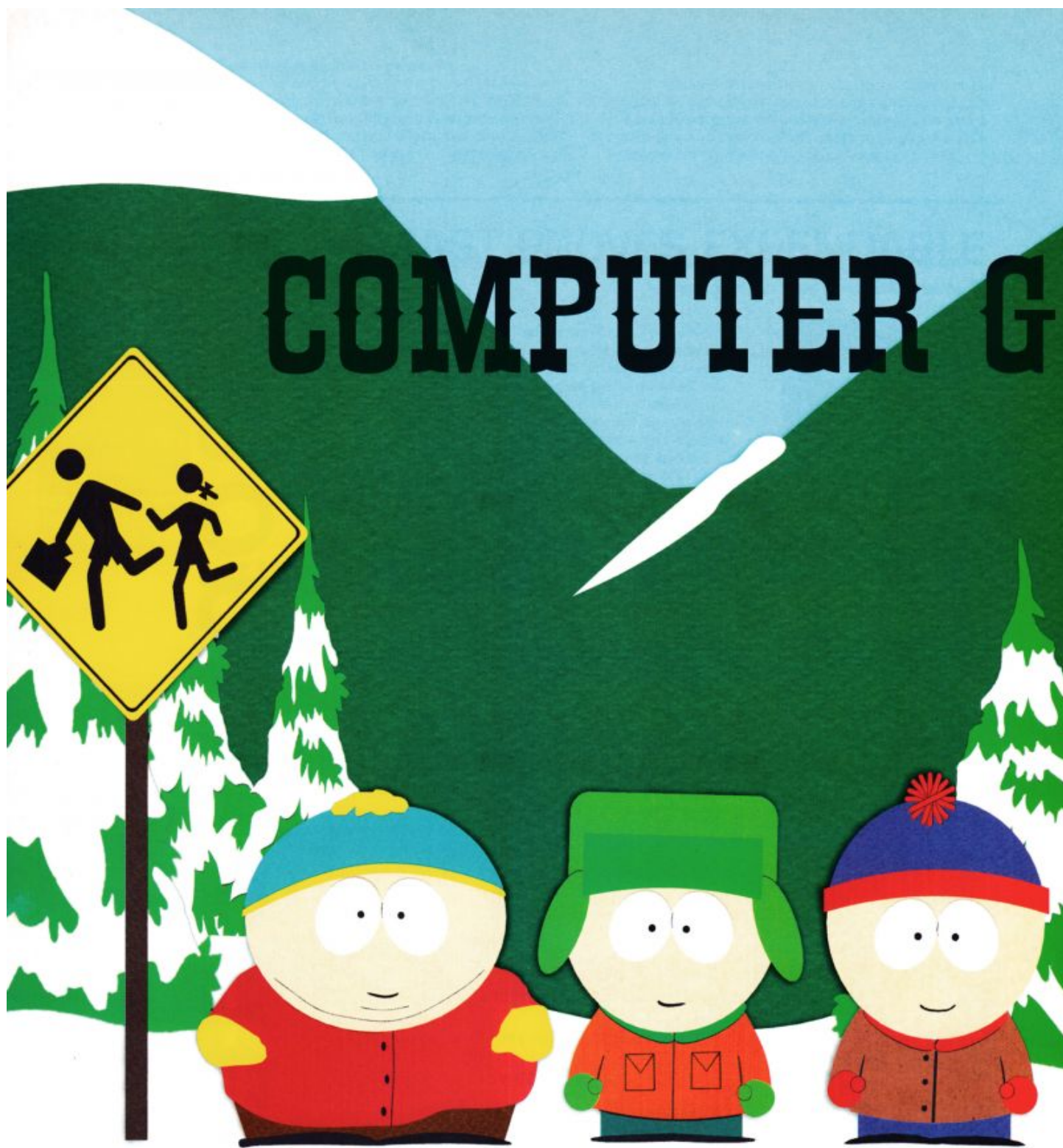


Computer games kick ass

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AMES KICK ASS!

IF YOU'VE NEVER SEEN
THE CULT AMERICAN CARTOON SERIES
SOUTH PARK, WHERE THE HELL HAVE YOU BEEN?
THE ADVENTURES OF FOUR FOUL-MOUTHED
EIGHT-YEAR-OLDS FROM A SMALL HICK TOWN
HAVE TAKEN THE WORLD OF TV BY STORM,
AND ARE PREPARING TO DO THE SAME
THING ON A GAMES SYSTEM NEAR YOU.





