



GOLBEZ : A Video Games Tournament

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1. This object, brought to life by Dark Seed, is the first boss fought by Namakubi in *Zombie Nation*. The greater fiend Alexei kisses this object before using his lightning powers to animate it to fight Ryu Hayabusa in *Ninja Gaiden Sigma 2*. In another game, a parody of this object contains a chained, beating heart behind a sign claiming “No hidden content this way.” This object, which weeps goo and is later destroyed by the exploded remains of a monster in *Parasite Eve*, speaks to Clark Kent to give him missions in the terrible *Superman NES* game. The headquarters of (*) UNATCO are located near the damaged, headless remnant of this object in *Deus Ex*. A monument based on this object has the face of Hillary Clinton and holds a coffee cup aloft in *Grand Theft Auto 4*. For 10 points, what real-life object is the basis of a landmark of “happiness” that stands on an island in Liberty City’s harbor?

ANSWER: Statue of Liberty (accept Liberty Enlightening the World or La Liberté éclairant le monde if someone feels like being excessively quizbowl-ish)

2. Getting the “Targeted Advertising” achievement in this chapter requires pinning a soldier to a billboard with the newly-acquired crossbow. The player has to operate a magnetic crane to open the way across Pier 137 in this chapter, which includes the first appearance of roller mines. Near the end of this chapter, the player must traverse the catwalks and open scaffolding underneath a railroad bridge to deactivate an energy barrier on top of the bridge. The first part of this chapter involves traveling from Shorepoint Base to New Little (*) Odessa, where Colonel Cabbage presents the player with a rocket launcher to use against Combine Gunships. The Fisherman guides the player through St. Olga in a “lost” portion of this level released as free extra content with designer commentary. Between “We Don’t Go to Ravenholm” and “Sandtraps” is, for 10 points, what *Half-Life 2* chapter in which Gordon Freeman uses the buggy to travel the title road?

ANSWER: Highway 17 or Coast (or The Coast Road; accept Lost Coast after “Fisherman”)

3. This person told a so-called “campfire story” in which the “thought hammer” teaches a youngster how to overcome scrub mentality, called “The Boy and His Game.” This person described how men wield their penises on the internet and created the hypothetical energy drink “Bear Semen” while casting a grudge match between *Combat-Ex* and *Chill*. During a two-hour emotional broadcast on *livestream.com*, this man described growing up in small-town Kansas with his single mom and older brother and told stories of playing many (*) WCG tournaments against players like FroZ, XelloOs, and NonY. This man encouraged viewers to try ridiculous strategies like Planetary Fortress rushing on “Funday Mondays.” This Zerg player and brother of the caster Tasteless refers to his subscribers as “Knights.” For 10 points, name this *Starcraft* legend, now a variety streamer who plays *Hearthstone*, *Magic*, and more on his namesake “Daily” show.

ANSWER: Day[9] (or Sean Plott; prompt on “Plott”) <BB>

4. In a collectible interview tape, this character asks “Have you ever seen a flower die? Watched something that was once so beautiful, so full of life, collapse and rot from within?” In one DLC campaign, this character leads an attack on a humanitarian award ceremony on New Year’s Eve. The player has to rescue this character from the War Room in a museum after tracking him to an abandoned police station using a (*) Climate Analyzer. This character states “I can evolve my strategies. Can you?” during a boss fight in which he can only be damaged by popping out of a floor grate, gliding from a gargoyle head, or knocking him down with the Line Launcher once, before he modifies the arena to prevent repeat tactics. This character uses a sample of Ra’s al Ghul’s blood to produce a cure for the TITAN infection in Joker’s blood. For 10 points, name this Batman villain who covers his room in ice.

