



GOLBEZ : A Video Games Tournament

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PACKET 7 – Moon Pearl

1. **Specific answer required.** In 2014 one of these objects labelled “# 8197” was bought for \$1,537 by a Canadian man in an eBay auction. Larry Hryb tweeted a picture of himself holding one of these objects shortly after posting a message proclaiming “URBAN LEGEND CONFIRMED!” Joe Lewandowski, the vice president of the Tularosa Basin Historical Society, oversaw the recovery of these objects that contained a creation of Howard Scott Warshaw. A Zak Penn documentary subtitled (*) “Game Over” chronicled the retrieval of these objects that were found alongside spare VCS parts and copies of *Defender*. The city of Alamogordo auctioned off many of these objects, 30 years after their role in the “Great Crash” led them to be loaded onto a truck headed for the New Mexico desert. For 10 points, name these copies of a notorious licensed Atari 2600 game that spent several decades underground.

ANSWER: an E.T. cartridge that was buried in a landfill (accept any answer indicating a copy of E.T. for the Atari 2600 that had been buried in (or dug up or excavated from) a dump or landfill in New Mexico; prompt on partial answers, but they have to say something about them specifically being the cartridges that were trashed to get points)

2. **One of these events references Ryunosuke Akutagawa’s “The Spider’s Thread,” but ends with a character reaching only a crayon drawing of the outside world. In another of these events, a character flees through a door marked “Exit” from a tank firing shells between four desks, only to be chased down a hall by a gigantic Pac Man. During a truly insane one of these events, a gigantic bladed (*) insect kills both of its parents as it is born, before impaling a character with a computer strapped to his chest. The first ever one of these events began with a character being shackled with a chain and dragged backwards through a hallway, before being pelted with high-speed baseballs. “The Thread of Agony,” “Please Insert Coin,” “Wild West Insecticide,” and “The 1,000 Blows” are among these events that occur after Monokuma bangs his gavel and drags away the blackened. For 10 points, name these events to which the guilty are subjected in *Danganronpa*.**

ANSWER: punishments (accept lllllllllit’s PUNISHMENT TIME!!!!; prompt on “execution(s) (in *Danganronpa*)” by telling players “There’s a specific word you need to say” as they must say the word punishment to get points) <JT+IJ>

3. **If you watched the movie *Resident Evil: Degeneration*, then you’ve made some questionable decisions with your life, but you also might remember it begins in one of these places in Harvardville. An Apoapsis Studios game that has been in Early Access on Steam since 2017 allows the player to become a CEO of one of these places. This type of place is the setting for “One Card Left to Play,” the last level of *Max Payne 3*. One of these places named for Pablo (*) Escobar is located in Vice City, while a “Sunshine” one is the first track of the Star Cup in *Mario Kart 8*. Joseph Allen, a CIA op, is killed by Victor Makarov at the end of a level in which the player massacres civilians in one of these places. The controversial “No Russian” level of *Call of Duty 2* is set in, for 10 points, what type of place where a horde can be triggered by going through a security checkpoint’s metal detector in the *L4D* campaign “Dead Air”?**

ANSWER: airports

4. **This company's founder logged into its computer system using the password "tier3." A 1944 newspaper article about this company ran the headline "Local Entrepreneur Buys Salt Mine." In one speech, this company's founder rants "When life gives you lemons, don't make lemonade. Make life take the lemons back!" This company made its most revolutionary discovery while trying to improve on a (*) shower curtain design. A Heavy Duty Super-Colliding Super Button is among the products of this company that operated the research vessel the *Borealis*, and whose founder—the J. K. Simmons-voiced Cave Johnson—had his secretary Caroline placed into a computer system. This company does what it must, because it can, for the good of all of us—except the ones who are dead. Its offices were flooded with deadly neurotoxin on "Bring Your Daughter to Work Day." GLaDOS was created by, for 10 points, what fictional company that developed the Portal gun?**

ANSWER: Aperture Science (or Aperture Laboratories or Aperture Science Innovators)

