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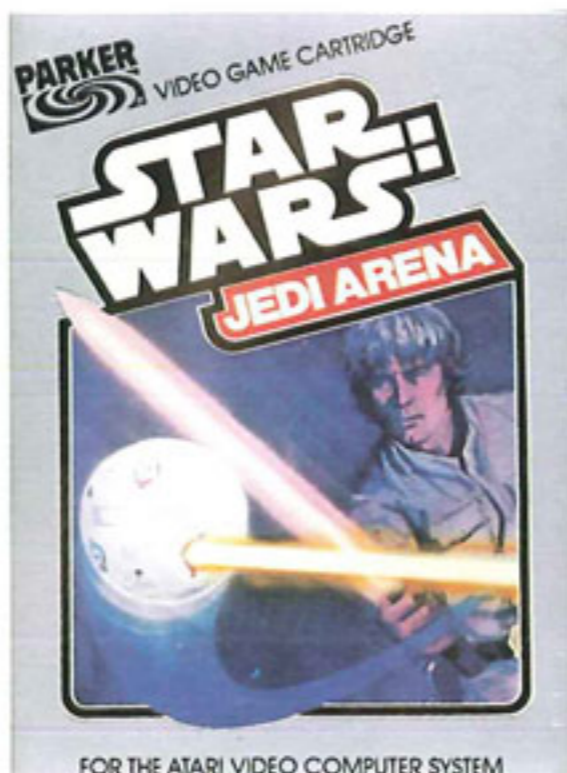
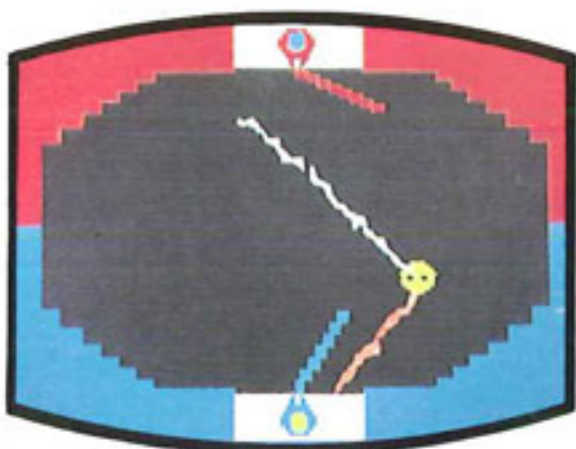
PARKER ENCOUNTERS THE FORCE

The Star Wars saga continues . . . this month sees the launch in America and in Europe of the third film – Return of the Jedi.

You will already have played our first Star Wars video game 'Star Wars – The Empire Strikes Back' – now we bring you more opportunities to get involved in the exciting, enthralling epics which are the best selling films of all time.

STAR WARS®

JEDI ARENA®



Will you accept the challenge to become a Jedi Master?

Find out if you, a Jedi Knight, are worthy of such a title.

Meet your opponent in the Jedi Arena where you'll be face-to-face in an electrifying laser battle. A high-energy laser ball – the Seeker – whirls about the arena. You must use the Seeker as your weapon and the light sabre as your defence and aim laser bolts through your opponents' defences.

But beware! As the energy builds up in the Seeker it will go out of control turning against you with wild, multi-coloured laser bolts and it will become, at the games' final levels, an invisible hazard. You won't know where the Seeker is until you fire a laser bolt but then your opponent also knows where it is – the wild, invisible, seeker becomes the ultimate challenge to the skill of the Jedi Knights.

You must win three games against your opponent to achieve the title of Jedi Master. You'll need quick reflexes and a fast moving light-sabre.

Can you meet the challenge?

Jedi Arena at your local video game store now.

And, coming next in the series, this Summer,

STAR WARS
RETURN OF THE
JEDI
DEATHSTAR BATTLE®

The first Return of the Jedi game is derived from the blockbusting movie of the same name – it continues non-stop action and excitement with the realistic fantasy themes from the Star Wars epic.

Successful game-play will depend on skilful manipulation of the controller in a dynamic, tense and fast-speed environment where strategy is an important element in success.

Watch out for Return of the Jedi.

