



# GOLBEZ : A Video Games Tournament

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## PACKET 6 – Traveler’s Cloak

1. This action was the subject of the first rotating exhibit at Britain’s National Videogame Arcade when it opened in 2015. A series of Matt Thorson games starring the character Ogmo is titled for this physical activity, which partly names a 2019 Spike Chunsoft game that features characters from *Saint Seiya*, *One Piece*, and *Naruto*. This action names a song that—along with “Warm It Up” and “I Missed the Bus”—is the subject of an entry in the terrible *Make My Video* series of games for the Sega CD. In *Bravely Default*, the Valkyrie class can perform this action. Defeating (\*) Draygon grants access to an item that allows Samus to infinitely perform this action in *Super Metroid*. This action, which precedes “Force” in the title of an anime crossover fighting game, originally named the playable character in *Donkey Kong*. Kris Kross rapped they would make you perform, for 10 points, what action that Mario does when you press the A button?

ANSWER: jump (or jumping; accept Jumper or Jump Force or Space Jump or Jumpman)

2. Description acceptable. This action was examined in a 2014 *It’s Okay to Be Smart* episode that explained the Texas Sharpshooter Fallacy. *XKCD* referenced this action in a comic about two surgeons operating on a man going into cardiac arrest. A classic piece of fanart by Naolito depicts Link performing the Song of Time via this action, which Google suggested using on their 2012 April Fools product in case the user encountered any bugs. Frankie Vitarello performed this action 10 times a day for 30 days as part of an unscientific study in which he documented the (\*) growth of white mold. In reality, this action simply allowed the fatigued and deformed nickel pins of a zero insertion force device another chance to realign with copper connectors, leading to confirmation bias that a problem had been solved by removing dust. For 10 points, name this folk remedy for fixing NES games that didn’t load correctly.

ANSWER: blowing on an NES cartridge (accept clear equivalents)

[Google’s 2012 April Fools product was 8-bit Google Maps for the NES.]

3. This technology grew out of a project called “GooBall,” which David Helgason made for Over the Edge Entertainment. In 2018, the company that makes this product announced that it would shut down its “Everyplay” service, which allowed users to upload clips featuring this technology. Until 2015 users of this originally-Danish technology could writes scripts for it using a really dumb version of Python named Boo. This technology’s Japanese schoolgirl mascot character appeared as a guest character in (\*) *Runbow*, which—since it was first made using the standard Wii U SDK—was developed using this technology, whose optionally-free licensing model makes it more attractive for small studios than its primary competitor, Unreal Engine. *Ori and the Blind Forest*, *Thomas Was Alone*, and *Temple Run* are among the games “made in,” for 10 points, what popular third-party engine whose name emphasizes one-ness?

ANSWER: Unity <JT+IJ>

4. This character tells another that “One day, you could be a famous MOM-edian” on a VHS tape taken in a room too dark for the video to come out. The music track “Bergentrückung” plays just before a fight with this character, in which one of his attacks is telegraphed by the order in which his eyes flash blue and orange. A note describing how this character called another five times—four times to tell her everyone was angry, once about a cute teacup he found—can be read in the True (\*) Lab. During one public address, this character’s wife handed him a live mic and whispered “Your turn, fluffybuns.” This character, who maintains a garden of golden flowers, can have his attack and defense lowered by eating a slice of butterscotch pie during a boss battle that begins with him using his trident to destroy the “Mercy” button. For 10 points, name this husband of Toriel, the king of the monsters in *Undertale*.

ANSWER: Asgore Dreemurr (prompt on “Dreemurr”)

5. This game’s “Inverted” mode gives players the option of starting in the Dark Chapel. Players of this game nicknamed a location “Paradox Cave” due to its *lower* exterior entrance leading to its *higher* interior floor. Hints such as “Just couch cash, move right along” and “I make things go triple boom” can be accessed by reading tablets in this game, in which at least one hint tile will point to the location of the “Key of Evil’s Bane” in “Keysanity” mode. Version 8 of this game’s logic introduced progressive items. Winners of speedrunning tournaments are memorialized in the Chris (\*) Houlihan Room in this game, whose logic always makes the Lamp available before the player is required to traverse any dark rooms. Quick Dark World access in this game requires finding the Power Glove, Magic Hammer, and Moon Pearl in three Sphere Zero locations. For 10 points, name this ROMhack that shuffles the item locations in an SNES Zelda title.