Acclaim's new *South Park* game for the Nintendo 64 promises fast four-player action. The simple graphics are easy for the machine to throw around



You just know that Kenny isn't going to last very long once the turkeys start on him. Altogether now "Oh my God!..."

The statistics are dry, and not all that funny. In America, the last four episodes of *South Park* have had an average audience of three to five million viewers each week. The show is top of the network ratings and is currently the highest-rated programme on cable. Last week, the show made the front cover of the prestigious *Newsweek* magazine. It even made our front cover. Not bad for a half-hour show made on the cheap by two

"CARTMAN, YOU'RE SUCH A FAY ASS THAT WHEN YOU WALK DOWN THE STREET, PEOPLE GO 'GODDAMMIT! THAT'S A BIG FAY ASS!'" - KYLE

guys, Trey Parker and Matt Stone, and featuring four crudely animated kids who swear a lot. However, a moment's thought will explain just why *South Park* is so ridiculously popular.

Most TV comedy on both sides of the Atlantic is so sanitised and politically correct that it long ago ceased to be more than mildly amusing. Even other cartoon shows such as *The Simpsons*, which at least attempts satire, are about as controversial as Walt Disney.

South Park is crude, irreverent, violent, offensive and horribly, side-splittingly funny. Watching the show feels like doing something illegal but enjoyable, like going to an all-night rave party. Not that we do that sort of thing, of course. Once you've heard the immortal words "Oh my God! They've killed Kenny! You bastards!" you feel like you've joined a secret cult.

GET 'EM WHILE THEY'RE HOT

The show's unexpected popularity has been a marketing man's wet dream come true. At last, something tangible and marketable which gives the advertising execs a handle on the late-night pizza-eating, cartoon-watching, game-playing young adults. That's right: you lot. Comedy Central, who broadcast the show, have not been slow to make the most of this opportunity. There has been a flood of *South Park* merchandise in the shops – mostly in the States – but it's on its way over here, so get your orders in now. T-shirts, posters, baseball caps, stickers, fridge magnets, backpacks, 'squeezies', watches, ties,



Your mission, should you choose to accept it, is to stop the Braveheart Turkeys from reaching South Park



towels, pens, notepads, mugs, mousemats, plastic figures and wind-up toys have all been selling by the million.

Naturally, there have been a number of computer games based on the show, available for free download from the internet. Most have been variations on standard platform games and shoot-'em-ups with characters from the show grafted on. However, all that is about to change. Acclaim Entertainment has secured the licence from Comedy Central to produce a major *South Park* game, and they aren't messing around. Due for release in February next year on the Nintendo 64 and accelerated PCs, the game uses one of the most advanced 3D engines available, borrowed from the company's latest blockbuster, *Turok 2*.

YEAH, I WANT CHEESY POOFS!

The *South Park* game has been developed by Iguana, who were responsible for *Turok 1* and 2 and the Nintendo version of *Forsaken* (amongst others), so they are no strangers to sophisticated 3D games. The storyline for the new game sounds about right. A mysterious comet that only approaches Earth once every 666 years is on collision course with the town of South Park, and lots of weird things have started to happen. The turkeys are revolting, 'visitors' (aliens) have abducted Cartman's mom, and the Son of Skuzzlebutt is loose in the mountains and weaving baskets again. Players can take the role of either Kyle, Cartman, Stan or Kenny and try to save the town.

To help you win the day you have a selection of bizarre South Park-style weapons and gadgets, such as the Cow Launcher, the Fat



The cows are most definitely not sacred in *South Park*

Doll, the Auto-egger (a sniper weapon using a live chicken), and of course Mr. Hankey the Christmas Poo. Additional familiar characters who turn up along the way include Chef, Big Gay Al, Mr. Garrison (with Mr. Hat), Mephesto and TV stars Terrance & Phillip, amongst

"CARTMAN: THERE'S AN 80-TOOT SATYLLITE BISH STICKING OUT OF YOUR ASS!" - STAN

others. The single player game is divided into six episode-based adventures designed to make players feel as if they were in the show. There are also five multiplayer games, capable of accommodating one to four players in scenarios such as Capture the Flag, Grudge Match and, er... Kick the Baby. There are dozens of multiplayer maps set in locations from all over the South Park world.

PATRICK DUFFY LEG

The *South Park* game is described as being aimed at an 'adult audience', which would be a bit of a first for a Nintendo-approved title. Since series creators Trey Parker and Matt Stone have been working with the developers, it's a pretty safe bet that there will be plenty of foul-mouthed swearing involved. Matt and Trey also provide most of the voices for the characters. Hundreds of original soundbites and quotes are being recorded specially for the new game.