5. **A "legendary" one of these objects that belongs to Keith Ingram, named Grecotch, is the strongest melee weapon in *Deadly Premonition*. Ricardo Gomez uses guns hidden in these objects to attack enemies in *Shadow Hearts: From the New World*. In *Devil May Cry 3*, Air Raid and Distortion are among the attacks available using a purple-electricity imbued one of these weapons that can control hordes of (*) bats and transform into a scythe, named Nevan. An axe and one of these objects named "Clementine" are held aloft by Eddie Riggs, who is voiced by Jack Black, on the cover of the underwhelming Tim Schafer game *Brütal Legend*. A controller shaped like one of these objects can be held vertically to activate Star Power. Five colored fret buttons and a strum bar appear on, for 10 points, what type of object used in a series of Harmonix-developed "Hero" games?**

ANSWER: guitar (accept Legendary Guitar Grecotch or Guitar Hero; prompt on "scythe" after "Devil May Cry 3" and before "scythe" by asking "What's its other form?"; do not prompt on "scythe" at any other time)

6. **This Pokémon was displayed on the logo of a Smogon Premier League team named for Stark Mountain. A 2010 shitpost by DougJustDoug includes a photo of this Pokémon placed inside of an extremely large tire in response to a post labeled "A thread on why smogon is ***." This Pokémon's usage was revitalized in Gen 6 OU after the emergence of a tanky set which used the item Rocky Helmet in tandem with its hidden ability (*) Rough Skin. Pokédex entries for the Mega Evolution of this Pokémon describe a vicious disposition and its wings "melting" into scythes. Gimmicky special attacker and mixed sets for this Pokémon were often given names prefixed with the word "Chain". Due to a combination of factors including Sand Veil and an overwhelming Yache Berry Swords Dance set, this Pokémon was sent to Ubers in Gen 4. For 10 points, name this Pokémon used by Cynthia, a Dragon/Ground type which looks like a hammerhead shark.**

ANSWER: Garchomp (accept Gaburias; per Wang, neg players 200 points if they give an answer of "chain chomp" because, quote, "that shit is trash"; okay, don't really do that, but *threaten* them with it) <AW>

7. **In universe, this character inspired the British SAS to adopt the motto "Who Dares, Wins." The Successor Project attempted to turn Gene into this character's equal. This character claims "There is nothing left inside me now, no hatred, not even regret" prior to a fight in a field of Star of Bethlehem lilies in which this character uses a weapon with unlimited ammo thanks to a feed shaped like the infinity symbol; that field turns (*) red in a radiating wave following this character's execution. The screen is blurred with tears if the player presses R1 while saluting this character's grave. This character, who received a curving scar from giving birth on the battlefield, led the Cobra Unit in its apparent defection to Volgin. This lover of The Sorrow developed CQC with a protege who was given a code name indicating he had surpassed her. For 10 points, name this "mother of special forces" and mentor of Naked Snake in *Metal Gear Solid 3*.**

ANSWER: The Boss (or The Joy or Voyevoda; do not accept or prompt on "Big Boss")

8. In *Super Adventure Island*, Dark Cloak can inflict this status by spitting blue balls. In the second phase of her boss fight, Cala Maria fires a giant green beam that does this to Cuphead. It doesn't involve slavery, but Ladja does this to both the player character and your wife, before selling you both off, in the remake of *Dragon Quest 5*. Emil isolates himself in his mansion because he has the innate ability to do this to living things in *NieR*. In *SMT Digital Devil Saga 2*, sunlight causes humans to undergo this process, which is also the end result of a disease that Dorne contracts at the outset of the first *Star Ocean* game. After (*) reversing this process on the cleric Branwen at the Carnival in *Baldur's Gate*, she will offer to join the party. Seto underwent this process after fighting against the Gi Tribe to protect Cosmo Canyon in *Final Fantasy 7*. For 10 points, name this status that Kratos can inflict on enemies in *God of War* using the head of Medusa.