ANSWER: Mr. Freeze (or Victor Fries; accept any underlined portion)

5. In this town’s castle, a glitched female NPC is invisible because she was programmed to only be visible inside of rooms, but was placed outside of a room. This town is located south of the Nether Nebula in a 2016 game in which Lann and Reynn must tame “Mirages.” In its first appearance, this town is the first place the player can receive the message “See your face upon the clean water. How dirty! Come! Wash your face!” The Black Magic spells Sleep and (*) Fire 1 can be purchased in this city, whose castle contains a chest holding Nitro Powder, or TNT, that must be unlocked using a Mystic Key obtained by waking the prince of Elfland. This town’s king orders his soldiers to aid in Lukahn’s prophecy by rebuilding a bridge to its north after the party ventures to the Chaos Shrine to rescue Princess Sarah from the clutches of Garland. For 10 points, name this first city visited by the Light Warriors in *Final Fantasy 1*.

ANSWER: Cornelia or Corneria (or Coneria)

6. In 2017 the developer of a game about these vehicles controversially stripped Sir Foch of his “community contributor” status after he criticized a premium one called the Chrysler K. In another game’s final battle, the player has to jump in and out of one of these vehicles while shooting Rootmars’s exposed brain. Two vertically-moving joysticks and a viewfinder were integrated into the cabinet of a 1980 Atari arcade game about these vehicles. Defeating Protophage earns the Hover Module for one of these vehicles piloted by (*) Jason, named Sophia the 3rd. Any mission is instantly failed if one of these vehicles owned by Welkin, the *Edelweiss*, is destroyed in *Valkyria Chronicles*. A vector graphics game about these vehicles, *Battlezone*, was reworked into a training simulator for the U.S. military. The Scorpion from *Halo* is, for 10 points, what type of military vehicle featured in *Blaster Master* and the *Metal Slug* series?

ANSWER: tanks (accept World of Tanks; accept Metal Slug(s) before “Metal”)

7. A character is revealed to have access to one of these items in a time travel event in which he is battled after declaring that he would “not repeat the failure of three years ago.” A broken one of these items is found in a cave behind the waterfall in Tohjo Falls in *HeartGold* and *SoulSilver*. After acquiring the National Pokédex, this device gets an upgrade providing access to the Pokémon Past Archive. This device’s interface changed in Gen 4 to involve moving a dot inside of a circular area to access its functions. This device can locate the site of (*) swarms, or attract Pokémon native to Sinnoh and Hoenn. This device occasionally catches odd sounds, such as the signal sent to the Lake of Rage or various noises at the Ruins of Alph. Team Rocket invades a tower meant for this device found in Goldenrod city in an attempt to broadcast a message to Giovanni. For 10 points, name these devices which the PokéGear may use to tune to various stations.

ANSWER: radio (prompt on “PokéGear” before “PokéGear”) <AW>

8. In a parody game by Arcane Kids, this character ends up in the parking lot of an Applebee's after he "Visits the James Turrell Retrospective." John Skeel sped up Brian Silva's voice to create this character's speech, including his catchphrase "What could possibly go wrong?" This character quips "Looks like we've got some bad pork to put right" in an instruction manual comic for a 1994 game in which he traverses Egyptian, Space, and Music themed levels in Oinker P. Hamm's *Amazatorium*. For some God-only-knows reason, Choice Provisions announced a 2019 game about this character titled (*) *Paws on Fire*. A 1996 PS1 3D platformer, in which this character confronts his nemesis the Woolies, is considered by many to be one of the worst games of all time. Accolade's attempt to create a mascot platformer resulted in *Claws Encounters of the Furred Kind*, the first game starring, for 10 points, what godawful bobcat?

ANSWER: **Bubsy**

9. This game was created after the bankruptcy of distributor Chicago Coin prevented the sale of a similar title. A pre-release ad for this game described it as "the first game to require the player to 'get involved' in whatever way he wants," while a post-release flyer for it showed the text "It's fascinating!" coming out of a broken skull. This game's service manual listed two options for "Scream Modulation." This game, whose cabinet contained the hint "use reverse for quicker getaway after crash," progressed through scoring levels such as "Bone Cracker" and "Gremlin Hunter." A Wendy Walker article about this (*) Exidy release quotes Dr. Bryde Meeks as claiming that prisoners at San Quentin would have loved this 1976 game, which was at the center of the first ever full-blown video game moral panic. For 10 points, name this game in which players used a car to run down stick figures.

