in the (*) darkness at the end of the third world" meant to hold down while standing on a white-colored block in 1-3, while another of them is guarded by two Fire Bros hidden behind a breakable boulder at the right edge World 2 desert map. Using two of these items in succession puts Mario on the pipe leading to World 8. For 10 points, name these incredibly rare musical instruments that transport Mario to the Warp Zone in *Super Mario Bros. 3*.

ANSWER: warp whistle (or the flute or recorder)

15. The co-creator of the BASIC programming language, John Kemeny, used the language to create a 1965 game based on this sport on the Dartmouth Time Sharing System. The speed run of the terrible, horrible, no good, very bad RPG *The Demon Rush* depends on level grinding on a dinosaur nicknamed for this sport. The fourth level of *Tiny Toon Adventures: Buster Busts Loose* involves playing this sport. In 2014 Youtuber wowcendor began an annual video series about this sport seeing how far into a game a custom player named (*) Glassbones Greg, who had maxed injury sliders, could make it. A pioneering 1987 game featuring this sport was developed by and named for Tecmo. In August 2018, David Katz shot and killed two people at a Florida tournament for a video game about this sport. For 10 points, name this sport whose players may be cursed by appearing on the cover of *Madden*.

ANSWER: football

16. This man coined the term “auto-erotic asset-flip-siation” in a video discussing the proliferation and decline of the *Dynasty Warriors* series. This man included clips of *GTA V* and *Metal Gear Solid* in his video review of *Star Fox Zero* to confound Youtube’s Content ID system, a technique he termed “copyright deadlock.” The Kellogg’s mascot the Cornflake (*) Homunculus appears in videos by this man, who donned elbow-length gloves and a plague doctor mask in his persona of the “Steam Cleaner” for videos about terrible Greenlight titles. A negative review of *The Slaughtering Grounds* led Digital Homicide to try to sue this critic for over 10 million dollars. This man proclaims “Thank God for me” at the end of each episode of a weekly series he presents while wearing red glasses, a red tie, and a black and red hat. For 10 points, name this outspoken critic of the AAA industry who hosts *The Jimquisition*.

ANSWER: Jim Sterling (or James Nicholas Stanton)

17. Description acceptable. Prior to this event, Tiger Electronics added a fireman’s hat to the player character in one of its handheld LCD games, possibly on specific orders. The character of Kirby was named in honor of John Kirby in thanks for his work during this event. Robert Sweet oversaw this event, which was kicked off following a meeting in which Sid Sheinberg infamously yelled “You’d better start saving money!” at Minoru Arakawa. A company’s inability to produce a “chain of (*) title” led Howard Lincoln to suggest going forward with this event, in which it was revealed that one party to this event had previously established that because a Delos Lovelace novelization was over 40 years old, a certain character was no longer copyrighted by Merian Cooper, RKO Pictures, or anyone else. For 10 points, name this event in which Universal and Nintendo clashed over the resemblance of two giant apes.

ANSWER: the lawsuit over whether Donkey Kong infringed on King Kong (accept any answer mentioning either Donkey Kong or King Kong and the notion of a lawsuit or being sued or a court case; accept, more specifically, any answer indicating a lawsuit or court case over whether King Kong and/or Donkey Kong was in the public domain; accept Universal City Studios, Inc. v. Nintendo Co., Ltd. or any answer indicating Universal suing Nintendo (or equivalents) before “Universal”; be *VERY* generous)

18. In this city, the player has to break into Colonel Fuhrberger’s house in order to steal Fuhrberger’s crates of weapons. The towns of Dillimore and Blueberry are on the outskirts of this city, whose Commerce district is home to the 24/7 shop Roboi’s Food Mart, where the player can get courier work. The Verdant Bluffs overlook the airport of this city, which names a radio station headed by DJ Julio G. A character voiced by Young (*) Maylay returns to this city after hearing that his mother has been killed by unknown assailants driving a Green Sabre. Purple clothes are worn by members of this city’s gang the Ballas, who frequently clash with a gang based on Grove Street that initially includes Big Smoke and Ryder. This city erupts in riots after the acquittal of the head of CRASH, Officer Frank Tenpenny. Carl Johnson, or CJ, lives in, for 10 points, what most-populous city in San Andreas, the *GTA* analogue of Los Angeles?

ANSWER: Los Santos

19. Keyboardist krissalad and violinist mklachu are members of a video game jazz fusion cover band named for these objects. Hirocon is freed after Mike collects all of these things in *Star Tropics 2*. One of these objects is the only character to ever defeat Link in the finals of a Gamefaqs character battle. A 1988 Sega game was the first version in which these objects were affected by a “lock delay.” The Arika (*) Rotation System was introduced to manage these objects in an arcade game in which these objects turn invisible while credits roll in front of them as part of the final challenge required to earn Grand Master rank. The letters O, I, S, Z, T, J, and L are used to denote these objects, which were first conceived by Alexei Pajitnov. For 10 points, name these objects that fall from the sky and must be cleared by sorting them into lines.

ANSWER: Tetriminos or Tetris blocks (or Tetris pieces or Tetrominos or Tetraminos; accept Tetrads; prompt on “blocks”)
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20. In a Hyadain remix music video, this character states “Me? Fine then.” before being shown alternately holding an infant while waving a rattle and swinging a watch in front of a derped-out dude in armor. This character tries and fails to cast Cure on his dying father in a scene that reveals this man’s given name was Theodor. This character notes that “death cannot claim” him before turning into a floating glove, following a battle in which this character’s (*) Shadow Dragon is “blown away” by another character’s Mist Dragon. During a confrontation with this character in the Tower of Zot, he is wounded when Tellah spends his life to cast Meteo on him. This battlemage’s subordinates include Scarmiglione, Cagnazzo, Barbariccia, and Rubicante, and if you paid attention on the forums, you might remember I named my dog after this character. For 10 points, name this antagonist for much of *Final Fantasy 4*, the namesake of this question set.

ANSWER: **Golbez** (accept **Theodor** before “Theodor”)

21. —**FINAL BOSS QUESTION**— (50 points in superpower, 30 points in power, 20 points after)

A Youtube video of this game highlights a player named Nadine and spawned the minor meme tag “GET THE DAMN COIN!” over her spectacular failure at this game’s “Ancient Tomb” level. The player could touch a snowman to force elves to dance for five seconds in one version of this game’s second level. One of this game’s pre-selected first levels is set in a “Haunted (+) Museum,” where a player could pull a rope to let in sunlight that destroys all enemies, making it easier to collect three statues. This game forced players to find and hit a START button again if they lost all 5 units of their POWER meter. The message “YOU DID IT! YOU BEAT THE GAME!” appeared if players took less than 60 seconds to beat this game’s three levels, the last of which required two players to work together and touch 3 power (*) orbs to defeat the “Game Wizard” Mongo, Scorchia, or Merlock. This game was next to impossible because it required players to try and see themselves on a tiny monitor while waving their arms around in front of a bluescreen and trying to avoid things with horrible hitboxes. Two contestants were sent “inside a video game” in, for 20 points, what bonus round on *Nick Arcade*?

ANSWER: Nick Arcade **Video Zone** (accept **Nick Arcade Bonus Round** before “bonus”; accept **Ancient Tomb** before “Ancient”; prompt on “Nick Arcade” or “Nick Arcade bonus round” or equivalents)