



# GOLBEZ : A Video Games Tournament

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## PACKET 4 – Boots of Stealth

1. For some God-only-knows reason, Brian Myers published a scholarly article subtitled for “plausible optimism” and this action. \*\* An IceWater714 Youtube video demonstrated the adaptive AI Shadow characters in *Killer Instinct* could learn this action. A man creepily whispers to his office coworker Brian while referencing this action in a commercial for *Call of Duty: Ghosts*. A “dead reflex” was first programmed to respond to this action in a 2007 game. *Splatoon 2* players adopted a (\*) “squid” version of this activity that involves spamming the L2 button to transform from kid to squid. During a Philadelphia vs. Shanghai *Overwatch* League match, the audience booed Carpe over his performance of this action. This action exploded in prominence with *Halo 2*, since players were forced to temporarily watch their corpse on a kill cam. For 10 points, name this taunting gesture involving repeatedly crouching over a defeated foe.

ANSWER: teabagging (accept squidbagging after “Splatoon”; prompt on “taunt(ing)” or “corpse hump(ing)”) [If anyone correctly buzzes before \*\*, they get a dollar from Jason.]

2. In *Witch of Ice Kingdom 2*, Nonoly’s default attack involves summoning these things to fall on foes. Beating Joachim mode unlocks the option to play as a character named for these things in *Castlevania: Lament of Innocence*. Banjo can get flushed down Loggo the toilet after Mumbo Jumbo turns him into one of these things in the “Mad Monster Mansion” level of *Banjo-Kazooie*. After beating the Special World in *Super Mario World*, jumping piranha plants turn into these (\*) food items, which name a “Hill” that Knuckles has to search for Master Emerald shards in *Sonic Adventure 2*. Link is forced to work off his debt after breaking a chandelier to get a heart piece in a tavern named for a “lumpy” one of these gourds in *Skyward Sword*. A witch is the boss of a *Super Mario Land 2* zone named after, for 10 points, what gourds that are a major decorative motif in Halloween Town?

ANSWER: pumpkins (accept Jumping Pumpkin Plant or Pumpkin Hill or The Lumpy Pumpkin; accept Jack O’Lanterns before “Castlevania”; do not accept or prompt on “Jack O’Lantern(s)” after “Castlevania”)

3. In a prominent December 2017 1-v-1 match, Faker used a champion based on this god to creep score defeat VVvert, who was playing as Varus. A character based on and named for this god must be killed to rescue Reploids from a crashed shuttle in the first *Mega Man Zero* game, in which that character is given the epithet “necromances.” A *League of Legends* character inspired by this god can defeat enemies to increase the power of his Siphoning Strike, and can unnaturally age other champions using his (\*) Wither ability. This god summons circular walls of bones around Bayek and attacks with fiery hyena minions in a Trial of the Gods fight from *Assassin’s Creed Origins*. The “Temple of” this god is an Assault map in *Overwatch*. Riot Games modeled the *League* champion Nasus, the “curator of the sands,” on, for 10 points, what Egyptian god of mummification with the head of a jackal?

ANSWER: Anubis (prompt on “Nasus” by asking “What god is Nasus based on?” before “Reploids”)

4. In a January 2019 video, Youtuber SKELUX described how he accessed this type of place in the original *Legend of Zelda* by using the fact that the entire overworld map was only half the size of the dungeon map. Reaching this type of place in *Super Meat Boy* required randomly finding and touching an abnormal version of Bandage Girl. The description of the Splatformer in *Mario + Rabbids Kingdom Battle* promises to “send your enemies to” this place, which appears as an alternate name for the (\*) Underwhere in *Super Paper Mario*. This place got its name because tile 36 consisted of blank space. This place, which consists of a version of 7-2 whose end pipe leads immediately back to the beginning, can be reached by clipping through the brick wall at the end of 1-2 and going down the first pipe before bringing the entire warp zone on screen. For 10 points, name this glitched level from the original *Super Mario Bros*.