ANSWER: **Death Race** (or **Death Race 98**; do not accept or prompt on "Death Race 2000")

10. The full nickname of fighting game community member Senshi notes he has this status. In a 2017 horror game, the protagonist Cassie—who is stalked by the Presence—has this status. The Sith Lord Jerec, who opposes Kyle Katarn in *Dark Forces 2: Jedi Knight*, notably has this status that temporarily results from listening to Mystia Lorelai's singing in the Touhou game *Imperishable Night*. In *Fable*, the hero's sister gets better at foretelling the future after gaining this status in a (*) bandit attack. In *Morrowind*, a 200-point speed buff is gained by putting on a pair of boots that also cause this condition, which affects the monk Lee Sin in *League of Legends* as well as the protagonist of *Perception*. In the *Elder Scrolls* universe, this condition can be caused by being stupid enough to try and actually read an Elder Scroll. For 10 points, name this affliction that in the *Final Fantasy* series can be cured by Eye Drops.

ANSWER: **blindness** (or being **blind**; accept clear equivalents indicating having **no sight**; accept **night blindness** or **Boots of Blinding Speed**)

[SightlessSenshi plays fighting games purely based on audio cues.]

11. In *Space Quest IV* one of these things that can be purchased from a bargain bin at Software Excess contains part of the code for using the time pod. One of these things that can be found in *Fallout 2* has the description "Well, THIS would have been good to have at the beginning of the goddamn game" and boosts all skill levels to 300%. In November 2018, Dorling Kindersley announced it would close the last major U.S. maker of these things. Squaresoft was lambasted for promoting their website (*) PlayOnline by using it to, ahem, "enhance" one of these things. One of these things that included scratch-and-sniff stickers and fake clippings from the *Onett Times* was bundled with the original U.S. release of *Earthbound*. Infamously, one of these things for *Final Fantasy 12* was released unfinished, with "PAGE NUMBER HERE" placeholders. For 10 points, name these things once created in great number by BradyGames and Prima Books.

ANSWER: **strategy guides** (or **hint guides** or **hint books** or **official guides**; accept clear equivalents)

12. KennyMan666 speed ran a *Mega Man*-style game based on this franchise at ESA Winter 2018. *Mutant Year Zero's* devs mocked people critical of Denuvo DRM by claiming such people were afraid Denuvo was going to sell Russia info on their fetish for this franchise. A fighting game inspired by this franchise features potential "Key Keepers" of Fœnum such as Pom the sheep and Tianhuo the longma, and is the successor to a cease and desist'ed fangame whose win quotes included a character writing a letter stating "Today I (*) learned what 'off the ground' means." A hidden level parodying this franchise, which requires crafting a staff using Leoric's shinbone and a Black Mushroom in *Diablo 3*, is named "Whimseyshire." A BossManJohn1 romhack of *Final Fantasy 6* based on this franchise replaced Gogo with Lauren Faust. *Them's Fightin' Herds* is inspired by, for 10 points, what cartoon that was the basis for *Fighting is Magic*?

ANSWER: My Little Pony: Friendship is Magic (accept either underlined portion; prompt on "MLP" or "FIM"; prompt on "Mega Pony" or "Them's Fightin' Herds" or "Fighting is Magic" or "Pony Fantasy VI")

13. In one game, an instance of this process is interrupted until another instance of it generates Harmonious Music, which must be used to restart this process. In a 1993 SNES game developed by Celestial and published by Jaleco, the player has to perform this task on Rhendor IV, Alpha Ceti, and Vega III. Using a Strength of Angel powerup can help the player deal with the Blue Dragons and Giant Skull Heads that try to interfere with this process in a game in which the player directs it to seal monster lairs while causing lightning, sun, and earthquakes to clear (*) obstacles. In that Quintet game, the effectiveness of this process can be increased by promulgating wheat. The player can get infinite money for this process by exploiting an underflow glitch involving the tax rate in a game about this process that features the green-haired advisor Dr. Wright. *Actraiser* combined platforming with, for 10 points, what process that in a "Sim" game ends at the stage "Megalopolis"?