ANSWER: turning to stone (or petrifying being petrified or petrification; accept clear equivalents)

9. Parts of one of these animals, who claimed he used a "steady diet of jealousy and hate" to keep himself alive hundreds of years, are discovered to be missing from a Cairo museum at the start of a 2004 sequel. In another game, these animals attempted to stop The Loop by creating the Hex Machine. A man with the head of one of these animals in the *Soul Calibur* series, who taught himself every single fighting style in the world, is named (*) Olcadan. Kine the Fish, Rick the Hamster, and one of these animals are available helpers in *Kirby's Dream Land 2*. One of these animals named Otus is the title "boy" of a D-Pad Studio game released in 2016 after 9 years of development. An evil robotic one of these animals led the Fiendish Five who stole the Thievius Raccoonus and killed Sly Cooper's parents. Clockwerk was, for 10 points, what type of bird that also includes the helpful Kaepora Gaebora in *Ocarina of Time*?

ANSWER: owls (accept Ancient Owls or Owlboy; prompt on "bird(s)" before "bird")

10. This man received a "Game Concept and Design" credit for a console game in which he confronts a villain who repeatedly declares "Haha! You'll never catch me!"; in that game, this man can transition from a spin attack into a hat throw based on how long the Star Magic button is held. This man replaces Chief Blank as station chief in *Space Channel 5: Part 2*. This man can catch a shooting star to transform into a robot in a game that concludes with him using his "Battle Plane" to shoot down the "psycho mastermind" Mr. Big. After this man rescues every kidnapped (*) child in each stage of a 1990 Genesis game, he is shown the way to the stage boss by Bubbles the Chimp. This man, who can force enemies to dance themselves to death with him, flips a coin into a jukebox at the outset of a stage set in Club 30. For 10 points, name this protagonist of the game *Moonwalker*.

ANSWER: Michael Jackson (or Michael Joseph Jackson)

11. Game designer Robert Yang described a 1970 Laud Humphreys book as a "strategy guide" for his 2017 game set in one of these places, which he based on a 1962 incident in Mansfield, Ohio. The party has to enter one of these places to retrieve the Royal Ring proving Jean's heritage, after Nimufu loses it in this type of place, in *Breath of Fire 2*. In *Mother 3*, the Awesome Ring is found in one of these places, one of which infamously contains a (*) potato in *Bioshock Infinite*. James Sunderland uses his bare hand to retrieve a wallet containing a safe code from one of these places in *Silent Hill 2*, which begins in another one of these places. James Bond crawls through a ventilation shaft before dropping into one of these places at the beginning of the "Facility" level in *Goldeneye*. For 10 points, name this type of place where in *Duke Nukem Forever* the player can find throwable poop.

ANSWER: bathrooms or restrooms (or toilets; accept clear equivalents; accept The Tearoom)

12. This substance was used to create the character Shahdee. In an attempt to prevent the use of this substance by paradoxically delaying its creation until seven years after its release, a character dons the Mask of the Wraith and allows the Dahaka to consume his other self. Pillars of this substance serve as save points and allow the player to see visions of the upcoming area. The dead body of the Empress (*) Kaileena transforms into this substance, whose corrupting influence turned Sharaman into a monster as it ravaged the palace of Azad. Farah works with the protagonist to undo the damage of this substance after the Vizier tricks the protagonist into opening the hourglass containing it. This substance is controlled by a dagger that grants the player the power to rewind the previous ten seconds to avoid death. For 10 points, name this temporal substance utilized in a PS2-era trilogy by the Prince of Persia.

ANSWER: The Sands of Time (prompt on “sand(s)”)

13. A song titled for this action begins “I can't do this alone / even though I am strong”; that song's chorus ends by requesting “before I say goodbye to you / one more last” one of these actions. An Earth-element panda from *Skylanders: Trap Team*, who has spiky rocks at the end of his arms, is named for this action. The *Army of Two* series includes achievements for the “total deflation” and “total destruction” forms of this action, which Penny Arcade mocked in a comic noting that this action is appropriate for when “Trevor got a new beer bong,” but not for when you “murdered hundreds and hundreds of people.” The main vocal track from (*) *Sonic Forces* is titled for this action, which in *Doom 2016* the *Doom* marine performs with a toy version of himself. Prior to battle, Crazy Hand and Master Hand perform this action with one another. For 10 points, name this more bro-ish alternative to a high five.