ANSWER: minus world(s) (or World Minus 1 or Negative 1 World or World -1; accept clear equivalents; prompt on “glitch(ed) world(s)” or “secret world(s)” or similar answers that do not specify minus; do not accept or prompt on “kill screen(s)”)

5. Game designer Takashi Nishiyama claimed he was inspired to create this attack by a scene in the anime *Space Battleship Yamato*. A form of this attack is used to accelerate a boat to 400 miles per hour in a webcomic in which the overall amount of love in the universe is permanently depleted every time this level 9 spell is used. Bullet hell patterns of this attack are used by the Stage 2 boss in *I Wanna Be the Boshy*. This signature attack of (\*) Black Mage in *8-Bit Theater* has a “Zanku” version that can be fired diagonally-downwards while in the air by a character who also uses a “Go” form of this attack, and whose name is the word for “Devil.” An extremely stupid, extremely short-range “Ga” version of this attack is used by Dan Hibiki. This attack’s iconic input is quarter circle forward, followed by any punch. For 10 points, name this projectile used by Akuma, Ken, and Ryu in the *Street Fighter* series.

ANSWER: Hadoken (or Hadouken; accept Boatdoken! or Zanku Hadoken or Gohadoken; prompt on “Surge Fist” or “Wave Motion Fist”; reluctantly prompt—after an extremely melodramatic, exaggerated sigh—on “fireball”) [The Stage 2 boss of *I Wanna Be the Boshy* is Ryu.]

6. This character seriously injured Mifune Sanjulo, the mentor of his rival, during an attempted book theft. If the player skips the optional Prologue fight against this character in a 1994 sequel, they can never obtain the seventh “Key to the Seal” sword needed to fight the true final boss. This character detaches the cockpit of the battleship the *Big Baroné* to escape to the Devotindos Empire with Princess Sherry, whom he has kidnapped. In a 2010 game, this character is fought after traversing the Cyberswine Labs, while in another game he chases the player to the left using a giant robot until the player finds another giant robot, after which a (\*) boxing bell sounds and the word “FIGHT!” appears. This character is sent hurtling into outer space in slow motion following a fight onboard the Pig Star, in which the player must ram into him with rocket attacks. For 10 points, name this archrival of Sparkster in *Rocket Knight Adventures*.

ANSWER: Axel Gear (or Axel)

7. In one of these events, a character who is sampling a series of cured meats references a Reggie Fils-Aime meme by exclaiming “My body is ready!” During one of these events, a woman learns that a pirate has a scar on the right side of his abdomen, confirming that he is her long-lost brother Dan. In a non-*Final Fantasy* game, the results of these events are augmented by a bonus determined by the player's inputted birth month, which corresponds to one of seven elemental affinities. In a 3DS game, the identity of one of (\*) Morgan's parents is determined by these events, which are designated by the letters C, B, A, or S. *Path of Radiance* moved these events from the battlefield to the base, while in *Awakening*, they can be unlocked quickly by using the “Pair Up” mechanic. For 10 points, name these conversations in which two *Fire Emblem* characters increase the strength of their relationship.

ANSWER: support conversations (prompt on “conversations (in Fire Emblem)”) <BB>

8. In January 2019 Marcel Vos designed one of these structures with a 12-year cycle. One of these structures that lasted four years had an exit that looped back around to its entrance and was named for the top-hatted skeleton Mr. Bones. Chris Sawyer developed a series of games named for these structures, whose expansion packs included “Loopy Landscapes.” Ellis screams he’s having the best day of his life during a Gauntlet Event that requires traversing one of these structures named “The (\*) Screaming Oak” in a *Left 4 Dead 2* campaign. Trainers can confront Elesya after using these structures to make their way through the Nimbasia City gym in *Pokémon Black and White*. A 2016 Frontier Development game was titled for a “Planet” of these things, from which Mario fights Mecha Bowser in Pinna Park in *Mario Sunshine*. For 10 points, name these rides that titled a series of “tycoon” games about theme park management.