ANSWER: A Link to the Past randomizer (accept all answers indicating a randomizer or rando or randomized version of LTP or Link to the Past; prompt on “(A) Link to the Past” or “LTP” by itself, but they have to say something akin to the word “random” or “rando” to get points)

6. At the beginning of Episode 2 of *The Long Dark*, Will Mackenzie has to retrieve medical supplies from one of these structures designed by Richard Carter. Two turtledoves, a partridge in a pear tree, and 12,256 paper shufflers were involved in building a “beautiful” 256-foot-tall one of these structures in year 783 of the Great Underground Empire; that one was labelled “#3.” Racers drive across the face of one of these structures in the second part of the Mount Wario course in *Mario Kart*. Eight bombs must be disarmed in less than 2 minutes 30 seconds, all while avoiding electric (\*) seaweed, in an infamously difficult level set at one of these structures in the first *Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles* NES game. James Bond jumps off one of these structures at the end of the first level in *Goldeneye*. For 10 points, name this type of structure that in *Zork* is named for its flood control ability.

ANSWER: dams (accept hydroelectric dam or Flood Control Dam #3 or Wario Dam or “THAT FUCKING DAM LEVEL!” from people traumatized by *TMNT*)

7. A glitch known as the “silent” form of this weapon required hitting the ground or running into a wall immediately after using it, causing a grunt to override its normal sound. A Tom Hall-created “Bible” gave the number “2704” to this weapon. In a 2004 game, this weapon is the reward for defeating Sabaoth, and will explode and kill the player if it is charged past 4 cells. The original version of this weapon was first hidden in Pandemonium, the third map of the “Inferno” episode, and worked by sending out a (\*) cone of 40 tracers about half a second after its main shot hit something for 100 to 800 damage. A 1993 instruction manual used the phrase “shoot it and see for yourself” to describe this weapon, which consumes 40 plasma ammo to fire a giant destructive green orb. The phrase “bio force” is often used to bowdlerize the actual full name of, for 10 points, what most-powerful weapon in *Doom*?

ANSWER: BFG 9000 (accept Big Fucking Gun or Big Frigging Gun or Big Fragging Gun; accept Bio Force Gun before “bio”)

8. A device created by this man featured “dots,” “split screen,” and “monochrome” labels above its “Function Select” knob, and included a wooden handle that led to its nickname of “The Pump Unit.” In an interview, this man described having a breakthrough idea after asking Bill Harrison to go buy a toy gun to use to select correct quiz answers. This longtime employee of Sanders Associates used a golf ball to top a prototype joystick that he created as part of a device that gained its common name from the (\*) wood-grain vinyl applique intended to make it look professional, and which included small manilla cards indicating the position of switches needed to play a “Chase Game,” “Checkers Game,” and “Ping Pong.” A Smithsonian exhibit preserves the workshop of this man, whose “Brown Box” was licensed and developed into the Magnavox Odyssey. For 10 points, name this inventor often called the “father of video games.”

ANSWER: Ralph Baer (accept Ralph Henry Baer or Rudolf Heinrich Baer)

[If this tossup goes dead, deduct 10 points from both teams for their disappointing lack of knowledge regarding the birth of video gaming.]

9. A *Primal Rage* character named for this concept melts his enemy’s flesh off by peeing on them. Another character named for this concept went into an unstoppable rage when Pachacamac led an attack on an altar whose resident creatures he protected. Crafting a Twilight Dragonscale Cloak requires 50 Blackened Dragonscales and this type of orb in *World of Warcraft*. This concept takes the form of an eclipse as the true final boss of *Castlevania: Aria of Sorrow*. The Witch of (\*) Izalith and her daughters were twisted into a “Bed of” this concept fought in *Dark Souls*. The Crush 40 song “Open Your Heart” plays during the battle with a “Perfect” form of this concept, a living mass of water that destroys Station Square after Dr. Eggman’s dumb ass tries to control it. The antagonist of *Sonic Adventure* is named after, for 10 points, what concept that also names the emeralds Sonic uses to become Super Sonic?