ANSWER: building a city (accept city building or city planning or clear equivalents; accept building a colony or colonization)

[The game in the lead-in is *Utopia*.]

14. In a 2018 game set in this country, the player must collect 5 keys to unlock the door to the Holy Hen in the headquarters of the Chicken Illuminati. At the beginning of a 1998 game inspired by this country's folklore, the protagonist notes "Sorry for the wait," before introducing himself and stating "I'm your new travel agent." DrinkBox Studios developed two games set in this country whose protagonist can learn the Frog Slam and Dashing Derpderp after coming back to life thanks to a (*) wrestling mask. This country's culture is the basis for a game in which Mercedes's exclusion from the "Number 9" train to the afterlife is investigated by Manny Calavera. The world of *Grim Fandango* was modeled on this country, to which John Marston pursues Bill Williamson in *Red Dead Redemption*. The art style of *Guacamelee!* was based on, for 10 points, what country's luchador tradition?

ANSWER: Mexico

15. The player might get 10 of these things from the Bad Breath Express, a train operated by a scumbag. In the first game in a series, that scumbag offers you the chance to win 10,000 of these things in a "present" on a roulette, but will run away if you land on it. In another game, these items are lost as a result of getting caught up in that scumbag's namesake "parade." In a fourth game, if you have none of these things, it is often wise to call up the same scumbag using his namesake phone, since he'll give you a shitton of these things if you are (*) broke. In an engine room level, said scumbag has a bogus machine that produces exactly one of these things, but he'll take away 20 of them to use it. As part of that scumbag's "Revolution," all of these items are distributed equally amongst four players. In the *Mario Party* series, the scumbag Bowser often takes away, for 10 points, what currency, 20 of which can be traded for a star?

ANSWER: coins <IJ>

16. This character is namedropped at the end of a cutscene that begins “No mind to think. No will to break. No voice to cry suffering.” After completing the appropriately-named Path of Pain, the player can see this “pure” character standing next to its creator. Four chains must be destroyed to initiate the fight with this character, which halfway through that fight begins to violently stab itself. If the player has obtained the Void Heart, they can use the (*) Dream Nail on this character to challenge The Radiance. A monument to this character is located in the center of the City of Tears. Monomon the Teacher, Lurien the Watcher, and Herrah the Beast became Dreamers to seal this character inside the Temple of the Black Egg, just under Dirtmouth. The Pale King locked away the infection plaguing Halloween inside, for 10 points, what title character of a fantastic Team Cherry Metroidvania game?

ANSWER: The Hollow Knight (prompt on “(the) Vessel”)

17. A 1997 Bullfrog game set in this type of place allowed players to sabotage others with Litter Bombs, and required dealing with Transparency, TV Personalities, and Kidney Beans. In another game, the player has to solve an *Alice in Wonderland*-themed puzzle in one of these places, after exploring all the floors in it causes the elevator to suddenly gain a button for Floor 4. In the 2016 *Hitman*, Agent 47 infiltrates a futuristic one of these places to kill Erich Soders. The only *Hotline Miami* chapter in which you cannot kill anyone requires sneaking (*) out of one of these places. Gary Carr and Mark Webley developed a 2018 game set in one of these places in Two Point County. One of these places that once employed Lisa Garland to care for Alessa Gillespie is the first place that Harry Mason can find Aglaophotis, and is named Alchemilla. For 10 points, name these places that in *Silent Hill* games are often overrun with demonic nurses.