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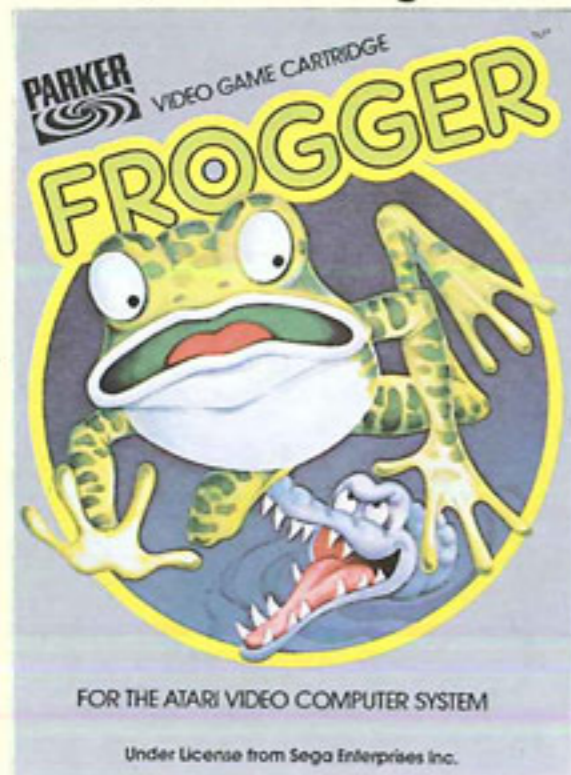
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FROGGER – Super Star

Across Europe the response from video game players has echoed the acclaim from the States. Frogger is listed month after month at the head of the best sellers.

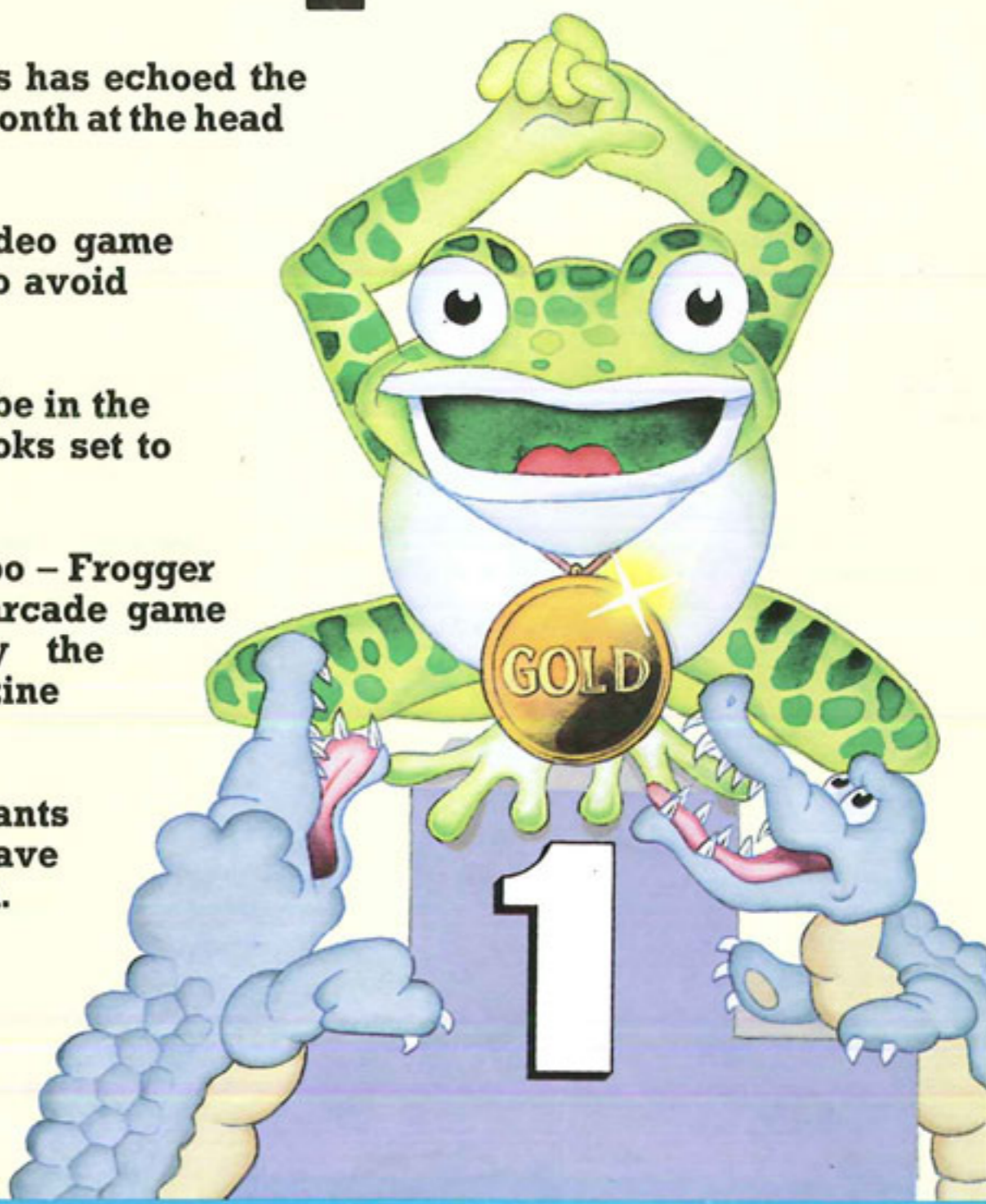
Already, in less than a year, more than 3 million video game cartridges have been snapped up by players eager to avoid the ravenous crocodiles.

