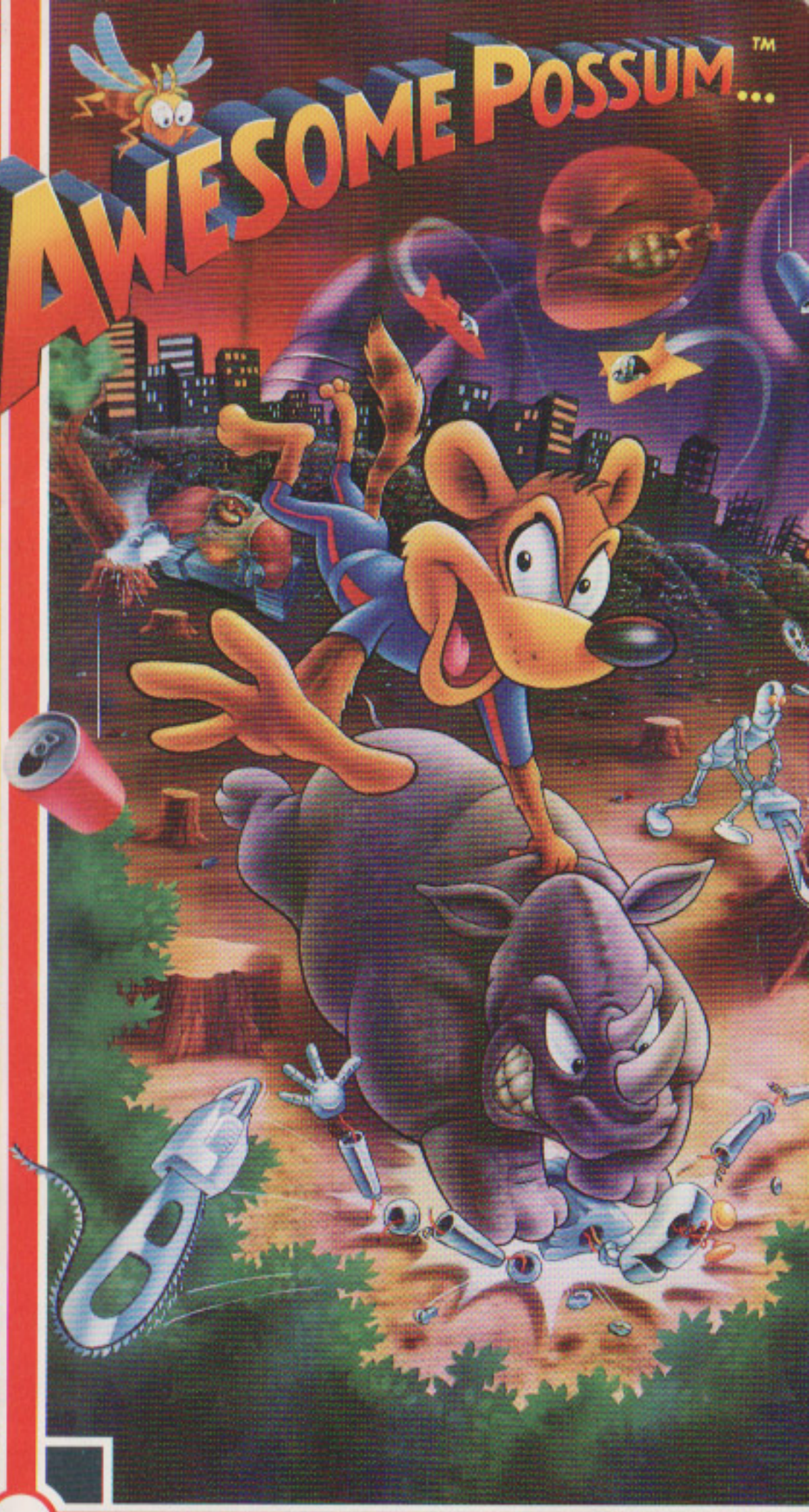
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Handling Your Cartridge

The Sega Genesis Cartridge is intended for use exclusively with the Sega™ Genesis™ System.

- Do not bend it, crush it, or submerge it in liquids.
- Do not leave it in direct sunlight or near a radiator or other source of heat.
- Be sure to take an occasional recess during extended play, to rest yourself and the Sega Cartridge.

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The Pollution Is Gruesome . . . But With a Possum This Awesome Anything IS Poss-um-ble

What a mess we're in!

