**2014 Secret Island of Dr. Auroni**

1. **You can interrupt this character’s soccer game with two kids by kicking the ball at him. It’s not the Venus Gospel, but this character’s ultimate weapon is most powerful when his current MP is the same as his max MP. Soon after learning that his father was petrified by poisoned arrows when he faced the Gi tribe alone, this metaphorical “grandson” of Bugenhagen and real son of (\*)** Seto joins the party permanently. This character’s weapons, such as the Seraph Comb and Hairpin, are Headdresses. In his first appearance, this character, whose real name is Nanaki, is forced into an interbreeding experiment with Aeris. Cosmo Canyon is this character’s home. For 10 points, name this quadruped party member in *Final Fantasy VII*.

ANSWER: **Red XIII** [or **Nanaki** before mentioned]

2. **One item in this game is obtained by defeating three Bandit Sisters. By using a lighter, a stick, and a newspaper, the protagonist of this game can scare off a swarm of bees infesting a campsite. Early in this game, the protagonist deals with a busted gas water heater. The protagonist of this game discovers a balloon sent by an inhabitant of YumLand, and journeys to a booby-trapped castle in (\*)** Netopia. Late in this game, it is revealed that a bitter boy whose parents died in a plane crash, named Sean Obihiro, is the true leader of a terrorist organization. The Gospel perpetrates NetCrime in this game, which reduced the maximum chip slots from 15 to 10. For 10 points, name this GBA game which continues the adventures of Lan and his NetNavi.

ANSWER: ***Mega Man Battle Network 2*** [or ***MMBN2***; or ***Battle Network Rockman EXE 2***; sigh and take ***Batoru Nettowaku Rokkuman Eguze Tsu***]

3. **At the edge of the map in the last mission of this sequence, there are, for some reason, three wildly improbable elite turtle ships. The penultimate mission in this sequence, “The Boiling Lake,” allows you to bring horses and carts full of gunpowder to an area set off with torches to train cavalry and bombards, two units normally unavailable to the faction you control. Four monasteries must be captured with (\*)** eagle warriors in its first mission, and a wonder must be destroyed on “La Noche Triste.” The Tlaxcalans are a continual nuisance in this campaign, which ahistorically ends with the expulsion of the Spanish. For 10 points, name this campaign from *Age of Empires II: The Conquerors*, in which you control forces loyal to Montezuma.

ANSWER: the **Aztec campaign** from *Age of Empires II: The Conquerors* [or **Montezuma campaign** before mentioned; the word “campaign” is not needed after it is mentioned]

4. **An ending to this game shows one of its characters lounging on a pool chair, before a clapperboard hits and we’re reminded that he’s a struggling actor. One character in this game can’t crouch down, but he can deflect fireballs with his mace. One character in this game is a Tibetan warrior monk who can use the Laser Blade and Wind Kick. The megacorporation (\*)** Ultratech sponsors this game’s namesake tournament, which is attended by the Native American Chief Thunder, the skeleton Spinal, and the icy alien Glacius. In this game, enemies can die of a heart attack after Black Orchid flashes her breasts at them. For 10 points, name this Rare, Midway, and Nintendo fighting game which gave us the c-c-c-combo breaker.

ANSWER: ***Killer Instinct*** [or ***KI***]

5. **The sentence “Bitte, wo ist die toileten” is the correct answer to a question asking if this character can speak German. In the game that introduces him, this character travels in an underwater glass bubble vessel in a deceptively-named “Pod Race.” This character collects Golden Udders after entering his subconscious upon being sent into a coma by a flying cow. The feline despot of Planet Heck appears in the last game to feature this title character, (\*)** *Menace 2 the Galaxy*. This character gains superpowers after hiding from crows in a ultra-high-tech-indestructible-super-space-cyber-suit. He beats Queen-Slug-for-a-Butt and Evil the Cat and rescues Princess What’s-Her-Name. For 10 points, name this annelid star of a platforming series.