ANSWER: fist bump(s) (or fist pound or brofist) <JT+AW>

14. Description acceptable. An Activision newsletter suggested this achievement was equalled by both Kevin Kopaczewski and William Stewart, while its performer claimed he replicated it at both Detroit's The Electronic Thing and the Chicago Consumer Electronics Show. David Crane defended the legitimacy of this feat by noting it was “authenticated using the established methods at the time, by the governing authority at the time,” which consisted of a Polaroid photo that was thrown away after 2 weeks. Speedrunner Omnigamer called this feat into question after his breakdown of the game's code for a TAS pointed to a theoretical machine best of (*) 5.57, which in January 2018 led both Twin Galaxies and Guinness World Records to strip their official recognition of this feat, 35 years after it was reputedly achieved. Todd Rogers cheated to attain, for 10 points, what feat involving an Atari 2600 game about short-distance racing?

ANSWER: Dragster world record (or getting a 5.51 in Dragster; accept all answers indicating both Dragster and the notion of getting a time of 5.51 or the world record or fastest time or clear equivalents; accept answers like Todd Rogers's Dragster time before “Todd”; prompt on partial answers)

15. In one game, this world operates under a calendar of 5 months of 20 days each, including the months of Madmoon and Huntmoon. One game set in this world begins in a city located at the junction of the Kerwon, Valendia, and Ordallia continents. A city in this world that was consumed by the Dark is the setting of a game about the Riskbreaker Ashley Riot. In another game, the castle of Ambervale is entered using an Anti-Law in pursuit of (*) Mewt, who dreamed this world into existence. The city of Leá Monde is located in this world whose populace at one point are subjugated by the Church of Glabados, and in which the forces of Prince Larg and Prince Goltana clashed in the War of the Lions. The city of Rabanastre in the Kingdom of Dalmasca exists in this world. The games of Yasumi Matsuno are often set in, for 10 points, what world that is the setting for *Vagrant Story*, *Final Fantasy 12*, and *Final Fantasy Tactics*?

ANSWER: Ivalice

16. These specific enemies show up to challenge Edward Kyle and the Wolf Pack partway through the third campaign mission of the godawful game *Operation Darkness*. A realization regarding the source of these enemies in a 2014 game is briefly sidetracked by a discussion of a colorful new sauce at Taco Bell. In a 1992 FPS, the player travels to Hollehammer to stop Dr. Schabbs from creating these enemies, a bunker full of which were created due to exposure to the contents of (*) El Dorado in the first *Uncharted* game. The New Kid finds a series of audio logs chronicling how green goo can turn people into these things aboard the Alien Mothership in *South Park: The Stick of Truth*, in which these things are called “so overused.” An extra co-op mode in *Call of Duty: World at War* pits players against endless waves of, for 10 points, what enemies that haven’t rotted away enough that they can’t heal Hitler?

ANSWER: Nazi zombies (or zombie Nazis; accept Nazi undead or clear equivalents; accept mutant Nazis after “Hollehammer”; prompt on partial answers, but they have to say something involving *both* Nazis and zombies or undead or mutants or an equivalent to get points)

17. Following Clutch 2018, this competitor caused a *Kotaku* article that included a picture of him with a controller sticking out of his pants to have to try and explain what a “boop” was after he booped commentator Yipes. TekkenMaster resetting the bracket on this competitor in 2016’s *Mortal Kombat XL* grand finals prompted him to show he was getting serious by removing a piece of headgear. This competitor gave a speech describing himself as “everything Republicans hate” at a 2018 awards ceremony. During a 2018 event he invoked an arcade-era rule to call for a (*) side switch, which was decided via coin flip, after trading 3-0 and 0-3 sets with Goichi, before clinching victory with a team of Bardock, Android 16, and Zamasu. For 10 points, name this victor in Evo 2018’s *Dragon Ball FighterZ* event and 2018 Esports Player of the Year, who began hanging his medals off of his nose and ears after he progressed from wearing an iconic blue-eared hat to competing in a full fursuit.

ANSWER: SonicFox (or Dominique McLean; accept EchoFox SonicFox or SonicFox5000)

18. Description acceptable. A *Critical Mass* webcomic about this trait ends with the question “How many concubines do you desire?” being answered with “Several.” In a 2010 game, this characteristic takes the form of two values being set to “12,” which is 150% of the next highest value of “8.” The message “Greetings...Our words are (*) backed with” certain objects marked the first ever appearance of this trait, which was implemented in a 2016 game by giving its holder a weighted advantage to roll a certain second agenda to pair with the set agenda of “Peacekeeper.” This characteristic first appeared due to an underflow glitch in which adopting Democracy caused this trait’s holder’s normal Aggression rating of 1 to roll back to 255. For 10 points, name this iconic trait from Sid Meier’s *Civilization* series that causes an Indian leader to just *love* to threaten you with certain destruction.