For hundreds of years, we humans have carelessly polluted our planet.

And what we didn't litter, the twisted Dr. Machino and his evil auto-polluting robots have now dirtied up but good.

Is there any hope left for this tired old planet Earth?

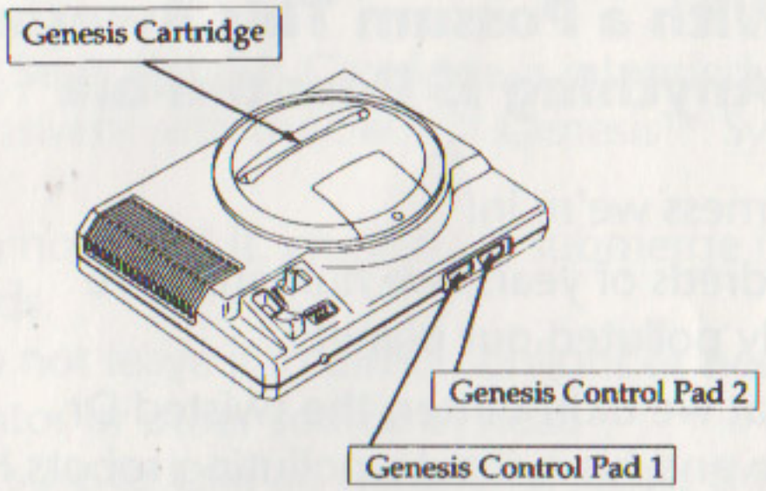
You bet!

One last force opposes Dr. Machino and his messy minions . . . . One final hope shines forth in our 11th-hour quest to clean up our act and honor our environment. That force is—

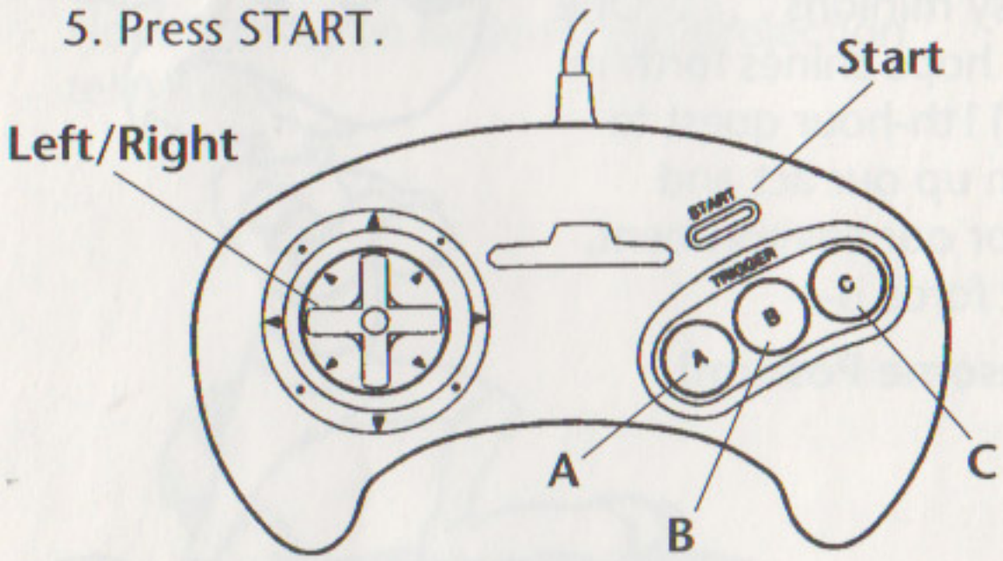
Awesome Possum!



STARTING UP



1. Make sure the Genesis power switch is OFF.
2. Plug a Genesis Controller into Control Port #1.
3. Place the Awesome Possum cartridge into the cartridge slot and press down firmly.
4. Turn on your Sega Genesis.
5. Press START.



HOW TO USE YOUR CONTROL PAD

A, B, or C: Makes Awesome jump in the air, or swim in the ocean world. When jumping, pressing and holding the button down will extend the height Awesome can jump.

LEFT/RIGHT: Makes Awesome Possum move in that direction.

DOWN: Makes Awesome Possum duck to avoid objects just above him.

START: Pauses the game. Pressing START again unpauses the game.

Reset: You can reset the game by pressing START, A, B and C at the same time, or by pressing the Reset button on your Sega Genesis.