Now available in an Intellivision system and soon to be in the shops for all the popular hardware units, Frogger looks set to continue breaking records.



– And winning awards too – Frogger was voted as the best arcade game conversion in 1982 by the prestigious U.S. magazine Electronic Games.

It's the game everyone wants to play – make sure you have Frogger in your collection.



And...

In the exciting Reactor game, your ship is trapped inside the heart of a nuclear reactor – a reactor whose core is rapidly approaching melt-down. As nuclear particles bombard your craft, you must act quickly to blast them and destroy the reactor's control rods.



If you succeed, the core will shrink – but, if you fail, the core will expand to leave less room for your manoeuvres and all too little time to halt the melt-down.

Bounce enemy particles into Bonus Chambers for extra points! Outsmart the enemy with cleverly placed decoys!

But, be careful, you must avoid the swirling vortex or you will be sucked into its centre and you will be destroyed.

Only you can stop the approaching melt-down. Act now.

At your local video game stockist – now.

And; soon with you

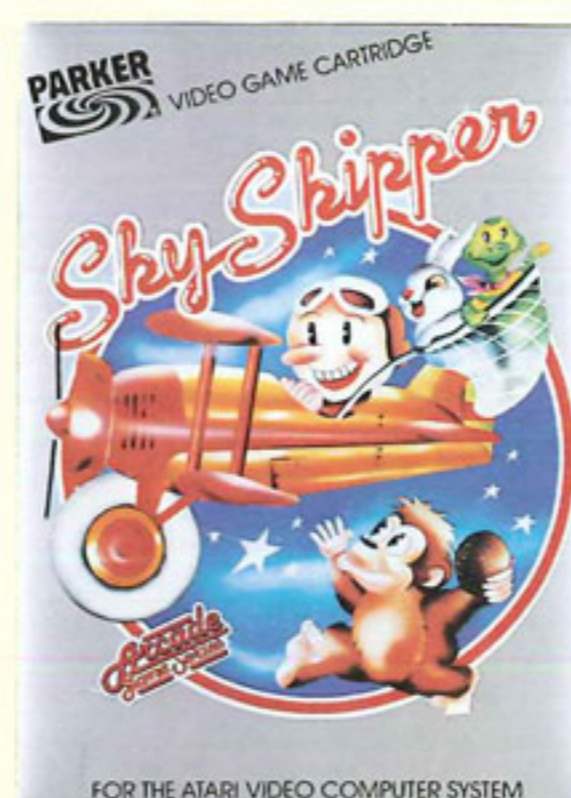
Sky Skipper, a high-flying, action-packed adventure!

You are the pilot chosen for this most unusual mission. You are to rescue the animals held captive by dangerous gorillas.

It won't be easy. You must pilot your plane through all kinds of flying hazards. To make things even more difficult, you only have a limited reserve of fuel to accomplish your mission.

Can you save the animals in time?