ANSWER: Earthworm **Jim**

6. **One character in this game does “35 minutes of cardio, then upper torso, and abs.” Two kinds of creatures in this game can split into eighteen smaller counterparts, though spikes don’t harm the ugly kind, but do cause the beautiful kind to pop. Beating the Leap Hole Level in this game gives you access to the useful Whistle. The launch of Product Z in this game turns things into (\*)** 3D, leading the player to seek tech support in the Information Superhighway, the stomping grounds of the spambot MOM. This game’s story is told through messages left behind by the Telescope Operator, formerly the Sign Painter. Its objective is to reach pipes by forming bridges with balls of the title substance. For 10 points, name this indie puzzle game by 2D Boy.

ANSWER: ***World of Goo***

7. **This game’s optional missions “Playing with Fire” and “Monkey Business” require the player to grab bananas quickly. RetroRacer, AstroLander, and Anaconda can be played within this game by picking up the appropriate cartridges in its levels. In one of its missions, you kill a hacker loyal to Sadako. Wikipedia notes that this game, like *GoldenEye 007*, starts off on a (\*)** Siberian dam, and it later jumps between settings like 2019 NeoTokyo, 1853 Wild West, and 2315 Robot Factory as the protagonist gathers crystals as his friend Corporal Hart holds the bridge. For 10 points, name this game which introduces Sergeant Cortez, a Free Radical Design/Eidos sequel to a shooter about dimension-twisting aliens.

ANSWER: ***TimeSplitters 2***

8. **The objective of one mission in this game is to kill the Gold Dragon Queen. A seemingly daunting mission in this game, “Song of the Father,” can easily cheesed by equipping the Spellbinder’s Hat and casting Dimension Door. The Conflux was added in this game’s expansion *Armageddon’s Blade*. By putting together the Puzzle Map in this game, you can find the location of the (\*)** Grail. One side in this game commands manticores, minotaurs, and the annoying beholders; all of those units have an upgraded counterpart. Gems and Sulfur are needed for advanced buildings in this game, whose factions include the Rampart, Necropolis, and Castle. For 10 points, name this 1999 game, the best in a series of turn based strategy games for the PC.

ANSWER: ***Heroes of Might and Magic 3****: The Restoration of Erathia* [or ***HoMM 3***; or ***Heroes 3***]

9. **This character tasks you with getting some laxatives in a quest obtained from a Bounty Board, and once quips “you lost me at ‘instead of punching.’” This character gains an 8% resistance to explosive damage with his skill Cast Iron, and possesses many skills which reference movie titles, such as Unbreakable, Die Hard, and Master Blaster. This character adopts the title “Slab King” after facing the repercussions for his murder of (\*)** Shep Sanders. He wears the paw of his deceased dog Priscilla around his neck, and normally wields rocket launchers and explosives, unless he goes berserk and becomes a powerhouse in melee combat. For 10 points, name this unhinged maniac who you can play in *Borderlands*.

ANSWER: **Brick**

10. **Two of these creatures have a climactic battle on a flying carpet over Saudi Arabia. In her first appearance, one of these creatures sends the protagonist off to fetch a replacement laptop battery. The first word uttered by the most famous one is “Pancakes!” Two members of this order are hypnotized by the appropriately-named N. Trance in a 2003 game. A genetically-engineered animal of this kind is aided by five (\*)** elemental masks. Another one teams up with his evil nemesis in *Twinsanity*, battles Uka-Uka with his buff brother Crunch in *Warped*, and is the continual thorn in the side of Dr. Neo Cortex. For 10 points, the smart blonde Coco is part of what marsupial order, along with her brother Crash?

ANSWER: **bandicoot**

11. **One section of the second game in this series contains grassy areas with well-hidden man-eating plants. Alpha, Beta, Gamma, and Delta receivers are needed in another of these games, which ends with the total defeat of the Doraize Army. That game is a sci-fi adaptation of the second game in this series, which ends with the destruction of the Albatros project and the firing of a bazooka into the escape (\*)** chopper of Master-D. The first game in this series, which was also the first game ever to feature a grappling gun, was released in 1987 in Japan under the title *Top Secret*. The NES game in this series refers to its villains as Badds and stars Ladd Spencer. For 10 points, name this Capcom series about a soldier with a lifelike prosthetic arm.