I've played *Turok 2*, and it is one of the best first-person adventure games I've seen. If the *South Park* game is anywhere near as good, it should kick ass.



The plain colour texture maps mean that even in split screen mode, the game should still run smoothly

OH MY GOD! THEY KILLED KENNY!

In almost every episode, poor young Kenny bites the dust, only to re-appear next episode, complete with snorkel parka and mumbled dialogue. Here's a quick guide to how he gets it in each show:

FIRST SEASON:

CARTMAN GETS AN ANAL PROBE
Shot by an alien spacecraft, trampled by cows and finally run over by Officer Barbrady's police car.

WEIGHTGAIN 4000

Shot in the head by Mr. Garrison and then skewered on a flagpole.

VOLCANO

A ball of lava falls on Kenny and everyone thinks he's dead, but he steps out from behind it. Later, Ned drops his gun, it goes off and kills Kenny.

BIG GAY AL'S BIG GAY BOAT RIDE

Torn to bits in a football game.

AN ELEPHANT MAKES LOVE TO A PIG

Thrown in the microwave by Stan's Evil Clone and cooked.

DEATH

Gets the touch of death from the Grim Reaper.

PINKEYE

Crushed by the Mir space station, cut in half by Kyle with a chainsaw, and finally crushed by a statue. However, at the end of the show, Kenny's hand bursts out from his grave.



DAMIAN

Turned into a rare duck-billed platypus and shot by Jimbo.

STARVIN' MARVIN

Eaten by wild turkeys.

MR. HANKEY (Christmas episode)

Despite several dodgy moments, Kenny survives an episode!

TOM'S RHINOPLASTY

Gets a sword thrown through his head by Ms. Ellen the supply teacher.

MECHA STREISAND

Strangles himself (accidentally) with a swingball rope.

CARTMAN'S MOM IS A DIRTY SLUT

Gets run over by a train.

SECOND SEASON

NOT WITHOUT MY ANUS

Kenny isn't in this episode.

CARTMAN'S MOM IS STILL A DIRTY SLUT

Electrocutes himself to get the power back on at the hospital so Cartman can find out who his father was.

EPISODE GUIDE

FOR ALL YOU FOLKS WHO'VE NEVER SEEN SOUTH PARK, AND FOR THOSE WHO MAY HAVE MISSED THE ODD EPISODE, HERE'S A COMPLETE EPISODE GUIDE TO THE FIRST SEASON. THERE'S A SECOND SEASON ALREADY SHOWING IN THE STATES, AND IT SHOULD BE OVER HERE SOON.

FIRST SEASON

EPISODE 101 - CARTMAN GETS AN ANAL PROBE

When extraterrestrials land in South Park and abduct Kyle's little brother Ike, our four heroes try to get him back. Stan receives a love letter from Wendy, while Cartman is subjected to an anal probe by the aliens, catches Pink Eye from Scott Ballo, and farts flames until the final showdown with the aliens.

EPISODE 102 - WEIGHT GAIN 4000

Cartman wins the school's essay contest (by cheating), and Kathy Lee Gifford

comes to South Park to present the prize. Cartman wants to look his best, so to 'bulk up' he starts on a weight gain formula he sees on a TV commercial. He becomes such a big fat ass he can't get on stage. Mr. Garrison tries to get revenge on Kathy Lee for beating him in a school talent contest.

EPISODE 103 - VOLCANO

The boys go on a hunting trip with Ned & Jimbo, but the town is threatened by activity from the local volcano and a mysterious creature, the Skuzzlebutt, which Cartman thought he made up but eventually they find out is real - until Stan shoots it.



THE COMPETITION

Iguana aren't the only programmers attempting to turn the town of South Park into a 3D combat zone. Two fans of the show named Scott and Tharger have written a strictly unofficial and unlicensed South Park game. It is a total conversion (TC) package for Quake II, complete with character models of our four heroes, plus Chef, Starvin' Marvin and a cow, and a selection of weapons, including Mr. Hankey the Christmas Poo and a Cheesy Poofs launcher. The highlight is an excellent level map based on the cartoon town. A version of the game can be found on the internet, and is freely downloadable. Scott and Tharger have temporarily halted work on the project at Alpha stage due to moving house, but hope to get back to it soon.





George Clooney was Stan's gay dog, Issac Hayes plays Chef, Robert Smith saved the town, and is that Henry Winkler on the left?