ANSWER: Chaos (accept Chaos Orb or Bed of Chaos or Perfect Chaos or Chaos Emeralds)

10. In a cutscene set in this city, a man stands on a precipice and raises a jug of sake in salute, before walking through a puddle as the droplets of water he kicks up are pulled upwards into the air behind him. The Duggles are a sports team from this city’s C-South district. The party must move around a series of glyphs to avoid instant kill mines placed by the Spectral Keeper in a boss fight in this city that takes place beneath a ruined stadium. One character’s claim to be from this city is repeatedly explained away as a result of (\*) toxin exposure. A solo piano piece titled “To” this city plays during a cutscene that begins with the lines “Listen to my story. This may be our last chance.” This city that is home to the Abes blitzball team lies north of Mount Gagazet, and is the destination of a summoner’s pilgrimage to defeat Sin. For 10 points, name this home city of Tidus in *Final Fantasy 10*.

ANSWER: Zanarkand

11. An Art House Politics video analyzing the *Smash Ultimate* roster’s leanings claimed this character would “botch a fact check of AOC and get roasted.” Algy is a subordinate of this character in a game in which he must be defeated to allow an attack on Astropolis. In late 2018 Zackray rose to prominence as the world’s best *Ultimate* main of this character, who fights Ice Climbers, Young Link, Pichu, and Snake in a Classic Mode titled (\*) “Reunited Roster.” The player has to ride on this other character’s vehicle while using a plasma cannon to destroy the Aparoids that have infected Corneria City in a 2005 game subtitled “Assault.” This character, who proclaims “The hunt is on, boys” when teaming up with Panther and Leon in his *Ultimate* Final Smash, first appeared in a 1997 N64 game to prevent the diffusal of a bomb on Fortuna, announcing “Can’t let you do that!” For 10 points, name this rival of Fox McCloud.

ANSWER: Wolf O’Donnell (or Star Wolf; accept any underlined portion)

12. Description acceptable. The announcement of this event claimed many people had “gone to the extent of paying \$800 and more” for Japanese imports. This event caused K.B. Toys to subsequently refuse to carry a company’s products, as this event only involved Babbage’s, Electronics Boutique, Software Etc., and Toys R Us. Shortly after Tom Kalinske’s reveal of this event, Steve Race walked up to a microphone for a “brief presentation,” said the number (\*) “299,” and walked away. *Clockwork Knight* and *Daytona USA* were two of just six games available alongside only 30,000 units at the time of this event, which had been originally scheduled for Saturday, September 2, 1995 but was surprisingly announced during the first-ever E3 to have already taken place, in an attempt to get a jump on the PlayStation. For 10 points, name this bungled event in which American consumers were first given the opportunity to buy the successor to the Genesis.

ANSWER: the U.S. launch of the Sega Saturn (accept all answers indicating the early or surprise American launch or release or street date (or equivalent) of the Sega Saturn; accept Sega Saturday; prompt on partial answers)

13. This country is the home of the *Aero Fighters 2* pilot Angela. *Gabriel Knight 3* is set in this country, where Samanosuke is warped after bumping through a time portal to the early 2000s in *Onimusha 3*. The messenger Anthony, the monk Paul Luther, and the reporter Peter Jacob all explore a church in this country in *Eternal Darkness*. Nilin, the protagonist of (\*) *Remember Me*, lives in a “Neo-” version of the most-populous city in this country, which is also the setting for a 2009 Pandemic Studios game about Irish mechanic Sean Devlin. The “Big Blue Blob” achievement results from this country obtaining over 100 provinces in *Europa Universalis 4*, in which if this country has just one province that does not follow the state form of Christianity, it will suffer a special Religious Turmoil disaster. *The Saboteur* is set during World War II in, for 10 points, what country that in *EU4* can suffer Wars of Religion or have its court moved to Versailles?