To free the animals from their cages you must knock a



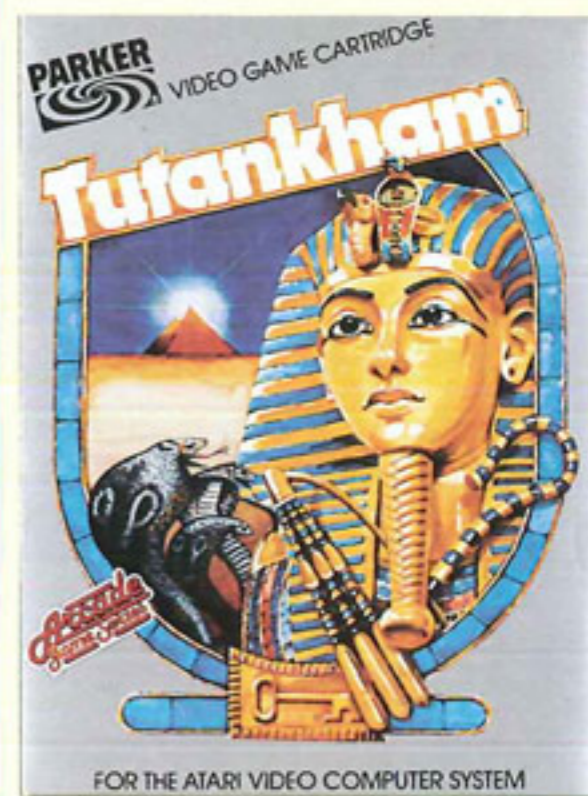
gorilla off its feet – to rescue them, swoop down and fly level with the animals – but hurry – once the gorilla gets back on its feet it's too late. You'll need ace piloting skills – if you touch any part of the course or the obstacles you'll crash – watch out for the white clouds – they're lethal!

Our poster, overleaf, deals with the legends surrounding the tomb of the ancient Egyptian ruler – Tutankhamun; watch your store this Summer for the exciting new video game from Parker, based on the

legend, the arcade game and called 'Tutankham'.

In Tutankham, the players wander through King Tut's tomb in search of treasure. You must find the keys to unlock passageways to the treasure which is protected by the guardians of the tomb; fearsome snakes, griffins and scarab beetles. You have laser guns and flash bombs to help you defeat the guardians of the tomb and to escape with King Tut's treasure trove.

Good hunting in this fabulous game which brings you all the excitement of the popular arcade game.



THE STORY SO FAR...

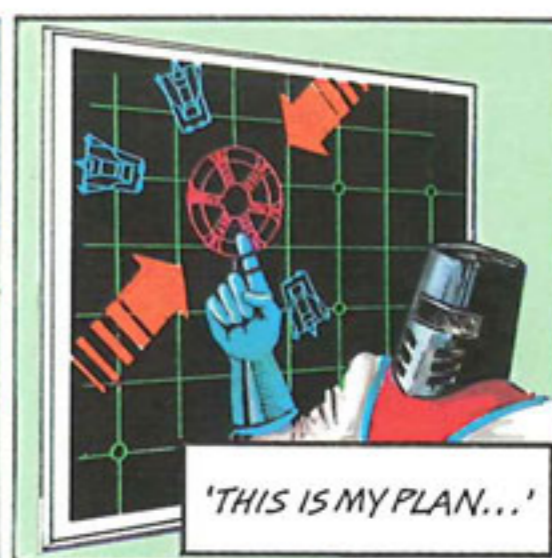
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ACTION FORCE

THE EVIL BARON IRONBLOOD AIMS TO CONTROL THE WORLD. ONLY ACTION FORCE CAN STOP HIM. IN A TITANIC BATTLE, ACTION FORCE HAVE BEATEN OFF THE PROTOTYPE OF THE BARON'S COBRA WAR MACHINE. UNDAUNTED, THE BARON DECIDES TO ATTACK ACTION FORCE **IN SPACE!**



'MY NEW COBRAS WILL ELIMINATE THE ACTION FORCE NERVE CENTRE'



'THIS IS MY PLAN...'



'OUR OUTER DEFENCE CRAFT ARE BEING DESTROYED!'



'NOW THEY ARE COMING AT US FROM BOTH SIDES... WE CAN'T STOP THEM!'



'PERHAPS ONLY A COBRA CAN DESTROY ANOTHER COBRA'



'KEEP CALM... WAIT FOR MY ORDER...
FULL THRUST MAIN ROCKETS!!



THE COBRAS COLLIDE!

BUT THE BARON ALWAYS HAS ANOTHER PLAN...

And, ACTION FORCE, the video game.

Defend and fire! That's your mission in this battle.

The Action Force training camp is under siege from a giant Cobra war machine, built by the evil Baron Ironblood. As the Cobra looms over the camp, recruits run for shelter from its vaporising venom and piercing laser beams.