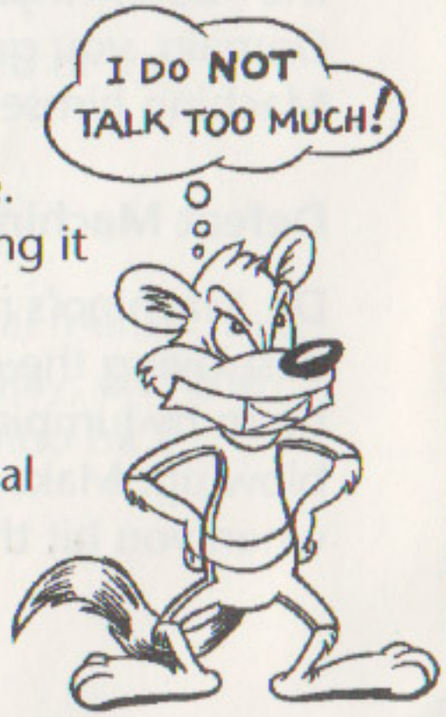
THE OPTIONS MENU

To go to the options menu, press A while looking at the Awesome Possum title screen. Then use the up or down direction buttons to go from one option to another. Use A and B (or left and right) to step backwards or forwards through the choices within an option.

Review Questions
Use this option to test yourself on the environmental questions and answers. Press A, B or C to begin the questions.

Difficulty
The game starts up in Easy mode. For more of a challenge, try setting it to Normal or Awesome.

Speech
Sometimes Awesome can be a real motor-mouth. If he blabs too much for your taste,



just set the speech option to Chatty, Small Talk, or No Talking.

Music
Use this option to turn the music on or off.

Sound Test
After selecting a sound number, press C to play the sound.

HOW TO PLAY

Your goal in Awesome Possum is to reach the final level and kick Dr. Machino's butt! And of course along the way, you want to pick up recyclables, collect Mega-Powers, explore new environments, and have lots of fun!

Awesome journeys through four different worlds: The Rain Forest, The Sea Caverns, The Arctic Circle, and Dr. Machino's Domain. Each world has three levels and three bonus levels. At the end of each world you have to fight the "boss." If you survive Dr. Machino's Domain, you get a chance to confront Dr. Machino himself in The Fortress of Garbage.

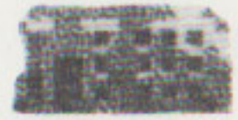
Defeat Machino's Mechanical Monsters

Dr. Machino's robotic bad guys are destroying the environment, but you can stop them by jumping on their heads until they blow up. Make sure you're moving downward when you hit them, or you'll be hurt instead!

Whenever you're spinning in a ball, you're safe from everything except explosives. You turn into a ball whenever you're moving really fast or doing well in battle.

Collect Recyclables





Garbage is everywhere! Collect recycling points by picking up the newspapers and aluminum cans you find. Once you collect 50 recyclables, Awesome becomes fully healed and gains an extra life.





Find Checkpoints

Running into a wooden "Check-point" sign will allow Awesome to start from there next time he gets defeated.

Touch the Bonus "B"



If Awesome touches a winged letter "B," he'll get to go to the bonus level at the end of the current level.

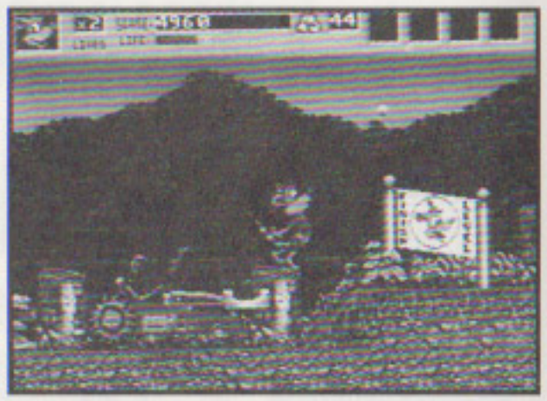
Ride the Animals

You can get help from your animal friends, the Rhino, the Giant Bee, the Manta Ray, and the Arctic Bird. When you ride the Rhino he'll

destroy everything in his path, and he'll throw you far and high when you jump off.

You can ride the Bee, the Manta, and the Bird as well, and you can harm bad guys by flying (or swimming) down on top of them.