EPISODE 104 - BIG GAY AL'S BIG GAY BOAT RIDE

When Stan's dog Sparky (voice by George Clooney) turns out to be a 'gay homosexual' and runs away, Stan goes after him and they meet Big Gay Al and his Big Gay Animal Sanctuary. Stan almost misses the football game, and a horse gets blown up.

EPISODE 105 - AN ELEPHANT MAKES LOVE TO A PIG

In order to win the school science project contest, the boys try to splice the DNA of Kyle's pet elephant and Cartman's pig, Fluffy. They get them both drunk and one thing leads to another...

A mad professor makes an evil clone of Stan, which terrorizes the town, but is eventually defeated by Stan's bullying sister.

EPISODE 106 - DEATH

Stan's grandfather is 102 and wants to die, so the kids help him summon the Grim Reaper. Grandpa tries to get Stan to kill him so he can end his life. The Grim Reaper goes after the kids instead of grandpa. When Kyle's mother sees the kids favourite TV show 'Terrance and Phillip', she organises a blockade of the studio to get it banned.

EPISODE 107 - PINK EYE - HALLOWEEN SPECIAL

Kenny is killed by the Mir space station falling on him but comes back as a zombie. Everyone he bites turns into a zombie, but it is mistaken for Pink Eye. Stan has a bad time with Wendy, and for Halloween Cartman dresses up as Hitler, and then later as a ghost (a KKK ghost).

EPISODE 108 - DAMIEN

A new kid called Damien starts at South Park Elementary. Cartman's birthday is interrupted by the final battle between Jesus and Satan, live from South Park on pay-per-view TV. Jesus wins when Satan rigs the fight to clean up on the gambling.

EPISODE 108 - STARVIN' MARVIN

The boys accidentally receive a starving 'Ethiopian' boy called Marvin instead of their digital sports watches. Government authorities mistake Cartman for a starving African child and send him to Ethiopia. Meanwhile, the other boys become friends with Marvin.

EPISODE 110 - MR. HANKEY - CHRISTMAS SPECIAL

When Kyle's imaginary friend, Mr. Hankey the Christmas Poo shows up, no one believes that he is real. Kyle ends up in the loony bin, and amazingly enough, Kenny doesn't die!

EPISODE 111 - TOM'S RHINOPLASTY

Ms. Ellen, a substitute teacher, comes to the school to cover for Mr. Garrison while he gets a nose job at Tom's Rhinoplasty. The guys all have huge crushes on Ms. Ellen and compete for her attention. Wendy becomes so jealous that she vows to get revenge. Meanwhile, Mr. Garrison has turned into David Hasselhoff.

EPISODE 112 - MECHA STREISAND

While on a class trip to an archaeological site, the boys find a magical amulet that can be used to create the ultimate evil, and Barbara Streisand wants it to become the giant robot, Mecha Streisand. Robert Smith of The Cure (playing himself) arrives just in time to save the day.

EPISODE 113 - CARTMAN'S MOM IS A DIRTY SLUT

When Cartman behaves weirdly at the school Father and Son picnic, Stan, Kyle and Kenny see the counsellor, while Cartman sets out to find his real father. When it turns out that Cartman's Mom has had every male in South Park (including the 1991 Denver Broncos), the boys raise \$3,000 for a genetic test that will prove who the real Mr. Cartman is. TC



The two faces of Kenny very rarely seen

IKIE'S WEE WEE

Trips into an empty grave and the gravestone falls on him.

CHICKEN LOVER

Kenny gets crushed by a tree during the end credits.

CONJOINED FETUS LADY

A Chinese dodgeball player on steroids smashes him against a wall.

THE MEXICAN STARING FROG OF SOUTHERN SRI LANKA

On the Jesus and Pals chat show, Kenny gets torn in half by two audience members during a fight.

CITY ON THE EDGE OF FOREVER

Despite being eaten by a monster, Kenny is alive and on the bus by the end of the episode.

SUMMER SUCKS

Kenny is chased under the school stadium seats by a giant snake, then crushed when they collapse.

CHEF'S SALTY CHOCOLATE BALLS

A crowd coming out of a theatre tramples Kenny.

CHICKEN POX

Kenny dies in hospital. Booooooooooooooooo!

ROGER EBERT SHOULD LAY OFF THE FATTY FOODS

His head explodes when he looks at too many stars in the planetarium.

CLUBHOUSES

Gets trampled on by kids in Cartman's clubhouse.

COW DAY

Gored in the head by a bull, which Cartman is trying to ride.

CHEF AID

Ozzy Osborne bites off his head!



Cartman seems to cause most of the trouble in South Park. Is he big-boned or just a big fat ass?

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