Man your positions! Defend the Camp! Use your missile attack cannons and atomic powered energy shields to fight the deadly Cobra.

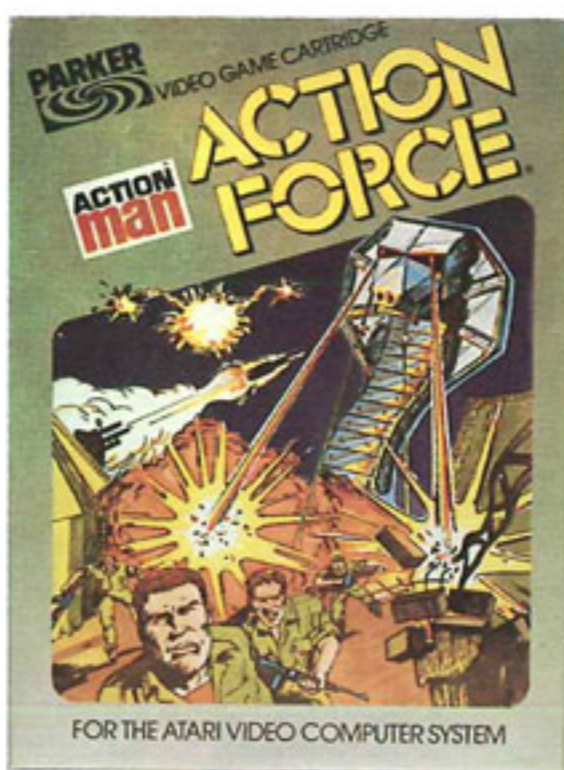
Play the Action Force game in one, two or three person versions - in the three person game two players defend the camp while the third, using the joy stick, plays as the Cobra. In the two player game you can either work together against the Cobra or play head-to-head with one player defending the camp against the other.

All ways you'll find it a great game.

And!

You'll find the first part of the

Action Force strip story with the Action Force cartridge.



Win again - in the Action Force competitions specially arranged for you by the Video Games Club.

We've two new competitions for you, both feature the new Action Force game.

In the first, we ask you to re-read the Action Force story at the top of the page.

Then write for us, in no more than 100 words, what happens next; please just write the story - we can't accept illustrations!

The best five entries will receive advance copies of a new video game and will be featured in a future issue of the Newsletter. The next twenty-five will receive a special Parker Video Games Club T-shirt.

And, for the second competition, what you have to do is to tell us your highest score on Reactor, Sky Skipper or Action Force.



Use the Club scorepad (send us £1 for package and post if you haven't already got one), or an ordinary piece of paper and send it to us with your name and address.

Your entry can have either a photograph of the screen in support or, if that's a problem, the signature of your parent.

The winner will receive a super Action Force bomber-jacket exclusively designed for this competition. Runners-up will receive exclusive Action Force sew-on badges.

Both competitions are open until the end of October, and the Club address is given on the coupon on the next page.

The Parker Challenge

Parker are planning a search throughout Europe for the best video games players.

And fabulous prizes!

Our next issue will announce details of the Parker Challenge which will feature Parker's top arcade adapted games in regional, national and European championships.

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YOU WRITE TO PARKER

JEREMY HUNTER is 13 and lives near Wakefield in West Yorkshire. Jeremy has been collecting video cartridges for two years and tells us that so far he has 22! Sounds pretty good, Jeremy - shouldn't be surprised if you're entering our exciting ACTION FORCE competition.



MICHAEL THOMAS is 10 years old and has owned a console for three years. That makes you quite a veteran, Michael! Michael, from Cwmparc in Glamorgan, has 18 cartridges. His favourite is SPIDERMAN but he is saving up to buy REACTOR.

ALAN SMETHURST writes to us from Doncaster, South Yorkshire, to say that he has played on most Parker cartridges and likes them because they are not so easy as some of the cartridges available. Alan reports some high scores on FROGGER. Apart from playing video games, Alan also enjoys playing football.



STEPHEN WRIGHT from Daventry in Northamptonshire is another FROGGER fan, but tells us that he is really looking forward to SUPER COBRA. An enthusiastic footballer, Stephen plays for his school team and is a supporter of Manchester United.

ERIC BAUDIN writes to us from Nalinnes. He owns 25 cartridges and spends most of his spare time playing them with his father. Judging from the scores listed, you're certainly better than him, Eric! Eric says he's looking forward to JEDI ARENA becoming available in Belgium.