ANSWER: hospitals (accept Theme Hospital or Two Point Hospital or Alchemilla Hospital)

18. This character calls “Fish outta water!” on a woman who describes him as “so unprofessional” for trying to talk her into playing Marco Polo in a rooftop hotel pool. He’s not Jak or Dexter, but this character can find a Precursor Orb called the “Strange Relic” in each of his games. At an exhibit in Cartagena, Colombia’s Maritime Museum, this character first crossed paths with both his mentor and Katherine Marlowe, since they wished to acquire a (*) ring engraved with the motto “Sic parvis magna,” meaning “greatness in small beginnings,” a key to finding the lost city of Irem in the Rub’ al Khali. This character discovers the Cintamani Stone is a giant mass of the tree of life’s sap after chasing Lazarević and Flynn, his former partner in thievery, to Shambhala. Journalist Elena Fisher often teams up with this Nolan North-voiced protege of Victor Sullivan, or Sully. For 10 points, name this protagonist of the *Uncharted* series.

ANSWER: Nathan Drake (or Nate; accept any underlined portion)

19. In *Ghost Trick*, a prison blackout prompts Bailey the guard to perform a “panic” version of this action, which he notes is a generations-old family tradition. The boss “Final Great Soldier” uses the “Love Love” form of this activity in *Gunstar Heroes*. After protecting humanity and obeying Jack at all costs, performing this action is the third directive in Claptrap’s bootup sequence in *Borderlands: The Pre-Sequel*. A long-running joke in the *Mass Effect* series involved Commander Shepard’s ineptitude at this activity. In December 2018, (*) rapper 2 Milly, the Backpack Kid, and Alfonso Ribeiro all sued Epic Games over the inclusion of these things as emotes in *Fortnite*. The songs “Boom Boom Dollar” and “Butterfly” gained popularity thanks to a Konami series based on this activity. A pad with four directional arrows is used to play a game titled after, for 10 points, what activity that precedes “revolution”?

ANSWER: dance(s) or dancing (accept Dance Dance Revolution)

20. One of these events is launched by reading a poem that notes “When you turn they will be gone / whispering their hidden song / then you see what cannot be / shadows move where light should be.” Another of these events rewards the player with the Emyrean Band after they locate a “piece of the Heavens.” Acquiring the Guardian spell is the end result of one of just three mandatory ones of these events, which involves pillaging the (*) Chamber of Bone. Another mandatory one of these involves entering a red portal next to a pentagram to confront Lazarus. The randomized assortment of these events is evidenced by the player first being given *either* one involving a poisoned water supply, or one involving the undead King Leoric. An iconic one of these events requires fighting the Butcher. For 10 points, name these events that require the player to venture into the catacombs underneath the Tristram cathedral.

ANSWER: quests in Diablo (or missions in Diablo; accept clear equivalents)

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

Instructions on this arcade game’s cabinet described how its “quark laser” could be cancelled by pulling the fire trigger before a shot left the screen. The fourth of this game’s five repeating stages featured enemies moving outward in a spiral from the center of the screen. Vanity clue alert, but the first video game Jason ever played, when he was 2 years old, was the Commodore VIC-20 port of this game, which like all home ports removed its (+) *Galaxian* level. A panel to the right of the screen on this arcade cabinet lit up to indicate the player’s rank, which progressed from Space Cadet, to Space Captain, all the way through to Rank 6: Space Avenger. A backwards spelling of designer Jamie Fenton’s nickname led to the name of this game, which began life as a licensed *Star Trek* title. Skilled players could defeat this game’s Flag Ship level with a single shot, causing the game to cycle back around to its first stage, “Astro Battles,” a *Space Invaders* clone with this game’s title (*) wiggly-mouthed alien bouncing across the top of the screen. “Bad move,” “got you,” and “some galactic defender you are” were among the phrases this game used to taunt players via its pioneering use of a Votrax speech synthesis chip. For 20 points, name this 1981 Midway arcade classic whose title ostensibly described a “Galactic Orbiting Robot Force.”

ANSWER: Gorf

[Jamie Fenton was nicknamed “Frog.”]