ANSWER: ***Bionic Commando*** [or ***Top Secret*** and ***Hitler’s Resurrection***before mention]

12. **One of these beings sings the song “Nocturne” after you idle on a chair for a while. A less useful being of this kind presses switches in the Abandoned Mine and Cave. Japanese gamers were amused by the odd-looking “Nosedevil” one. One of these beings becomes more useful when it falls in love with the protagonist. Infinite money ensues after talking to the Master Librarian in the midst of a namesake (\*)** “Brothers” spell castable by another of them. One of them automatically uses antivenom if you’re poisoned and a potion if low on health. These beings include a bat, a ghost, a gigantic floating sword, and a faerie. For 10 points, name these beings summonable from cards, which assist Alucard in *Castlevania: Symphony of the Night*.

ANSWER: **familiar**s

13. **The rarest weapon in this game has a 3/255 chance of dropping from a boss that only appears if the protagonist has less than 150 HP. Returning to already-completed block puzzles in this game triggers a time-attack mode called Evolve, or Die!! A hated part of this game is the maze within Snowfly Forest. In this game, the discovery of Kildean writings leads to the realization that its setting is Gran (\*)** Grimoire. The protagonist of this game adopts the namesake title and wanders the world after bearing the Blood-Sin on his back, after being implicated in the murder of Duke Bardorba, who himself kills cult leader Sydney Losstarot. For 10 points, Lea Monde is the setting of what 2000 Square action RPG about VKP leader Ashley Riot?

ANSWER: ***Vagrant Story*** [or ***Beiguranto Sutori***]

14. **The best score in this game is -170,000. The narrator of this game is briefly usurped by a woman named Wilma, before he shoots her a bunch of times and reclaims his position. Paul Mark Thresher offers a woman in this game $5 million to have sex near the end, where this game bifurcates one final time into a “Hollywood Ending” and “Something Completely Different.” Its male protagonist, who wakes up shirtless to a phone call from his (\*)** mom telling him to get married, falls in love with the female protagonist after running into her in a parking lot. For 10 points, name this nonsensical dating sim for the 3DO, in which you have to foster a relationship between Jane and the working-class John, who makes the title sartorial declaration.

ANSWER: ***Plumbers Don’t Wear Ties***

15. **This character dodges cars thrown by a T-rex while piloting a helicopter in a surprisingly boring battle. Following a boss battle, this character escapes under the cover of smoke created by a pair of exploding sunglasses. This character is assisted in co-op mode by a man named “Agent” in her namesake campaign. She saves her ally from a t-00 shortly after learning from (\*)** Annette Birkin that her boyfriend John Clemens is dead, and six years later is tasked with getting some Plaga parasite in a Spanish village controlled by Los Illuminados, but double-crosses her master Arnold Wesker after once again running into Leon Kennedy. For 10 points, name this hookshot-wielding Asian antiheroine from the *Resident Evil* series.

ANSWER: **Ada** **Wong** [accept either name]

16. **One member of this faction can jump a great distance, dropping grenades along the way, with the Skyleap ability. Another member of this faction, who defeats Kyras and retrieves his sister’s soulstone, is named Ronahn. This faction imprisoned a demon inside a stone known as the Maledictum. Dancing swordsmen named Harlequins and a fighter craft called the Nightwing were added to this faction in the expansion packs (\*)** *Dark Crusade* and *Soulstorm.* Farseer Macha leads this faction, which often transports Falcon Grav Tanks, Warp Spiders, and other really weak but fast units through Webway Gates in *Dawn of War. Soulstorm* introduced this race’s Dark counterpart.For 10 points, name these futuristic elves from *Warhammer 40K*.

