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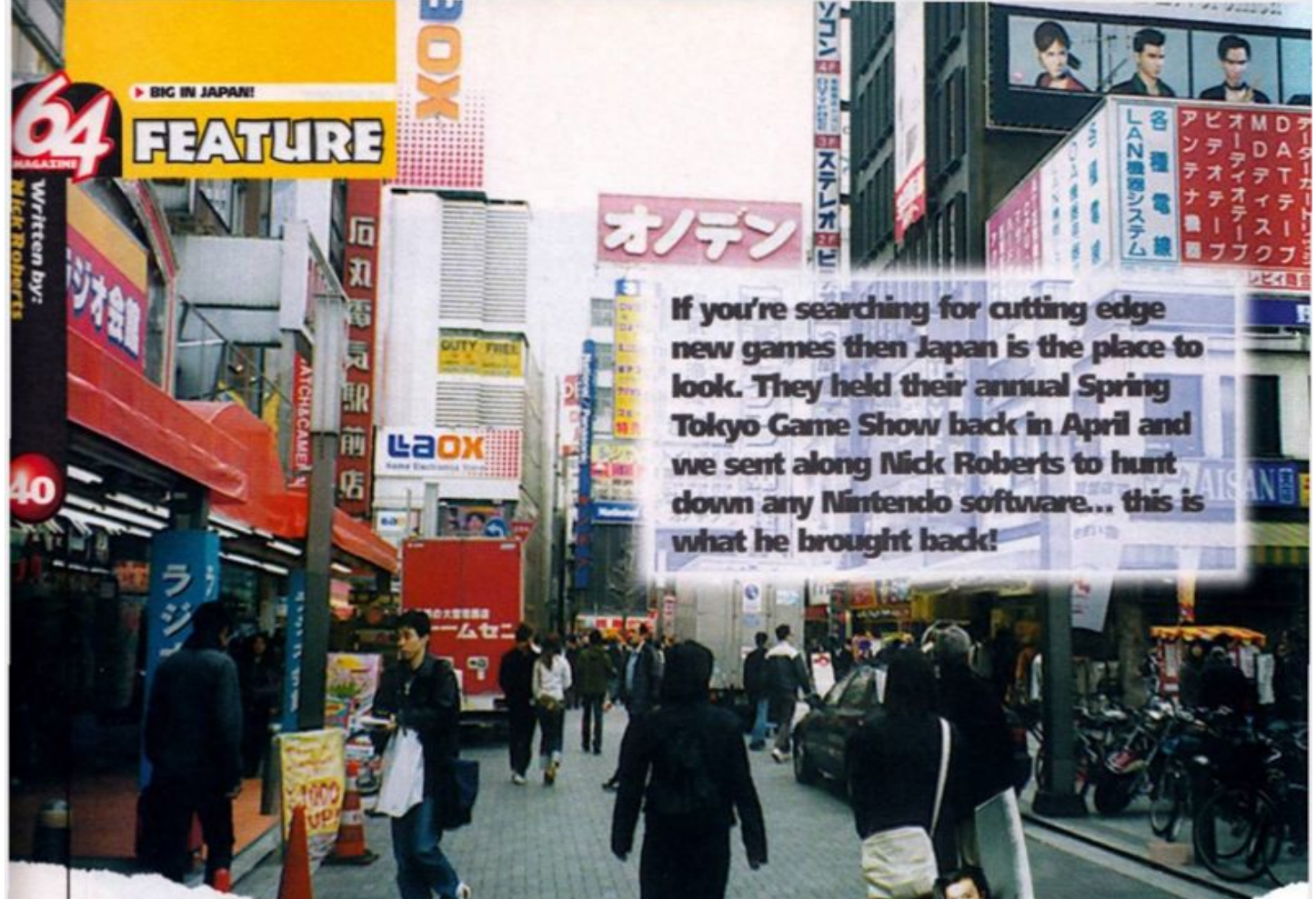
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If you're searching for cutting edge new games then Japan is the place to look. They held their annual Spring Tokyo Game Show back in April and we sent along Nick Roberts to hunt down any Nintendo software... this is what he brought back!

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They're all crazy at the Tokyo Game Show!

Let me break it to you gently... and try not to be too disappointed. There was a grand total of... one major N64 game on display at the Tokyo Game Show - that's if you don't count all the Japanese white-panty-girl-chasing games. This is mainly due to the fact that Nintendo hold their very own show in August called Spaceworld and are apparently saving all their best treats until then.



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The Crrrrrazy Clothes Show!

The Tokyo Game Show is unlike any other show in the world for one simple reason – it's open to the general public! This means you can get a great feeling for what is hot on the street and you also get all the snuffery coming out of the woodwork! The Japanese take their videogames very seriously and one of their

biggest game-related pastimes, is getting dressed up as their favourite videogame characters!

Between the halls at the Tokyo Game Show they hold unofficial competitions for the best dressed game fan and amateur photographers line up to take souvenir snaps of these scantily clad girls – and boys! Just take a

look at some of the pictures around this page – who would have thought that Pikachu would influence such a sight as the girl in the yellow mini-skirt with pointy ears and an umbrella! What about the little lady in a cat suit? We couldn't work out which game character she was supposed to be – answers on a postcard!

So what was this outstanding game you ask? None other than *Resident Evil Zero* from Capcom – and it drew a bigger crowd than anything the show had to offer on PlayStation 2 or Dreamcast! As you will already know if you've read our previews, *Resident Evil Zero* is the definitive member of the *RE* series and it looks absolutely gorgeous! Of course the game was also showcased at E3 so there's no point in going into too much detail on the game here. Instead take a look at the pictures of the show around this page. The Japanese are obsessed with dressing up and Capcom had gone to all the trouble of finding *Resident Evil* costumes and getting people to charge around the stand, guns in hand. Fortunately (for us) there were no blood-crazed, brain-eating zombies to complete the illusion!

If that wasn't mad enough there was even a *Resident Evil* gun stand! Where else in the world would you be allowed to buy replica guns from a videogame but in Japan? (America perhaps? – Roy) We're not talking cheap plastic rip-offs here either – these are made from metal, have all the right bits and pieces and actually fire blanks! Believe me, holding the same machine gun or pistol as Rebecca from *Resident Evil* and firing it certainly brings home the violence in these games – they really knock you back! But it's pretty cool to have your own fake versions – just don't show it to anyone in a bank!



▲ This was the only N64 game of note at the show – however, it does look pretty darn superb!