My name is THOMAS JOHANNSEN and I am one of your new members, you know. When I got the first magazine of the "Parker Video Games Club" I was enthusiastic about it. It is **FANTASTIC!** I got an Atari Video Computer System last year and I have got six games now. When I became 17 in January I got your game "FROGGER" from my parents. It is now my favourite! I hope that you will offer many more good games like Frogger, Star Wars, Spiderman and Amidar. Please send me your score pad; I have put DM 0,80 to this letter.



JULIAN CROUCH from New Malden in Surrey has been telling us about some of his high scores. Playing STAR WARS Julian reckons he scored 73,680. Probably you've increased this by now, Julian. If you have, why not let us know?

ALISON BAILEY writes to us from Gosforth, near Newcastle, and says: "all my friends think Video Games are for boys - are they right? I think they're for boys and girls because they're great". Actually, Alison, we think you're right. Video Games are for anyone who enjoys playing them.

ARIE VAN WIGGEN comes from Dordrecht in the Netherlands and owns a total of 7 cartridges. His favourite is FROGGER, but Arie says that he is looking forward to the new Parker range becoming available in his part of the world.



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From the Editor

Lots of you write for advice on where Parker games are well stocked. So here's a list that may help:-

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 Alders Department Stores
 Argos
 Asda
 Beattie's Toys
 Boots
 Carrefour
 Comet
 Curry's
 Dixons
 Greens
 Harrods
 Hamleys
 Selfridges
 John Menzies
 Ketts
 Norweb
 Orbit
 Rumbelows
 Taylor and McKenna
 The Silica Shop
 Toy and Hobby
 Wigfalls
 W. H. Smiths
 and most good electrical shops and toy stockists.

Write to us

Writers of the letters published here will be sent T-shirts. Why don't YOU write? Tell us your best score and your favourite game. What do you think of the Newsletter?

If you want one of your friends to join the Club, send his name and full address (BLOCK LETTERS) on this coupon (or a plain sheet of paper if you don't want to cut the coupon).

To: Parker Video Games Club,
 28 Newman Street,
 London, W1P 3HA,
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I wish to join the Club.

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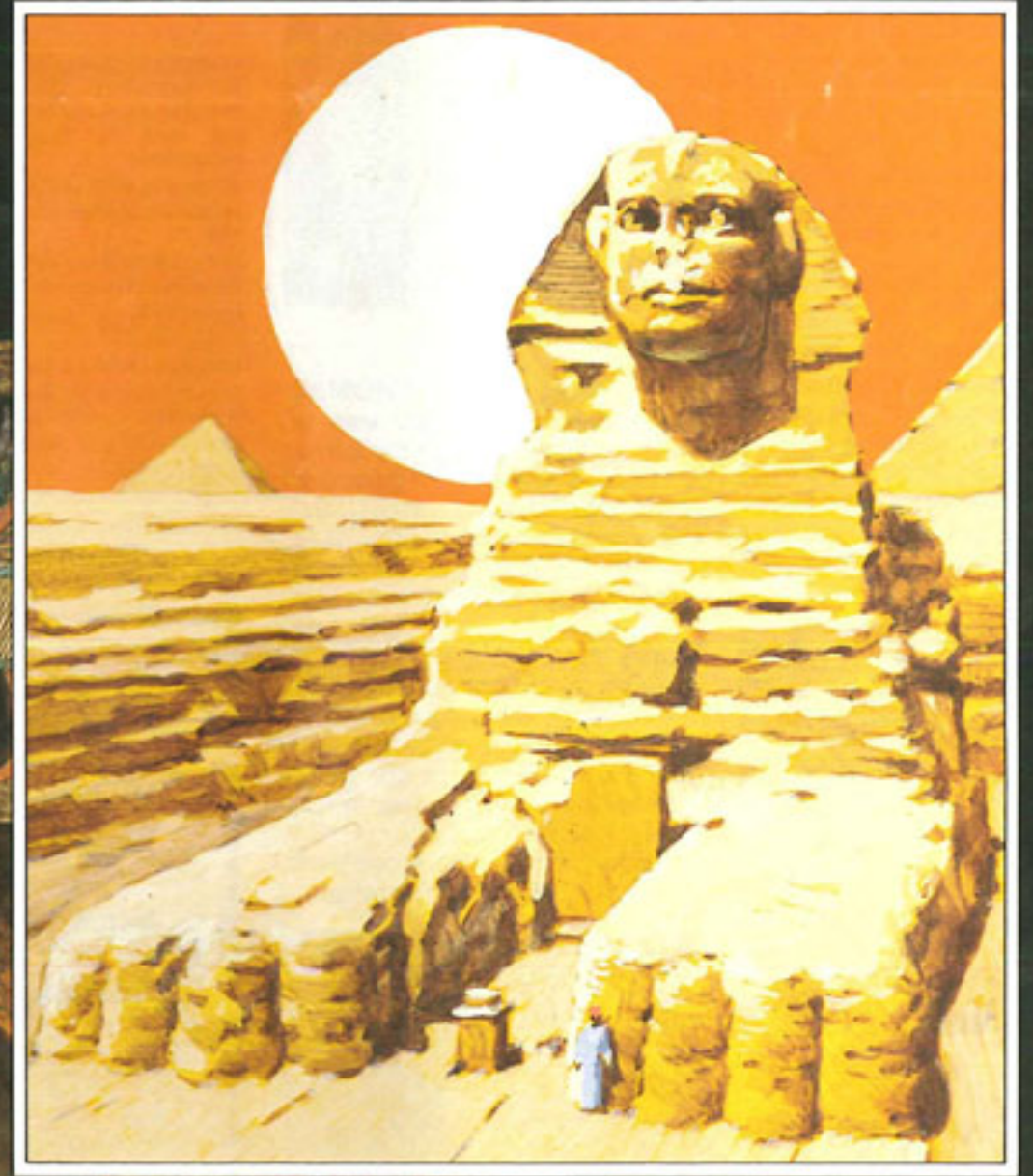
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The Curse Of TUTANKHAMUN'S Tomb