ANSWER: roller coasters (accept RollerCoaster Tycoon or Planet Coaster; prompt on “(theme park) rides”)

9. This company’s 1974 game *Basketball* featured the first-ever human sprites, and was designed in part by Tomohiro Nishikado. In another game by this company, the player must enter every red door while descending from a building’s 30th floor to the basement. Kaneko created the *Gals Panic* series of hentai games by modifying a game by this company in which the player has to avoid sparks travelling around the edge of the screen, as well as the title bouncing lines, while drawing boundaries around more than 3/4ths of the playing field. This developer of *Elevator Action* and *Qix* added power-ups to *Breakout* in its title (\*) *Arkanoid*. The antagonists of a landmark 1978 game by this company were inspired by H. G. Wells’s *The War of the Worlds*, since shooting humans had more of a stigma than shooting aliens, and sped up as the player gradually eliminated them. For 10 points, name this company that developed *Space Invaders*.

ANSWER: Taito

[In my defense, the only reason I know about *Gals Panic* is because the go-kart track in my backwards-ass Kentucky hometown had an arcade cabinet of it. Really.]

10. A Youtube video by “Heels vs. Babyface” chronicled how these items were given to so-called “influencers.” Reddit user Fethennour posted a screenshot of a customer service email about these items that stated “We aren’t planning on doing anything about it.” In yet another layer to the fiasco, over 60 people who filed a support ticket over these items had their personal info and credit card numbers accidentally exposed. Excuses regarding how U.S.—China tariffs led to an “unavailability of (\*) materials” were among the reasons offered as to why purchasers were offered 500 Atoms in recompense for these items. One of these items was listed as “Figure 1” in an image that showed it branded with a “West-Tek” logo, sitting to the left of a “Wearable T-51b Power Armor Helmet.” Bethesda eventually caved and agreed to supply, for 10 points, what items replaced with cheap nylon stand-ins in a \$200 collector’s edition of *Fallout 76*?

ANSWER: *Fallout 76* canvas bags (or duffel bags; accept West-Tek bags; accept all answers indicating a bag that was supposed to come with the Fallout 76 Power Armor Edition)

11. A usable picture of one of these things appears when the player enters the notes C, C up an octave, E-flat, F, B-flat on a series of sliders. The line representing a rotating tower turns red instead of white when the tower is pointed at one of these things, whose creation is simply known as The Art. A character was trapped in K’veer following the surreptitious removal of part of one of these things; that part of one can be found by turning all of the Marker Switches on, then turning the one at the dock off. One game’s opening narration laments “I realized, the moment I fell into the (\*) fissure, that” one of these things “would not be destroyed.” Ghen uses Fire Marble Domes to power these things, while in another game, these things created by Atrus can be used to reach the Channelwood, Selenetic, Mechanical, and Stoneship Ages. For 10 points, what objects facilitate travel to different worlds in the *Myst* games?

ANSWER: Linking Books (or Descriptive Books; prompt on “book(s)”; prompt on “page(s)” by asking “What are the pages a part of?”)

12. Viewing this event in a 2012 HD rerelease unlocks the achievement “It All Makes Sense Now!” This event’s credit roll occurs next to a video that shows a pizza spinning across one character’s stomach and a slide show of female characters laughing, accompanied by an electric organ and sound effects music track that is interrupted by growling when Eddie Dombrowski’s gut appears. Viewing this event requires using a key found between Jack’s Inn and Rosewater Park to unlock the Observation Room in the (\*) Lakeview Hotel. In this event, a headset-wearing animal balancing on a rolling stool manipulates red and white levers, causing James to exclaim “So it was all your work!” before Mira comes over and begins licking his face. For 10 points, name this wondrous event in which you discover everything that happened in *Silent Hill 2* was controlled by an adorable shiba inu.

ANSWER: the dog ending in *Silent Hill 2*

13. A terrible NES game based on this franchise featured a final stage that could only be found by combining red text from between mission screens with a message printed on the cartridge label. Another game based on this franchise required the player to realize the message “RESET THE COMPUTER” meant they had to very lightly hit the actual Reset button on the Sega Genesis to play the final stage. ComboFiend’s weak-ass comment that “characters are just functions” was speculated to be a cover for a feud between Disney and Fox that was likely the reason no characters from this franchise were in the original lineup of (\*) *Marvel vs. Capcom Infinite*. A 2-screen, 6-player 1992 Konami arcade beat ‘em up featuring this franchise included legendarily bad lines such as “Welcome...to DIE!” For 10 points, name this group of heroes who clash with the “master of magnet,” Magneto.