ANSWER: **Eldar**

17. **This game contains a song that begins “Tap the rhythm against the floor, To look for another door.” One level in this game places an impossible to reach extra life earlier than the Bounce Bracelet you need to obtain it. A fortune teller and a classroom are components of a kindergarten in this game for raising blue critters. This game introduces a female character who can use the Drill Drive while gliding, the heart-shaped breastplate wearing (\*)** jewel thief Rouge the Bat. The diary of Gerald leads Gerald’s grandson, Doctor Robotnik, to search for a weapon that turns out to be Shadow in this game’s Dark Missions. For 10 points, name this sequel that was ported for the GameCube as *Battle*, the last *Sonic* game for a Sega console.

ANSWER: ***Sonic Adventure 2****: Battle* [just ***Adventure 2*** is fine after “Sonic” is read, obvs; agonizingly accept ***Sonikku Adobencha Tsu****: Batoru*]

18. **One game in this series contains a very easy boss fight against a wheel of fire which spits out lines of fireballs. In a very bad game from this series, the protagonist replenishes his gauges by picking up powerups shaped like L, P, S, and N, and thwarts a plot to launch a bunch of stolen plutonium. The protagonist’s girlfriend is imprisoned behind wooden bars in the final boss fight against a hair-whipping enemy in one game in this series, whose second entry is known as (\*)** *Shadow Dancer*. The protagonist of this series, who has a son named Hayate, frequently uses his devastating somersault against members of the evil syndicate Zeed. For 10 points, name this Sega series about the shuriken-tossing ninja Joe Musashi.

ANSWER: ***Shinobi***

19. **DJ Stryker appears as DJ Atomika in this game, the best-known to feature “Paper Wings” by Rise Against, whose opening song is “Lazy Generation” by The F-Ups. A pop-culture inspired premium content pack added the Kitt, the General Lee, and the Ecto-1 to this game. The player of this game can earn accomplishments named “Berth Trauma” and “Market-Stalled” respectively in its (\*)** Riviera and Golden City stages. The Assassin Super is a fantastic car from this game. This game is best known for introducing a namesake mechanic that increases the boost meter for successfully causing opponents to crash, known as “Takedowns.” For 10 points, name this game that was followed by *Revenge* and *Paradise*, the best in the *Burnout* series.

ANSWER: ***Burnout 3****: Takedown* [just **3** is fine after *Burnout* is read]

20. **Chris Beddoes released a “polished” mod for this game which made teleporting easier and added a car. One character in this game wants your help in stopping a bank robbery, but if you dawdle too long, he’ll just leave. 50,000 gold will buy you a ship in this game. Buying technical manuals at the University Library in this game is the easier way to make found schematics. The exiles (\*)** Gorgoth, Kraka-tur, and the Bane of Kree may be recruited in this game’s last level, the Void, in which you join or kill Kerghan. Virgil proclaims this game’s protagonist The Living One after he or she survives the half-ogre attack on a zeppelin. For 10 points, name this 2001 Troika Games RPG focusing on the conflict between technology and magic.

ANSWER: ***Arcanum****: Of Steamworks and Magick Obscura*

TB. **In a game focusing on these kinds of people, the answers to three riddles are “darkness,” “time,” and “nothing.” You can marry Anna Forge in a Russian-developed RPG focusing on these kinds of people. Guards have a range of 3, whereas infantry have a range of 2, in a turn-based portion of another game focusing on these people, in which well-defended cities have a garrison of 80 or more. The protagonist of that game of this type rescues four (\*)** family members and can dance with the daughter of a Dutch, English, Spanish, or French governor. One member of this profession, Edward Kenway, is one of Desmond Miles’s ancestors. For 10 points, name these people you can play as in *Sea Dogs* and *Assassin’s Creed IV: Black Flag*.

ANSWER: **pirate**s [or **buccaneer**s; or **privateer**s; or, hell, **sea dog**s before mention; do not accept or prompt on “landlubbers” or other wrong answers]