The ancient Egyptians thought that if one of their rulers died, both his body and his possessions should accompany him to the next world. So corpse and treasure were sealed up in vast, secret tombs. The corpse had to be preserved, so all the vital organs were removed and the bodies stuffed with precious spices so that they did not decay.

One problem was somehow to prevent the tombs from being disturbed. As a warning to grave robbers mummy cases were often decorated with terrible curses.

A curse found on the case of Khapah Amen – a High Priest – reads: 'May the cobra on my head spit flames of fire into thy face. Such a curse is the vengeance which shall overtake whomsoever disturbs my body in its tomb'. According to the Egyptian Book of the Dead the mummy would then rise from non-existence and destroy its enemies.

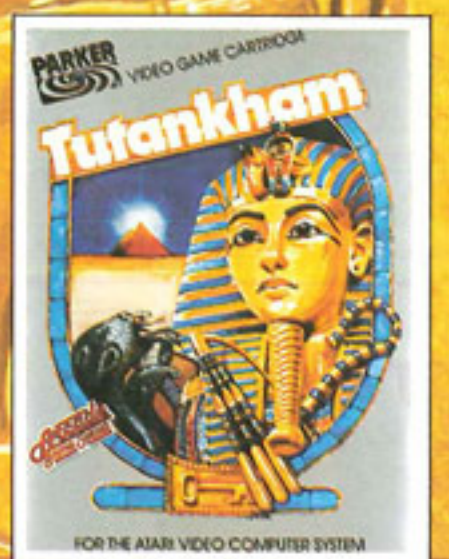
The most famous Egyptian tomb was uncovered by Howard Carter in 1922. This contained the body and possessions of Tutankhamun, who lived in the 14th century

B.C. The tomb was an amazing series of chambers filled with gold, silver and precious stones. In fact, it took Carter nearly ten years to empty the place of treasure – and of mummies.

But disturbing things had begun to happen. Lord Carnarvon, who had put up the money for the dig, died after being bitten by an insect. Deadly insects were common in Egyptian legends and myths. This was seen as an evil omen. Was this the mummy's curse? By 1929 twelve of the people who had been associated with the opening of

Tutankhamun's tomb were dead. By 1935 the figures had risen alarmingly to twenty one!

Scientists refused to be convinced, but legends grew up of mummies rising from their tombs and prowling through the airless passages to wreak death and havoc. Even today people who disappear mysteriously near Egyptian tombs are thought to be dragged away by ghoulish horrors, or as one inscription puts it – 'the vengeance which is hidden in my body throughout all eternity'.



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