ANSWER: X-Men (accept The Uncanny X-Men; prompt on “Marvel (Comics)” or “Marvel vs. Capcom (Infinite)”)

14. A *Resident Evil 0* puzzle based on this activity must be completed to access the Book of Evil and the file “Marcus’s Diary 1.” A boss based on this activity is named for the musical genre of blues in *Crypt of the Necrodancer*. Solving puzzles based on this activity grants access to the Maximized Focus skill in *Watch\_Dogs*. Before fighting Prince Malchezaar, the raid party has to participate in a form of this activity with Medivh in the tower of Karazhan in *World of Warcraft*. Just before the Mission 18 boss rush in *Devil May Cry 3*, Dante has to deal with a massive fight involving demons themed around this activity. A stone golem eats a woman in one of the combat animations from a 1988 Interplay game titled for a (\*) “battle” form of this activity. “Queen of Pain” is a 2 gold demon assassin in a viral 2019 *Dota 2* custom game titled for an “auto” form of, for 10 points, what board game involving pawns and bishops?

ANSWER: chess (accept Battle Chess or Auto Chess) <JT+BB>

[The *Crypt of the Necromancer* boss is named “Deep Blues.”]

15. This music track accompanied a Toyota Aqua X-Urban commercial that depicted three Priuses driving in a single file line. The piano chord progression from the Dave Brubeck classic “Take Five” formed the copyright infringement skirting basis for one arrangement of this track. Shawn McPherson, aka “Shootie HG,” performed a vocal version of this track that asks “Are we in hell? I don’t know” after urging “Stand back / stand clear as he puts on a show.” A play on the Japanese word “odekake” titled a version of this track used in a (\*) PocketStation minigame. The first ever opportunity to hear this track involved heading south from Kashuan Keep into a forest. “Samba” and “Mambo” versions of this track accompany flight in SNES games, while a heavy metal “Crazy” version of it begins with the questionable lyric “Gas him up with the greens and let him go.” For 10 points, name this music track heard while riding a big yellow bird.

ANSWER: Chocobo Theme (or Chocobo Chocobo; accept Cinco de Chocobo or Crazy Chocobo or ODEKA ke Chocobo or Samba de Chocobo or Mambo de Chocobo)

16. A piece of art meant to lead the player to this city uses negative space to spell out the word “KEEP.” In one side mission in this city, the player has to jump on a motor scooter and race ahead of a rampaging T-Rex. A brochure describes this city’s nighttime skyline as a “million-coin view.” Dining options in this city include Espresso’s Espresso and Tiny’s Piroshkis. Kate Davis provided the vocals for a song performed in this city, whose lyrics note “Here we go / (\*) off the rails / don't you know it's time to raise our sails?” Upon first arriving at night in this city, the player has to scale city hall in order to confront a Mechawiggler. Recruiting a drummer, trumpeter, bassist, and guitarist is required to put on a festival in this city, where a converted theater is home to the flagship Crazy Cap store. Mayor Pauline leads, for 10 points, what city that comprises the Metro Kingdom in *Super Mario Odyssey*?

ANSWER: New Donk City (accept Metro Kingdom before “Metro”)

17. The design of this creature was shamelessly ripped off by the final boss of *Super Turrican*. jamesdickinson963 discovered that removing an errant letter “A” from the word “tether” in a .ini file improved the notoriously-terrible AI in a game involving these creatures. A game involving this creature utilizes Emergency Phone terminals as save points and features an Arious-developed motion tracker that can give the player’s location away by beeping when in use. The appearance of the Vortex in the (\*) *Ecco the Dolphin* games was inspired by this creature, which must be avoided by Amanda after she arrives on Sevastapol Station. TimeGate Studios and Gearbox attempted to blame each other for the godawful state of a 2013 game featuring these creatures, for which Michael Biehn returned to voice Dwayne Hicks. For 10 points, name this dangerous creature that appears in games subtitled *Isolation* and *Colonial Marines*.