ANSWER: France

14. A *Polygon* article about this move notes “we don’t need the ‘why’s of everything” because “some things are,” and hails it as the only move “that matters.” This is the weaker of two damage-inducing moves on the Greninja available at the premiere of *Volcanion and the Mechanical Marvel*. This move has the same type and base attack power as a move that can only be used after its user has eaten a berry in battle, Belch. This is the most powerful move that can be learned by a Generation 1 Pokemon who has the “Power of Alchemy” special ability, and whose partly Dark-type regional variant gives it a yellow (\*) beard. Acid Downpour will have a maximal 190 attack power when this is the underlying move. In recent generations, this move’s accuracy was increased from 70 to 80 percent, since flinging trash isn’t really all that hard. Garbodor’s signature move is, for 10 points, what powerful yet inaccurate Poison-type move?

ANSWER: gunk shot <IJ>

15. An in-joke in this game takes place at a black-and-white location called the “Labyrinth,” in which multi-colored cats pose a pointless logic puzzle. This game foreshadows its climax by showing a big blue van with a malfunctioning ice-making machine, which arrives just in time to inactivate a bomb programmed to detonate in response to a character's ringtone. One plot in this game depicts the inept Mr. Yanagishita trying to sell a fake diet drink called (\*) “Burning Hammer” with Tama, a woman stuck in a cat suit, while another plot concerns the unauthorized testing of a drug to cure the Ua virus. This game takes place over the course of a day in which Kano investigates the kidnapping of Maria Osawa. Until 2018, the only game to receive a 40 in Famitsu but *not* get localized into English was, for 10 points, what game localized by Spike Chunsoft, whose numerical title alludes to its primary setting, Shibuya?

ANSWER: 428: Shibuya Scramble (accept Shibuya Scramble before “Shibuya”) <IJ+BB>

16. One member of this group quips “Don’t cut yourself” as he lends another member his kukri during Operation Uppercut. Another member of this group shouts “Where does he get off calling a demolition op Priority One!” before being cut down via needle rifle headshot. A replacement was sent to this group after a former member of it was killed by a nuke that he personally flew into the hangar of a CCS cruiser. (\*) Thom was once a member of this group that includes a man who sacrifices himself to activate a slipstream device in the mission “Long Night of Solace.” In an iconic image, the shattered helmet of a member of this group lies in a glassed plain after its owner helped the *Pillar of Autumn* escape by holding off waves of Covenant. The player character, B312, is given the callsign “Six” when they join this group whose members include Jorge, Carter, and Kat. For 10 points, name this team of Spartans in *Halo Reach*.

ANSWER: Noble Team (prompt on “Spartans” or “UNSC”)

17. In the Touhou game *Embodiment of Scarlet Devil*, Stage 5 boss Sakuya implements this gameplay effect in her knife-based spell cards. In *Mario & Luigi Dream Team*, combining Mario’s Gold Badge with Luigi’s Miracle Badge causes this effect. Soma can become immune to this effect by equipping Galamoth’s soul in *Castlevania: Aria of Sorrow*. In *Persona 3*, the “Dark Hour” afflicts almost the entire world with this effect, which is also present in the Dead Sea in (\*) *Chrono Cross*. In World 4 of *Braid*, standing still causes this effect, which is *undone* by pulling out the Master Sword in Drowned Hyrule in *Wind Waker*. Using an incredibly-rare “Hourglass” item causes this effect in the *Tales* series. Half of Quick Man’s health can be instantly drained by using a weapon with this effect in *Mega Man 2*. Flash Man’s weapon causes, for 10 points, what effect also caused by a stopwatch in *Castlevania*?

ANSWER: stopping time (accept all answers indicating the notion of a Time Stop or freezing or pausing time or time standing still (or clear equivalents))

18. This website is referenced by the cafe next door to the Ocean View Hotel in *GTA Vice City*. In the 2000s, users of this website began changing their signatures in June for “End Boss Month.” With the “Wild Wasteland” trait, the player can find a character who originated on this website near the Goodsprings Source in *Fallout New Vegas*; that character, “Johnny Five-Aces,” was from a hilariously-bad video game project on this website that noted “time works the same way” after describing “four balls on the edge of a cliff,” *The Zybourn Clock*. A 2007 thread on this website about the game *The Immortal*, posted by (\*) slowbeef, is generally cited as the first-ever video Let’s Play. This website’s founder was referenced in *Morrowind* by the Banhammer-bearing “Arlowe.” Rich “Lowtax” Kyanka founded, for 10 points, what website whose forum users are referenced by the *Vice City* criminal ranking “SA Goon”?

