

Video Games— SHADOW OF THE COLOSSUS

Could David really beat Goliath? How about 16 Goliaths? Every once in a while, a video game is made that is something more than just a game - it's art. Such is the case with Sony's Shadow of the Colossus. It is so visually stunning that you often find yourself in awe as each colossus makes its appearance. Now before you run out to purchase a copy, consider this - it's not for everyone. If you are expecting the run of the mill, shoot-everything-in-sight sort of fare, you may be disappointed.

Players take the role of a young warrior on-epic journey through a mythical land. With a horse, sword and bow for company, the player must find and lay low 16 unique and imaginative colossi. That's it - only 16 enemies in the entire game. No multitudes of soldiers or beasties to fight as you battle your way through each level. And the colossi are truly titanic. Think of fighting Godzilla with a kitchen knife and you're getting the picture. Grabbing various protrusions and handfuls of hair, the player climbs up each walking behemoth in search of its weak points, a collection of Achilles' heels that will allow him to take it down. The musical score should get almost as much credit as the graphics.

Does the game itself have any weak points? Well, the camera has some issues, making it hard to see what's going on from certain angles. And critics



have complained about riding around without finding a colossus for annoying lengths of time. Personally, I thought it was fun to explore as even the natural terrain and abandoned ruins that make up the world are themselves eye candy.

Sony gets points in my book for taking the road less traveled. Slapping Lord of the Rings or NFL on a game guarantees sales. Even making a game that fits neatly into an established genre is relatively safe. Investing in an unusually original title when so few companies are willing to do so should be applauded. Shadow of the Colossus is an interactive cinematic game experience that gives you the same off the beaten path feeling you get when you go to see a well-made independent film as opposed to a Hollywood blockbuster filled with big name stars and formulated car explosions. For you parents out there concerned with subject matter, the game is rated T for Teen. That means there is no gratuitous violence or mature content.

—Kevin Kastle

Every gun that is made, every warship launched, every rocket fired signifies in the final sense, a theft from those who hunger and are not fed, those who are cold and are not clothed. This world in arms is not spending money alone. It is spending the sweat of its laborers, the genius of its scientists, the hopes of its children. This is not a way of life at all in any true sense. Under the clouds of war, it is humanity hanging on a cross of iron.

— General Dwight D. Eisenhower
(April 16, 1953)

Aliven A Leven

By Ms. Grammar

A leven years ago I never would have guessed that I'd be writing the eighth year of grammar columns for The Beachwood VOICE. I was about a leven when I first decided to write, and I made many grammatical errors and spelling errors at that time. I once wrote an a leven page paper on Lincon. By the time I got to the a leventh grade, I was no longer interested in boys because all the cute ones (they were the smart ones) had graduated. So I turned to books to get into college where I was sure there would be more boys. In college, I dated only about a leven boys the entire four years. That's only 2.72 per year. Sheesh, my grade point was higher than that. I barely passed a leventh grade elgebra, so I am not sure if that figure is entirely accurate, and I might have forgotten a date or two, too, for that matter. Not all dates were memorable, particularly when I had to get home before a leven.

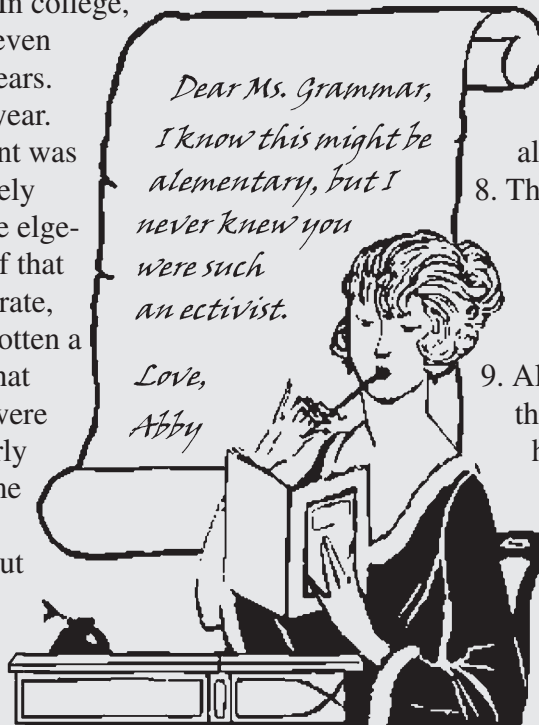
Grammar is all about dating. I'm tall, so I want to date someone at least five foot a leven even though that might be sexist of me. I like to go to sleep by a leven o'clock at night, particularly with a book if not better. I have never dated anyone with a leven toes - although come to think of it, I don't always count. I like a bread that is leaven and other things that rise as well, such as the sun. I don't like the temperature when it rises above a hundred and a leven.

Here are a leven assignments to be read aloud by people who say a leven instead of eeeleven. They are to report back by November a leventh at ten.

1. If they are Republicans, they have to *alect* Democrats; if they are Democrats they have to *alect* Democrats.
2. They need to work to *aliminate* pronunciation mistakes. (Their speech avokes disdain.)
3. They have to communicate to City Hall that the hills will *arode* if developers keep *eliminating* tons of beloved **HOLLYWOOD Dirt** for

square footage. Developer's plans amit more an aroma of profit than an *eroma* of neighborliness.

4. They need to do everything in their power to *aqualize* romantic satisfactions of all so that closet doors open freely. Eliminate loneliness.
5. They are to plan to have more *arotic* nights with their beloved - it helps feminize days and builds partnerships.
6. They need to guard against expressing strong *amotions* before counting to ten or diez.
7. They should *equire* less and *anjoy* what they already have.
8. They are to *aliminate* all odors in the kitchen, garage, and bathrooms - use *albow* grease
9. All need to pray that this is not the a leventh hour of our Canyon or our World.
10. Find out if we should have investigated as to whether Sam changed his name from Elito.



Dear Ms. Grammar,
I know this might be
alementary, but I
never knew you
were such
an activist.

Love,
Abby

11. Explain why there is so much *arectile* dysfunction these days.

A LEVEN FURTHER EXERCISES to eliviate the dysfunction:

- A = Announce to City Hall that you resist the Hollywood Dump
- L = Listen to what one another has to say
- E = Emergency response phone and contact tree: do you and your neighbors and network have a plan and a map and a rehearsal?
- V = Vote in every election - vote for the person with the brain and the orientation to the community. Reality is our only hope.
- E = Entertain one another - it's later than you think. Ok, entertain yourself, then.
- N = New Age Non-Options: 60s kids are 60s kids: Come alive: it's our last chance!

If you are the a leventh caller, you have called just after the tenth caller.

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