ANSWER: the Alien (or Xenomorph(s); accept Interneceivus raptus; accept all answers indicating H. R. Giger’s Alien or the Alien(s) from the *Alien* franchise)

[The horrendous enemy AI in *Aliens Colonial Marines* was mostly caused by someone spelling “tether” as “teather” in the game’s source code.]

18. In one scene, this character enthusiastically encourages another to pee in the ocean, but that second character’s sense of urgency is actually due to an impending sea monster attack. An enormous sword called the “Eighth Wonder” can be first obtained in this character’s hometown, which this character refuses to enter, presumably to avoid seeing his grandfather. Perhaps the only time this character effectively uses his sword is to fight a toxic mist-spewing boss named (\*) Blight. This character from Ponc’tan claims “It only *looks* like I’m looking at your melons” upon first meeting the priestess Rao, one of many scenes highlighting his comical obsession with breasts. As the Celestial Envoy, this character’s job is to create drawings and use brush techniques to remind the people of the powers of the gods. A one-inch tall hero from Japanese mythology names, for 10 points, what diminutive traveling companion of Amaterasu in *Okami*?

ANSWER: Issun <BB>

19. This alliterative phrase names an iconic Capcom arcade cabinet design with two rectangular speakers above the screen and below the marquee. A Canadian developer named for this type of “bubble” created the *My Singing Monsters* series of games. In one game series, the tracks “Quick Turn,” “Drift Highway,” and “Ordeal” are set in a place with this name, where the player travels immediately after finishing the Pokemon Stadium battle in the Adventure Mode of (\*) *Smash Melee*. That place, which a series of Youtube videos shows that “everyone” can survive using a Bunny Hood in *Ultimate*, is—along with Icicle Mountain and Poke Floats—one of the *Melee* stages where players had to deal with constantly-in-flux platforms. In its first appearance, that place with this name hosted the second track of Knight League, immediately after Mute City 1. For 10 points, what phrase names an *F-Zero* planet almost entirely covered by water?

ANSWER: Big Blue (accept Big Blue Bubble)

20. Two answers required. One of these two characters asks the other “You pity them, don’t you?” after the other notes “Machines aren’t capable of evil. Humans make them that way.” In another scene, one of these characters quips “But he walks like a duck” after the other notes Kino is “kind of attractive,” prompting another character to barge in and yell “What are you two doing? I thought you said something about a nice little (\*) slide show?” Depending on which third character they are grouped with, these other two characters can perform the Poyoze Dance or Dark Eternal Triple Techs, while by themselves, they have access to the Antipode series of Double Techs thanks to their fire and ice magic. These are the two characters who can hug a character after he is revived on Death’s Peak. For 10 points, name these two characters, an inventor and princess of Guardia from *Chrono Trigger*.

ANSWER: Lucca and Marle (accept in either order; accept Lucca Ashtear and Marle or Princess Nadia Guardia; accept any underlined portion; do not accept or prompt on partial answers)

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

Members of this race attempt to stave off the soul-devouring “Great Dark” via a ceremony that human researcher C. L. Kohl was executed for witnessing. Xag founded the “first empire” of this race, whose culture includes a type of ritual suicide called “zu’kara.” After this race obliterated the colony of Goddard using a new Graviton Weapon, the Confederation launched Operation Thor’s Hammer to destroy a dreadnought named for this race’s god, (+) Sivar. Paktahn bombers are among the vehicles used by this race, whose Strakha fighter included a cloaking device. The Confederation first learned the colony of Ghorah Khar was rebelling against this race from a member of it who defected with his retainer, Kirha. John Rhys-Davies played a leader of this race who was killed above its homeworld during a mission to destroy that planet with a Temblor Bomb. In one of the most emotionally-scarring twists in any video game ever, a member of this race reveals he was hypnotically-triggered to revert to his “real” persona upon hearing a phrase that was ostensibly a term of admiration for Christopher Blair, “the heart of a (\*) tiger.” Prominent members of this race include Prince Thrakhath nar Kiranka and the enemy-turned-ally-turned-traitor Ralgha nar Hhallas, who was nicknamed “Hobbes.” For 20 points, name these feline-like aliens from the *Wing Commander* series.

ANSWER: Kilrathi