ANSWER: Something Awful (or the Something Awful forums; accept SA or SA Forums before “SA”)

[Next to the Ocean View Hotel is the Front Page Cafe, which uses the same font and color scheme as Something Awful’s front page.]

19. Hardware modder Alex Clark merged two of these objects into a single one to take advantage of a hidden game mode that required the player to enter their name as RRDUAL for Tournament Mode. A RetroFighters Kickstarter campaign raised over \$150,000 for a redesigned version of this object that doubled the number of one of its buttons, and moved them to the normal L2 and R2 placements. “Plenty,” “Domino,” and “Goodhead” were control schemes that required two of these objects. A major part of these objects was notoriously easy to ruin by playing the minigame (\*) “Fly Guy.” These objects featured 4 yellow directional C buttons, and a little-used D-pad and L button, since players were much more likely to hold the center and right prongs of its “trident” shape to use its “Z” button and analog stick. For 10 points, name this object you might use to play the first *Mario Party* and *Super Smash Bros* games.

ANSWER: Nintendo 64 controllers or N64 controllers (accept Nintendo 64 analog sticks before “buttons”; prompt on “controller(s)” by itself, I guess, but glare at whoever says that because they’re pretty dumb for thinking the answer would be just “controller”)

[“RRDUAL” unlocked dual controller mode in *Star Wars Episode 1 Racer*.]

20. An “iconic” one of these objects was described as a “very beloved aspect of creative expression” in an April 2018 lawsuit filed over the Chinese game *Rules of Survival*. Sunny sings a series of numbers while using one of these objects in a first-person view cutscene from *Metal Gear Solid 4*. In *Wario Land: Shake It*, the boss of the Quiver Cliffs is a giant fish that flies in one of these objects. One of these objects in another game gained its best-known feature by accident when the devs gave it the ability to hit away grenades. Yang’s (\*) wife gives the party one of these items to use on Yang after he is found in the Sylph Cave in *Final Fantasy 4*. A “tactical” one of these objects, nicknamed “level 4 armor” for its bulletproof properties, can be worn on the ass in *PlayerUnknown’s Battlegrounds*. Peach’s strongest melee weapon in *Super Mario RPG* is, for 10 points, what object whose *PUBG* description notes that it’s “not for cooking”?

ANSWER: frying **pan**s (prompt on “stove” with “What’s on the stove?” or on “eggs” with “What are the eggs in?” if they buzz on the MGS4 clue, but do not prompt at any other time)

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

Two answers required. These two things title a mod developed by Dareedevokl whose only effect is replacing a side panel texture. A dab named for these two things is a legendary pose for the character Croak in *Battlerite*. In *Fallout 76*, a computer terminal at the Mount Blair train yard notes that (+) benefits for employees include weekends, punch cards, and these two things. These are the only two things found inside an otherwise empty reliquary in *Stellaris* that the text description claims provided a “visceral thrill” upon opening. In a serious case of the pot calling the kettle black, the master of the Trial of Accuracy in *Assassin’s Creed Odyssey* asks the player “Aren’t you a warrior? Where’s your honor?” before mentioning these two things, should the player ask if they can just (\*) buy his Trial Token. These two things were balanced against “initial values based upon data from the Open Beta” in furtherance of “challenges that are compelling, rewarding, and of course attainable via gameplay” according to a response to a post titled “Seriously? I paid 80\$ to have Vader locked?” that became the most downvoted post in the history of Reddit. For 20 points, name these two abstract concepts that EA intended for “unlocking different heroes” “to provide players with a sense of” in *Star Wars Battlefront 2*.

ANSWER: **pride** and **accomplishment** (or a **sense of pride and accomplishment**) <JT+IJ>