ANSWER: Gandhi loving to use nukes (accept any answer mentioning both Mohandas Gandhi and a massive boner for using (or threatening to use) nuclear weapons or nukes)

19. This is the *second* word in the title of a Genesis game in which Monobe discovers his tribe is actually living on a giant spaceship, in which it follows “Generations.” A music track named for this type of “painting” plays in the Anti-Chapel and Forbidden Library in *Symphony of the Night*. This is the *first* word in the title of a crappy game in which Wayne has to harvest thermal energy from the Akrid to stay alive on the icy world of E.D.N. III. The continent on which Esto Gaza and Mount Gulug are located in *Final Fantasy 9* is identified by this word, which also names a (*) motorcycle gang led by Billy Grey and Johnny Klebitz in a side game to *Grand Theft Auto 4*. In a location named with this adjective, the player has to traverse the correct hollow logs by following the sound of Saria’s Song to find their way to the Sacred Forest Meadow. For 10 points, what word precedes “Woods” in the title of a recurring *Legend of Zelda* locale?

ANSWER: lost (accept Generations Lost or Lost Painting or Lost Planet: Extreme Conditions or Lost Continent or The Lost (and the Damned) or Lost Woods)

20. Description acceptable. In a *Jimquisition* episode about this event, Jim Sterling noted “turnabout, my loves, is fair play” before rightly stating “they asked for zealously loyal fanbases; this is the end result.” A bullshit ShackNews “thinkpiece” by Asif Khan described this event’s participants as “disrespectful edgelords.” Despite being taken down and reuploaded several times to mask the ratio, an official Youtube video for this event still garnered over 700,000 dislikes. Negative reactions to this event outlined similarities to *Crusaders of Light*, which was also created by (*) NetEase. In a hilarious moment from this event, an attendee in a red t-shirt stepped up to a microphone and asked “Is this an out-of-season April Fools joke?” Wyatt Cheng responded to a chorus of boos by shouting “Do you guys not have phones?” during, for 10 points, what event at BlizzCon 2018 that led to massive backlash over a new mobile game?

ANSWER: the announcement of Diablo Immortal (or the reveal of or fan Q&A about Diablo Immortal; accept clear equivalents; prompt on partial answers; prompt on “BlizzCon” by asking “What event at BlizzCon?”; prompt on “not announcing Diablo 4” by asking “What did they announce instead?”)

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

This game’s stage select screen reveals that during development, some of its levels were known as “Alabama,” “Spelunking,” and “ExxonMobil.” In a promotional video for this game, a developer notes they had 500,000 yen left over after redoing the soundtrack with a cheap band from Brazil, before pleading “Please buy this game. My wife will leave me if I get fired again.” The background of the second stage of this game shows an episode of (+) *Muppet Babies*, while its sixth level has a background that is completely white with the scribbled text INSERT BACKGROUND HERE, a side effect of its belief-based engine running low on fuel. This game’s credits are interrupted by Canyon.MID and the message “Greetings, Player 1. You did lose a life. The fox was out for revenge.” A boss in this game tests the player by asking whether God could make a game so bizarre, even he could not play it; whereas its final boss is simply the last bit of Logic. A play by Tennessee Williams was adapted into this game’s No Blood for Oil Zone, which is interrupted by a long news broadcast about the impending death of a man born with a television monitor for a head, named (*) Failure Cresh. The man who revealed this game to the public noted his uncle who worked for Nintendo snuck him out a copy for his 21st birthday, and that it was 1 of only 6 games ever made for the Sega CD 32X. In the greatest joke Let’s Play in history, docfuture introduced the world to, for 20 points, what remastered version of a Genesis game that begins with the Emerald Hill Zone?

ANSWER: Sonic 2 Special Edition (accept all answers indicating a Special Edition of Sonic the Hedgehog 2)