Find the Win Banner



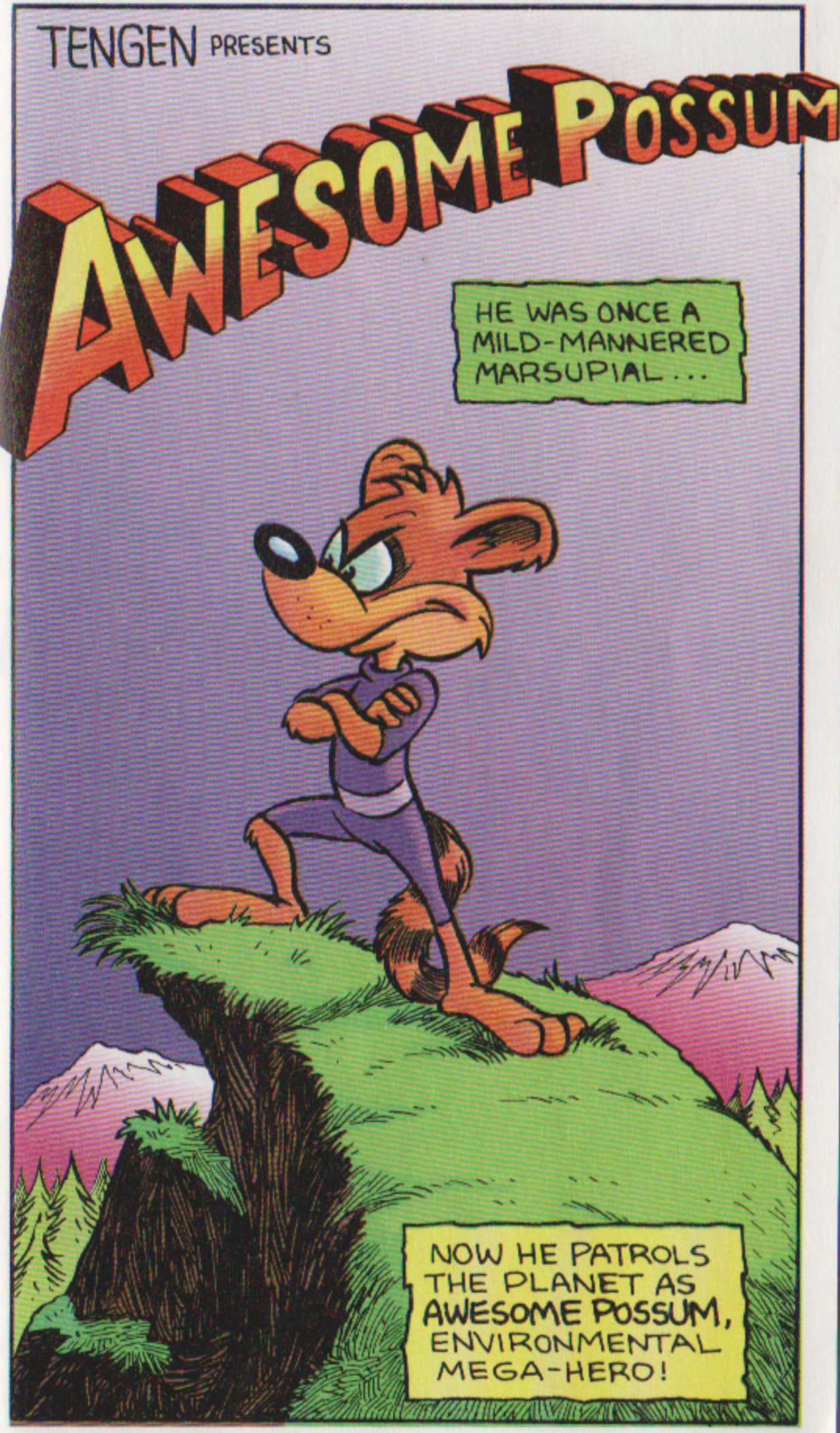
Walking into a "Win" banner lets you win the level and move on to the next one. If you can't break through the banner, it means you have to find the level "boss" and vanquish him.

Playing Possum

If you're close to the ground, press down on the joypad immediately after getting hit. When you hit the ground you'll pretend to be dead, and most bad guys will leave you alone.

Go to Checkpoint / Leave Bonus Level

If you get lost, stuck or frustrated, press START to pause the game; then tap the joypad. The message on the screen will now say "Go to Checkpoint" or "Leave Bonus Level." Press START again and it will take you back to the last checkpoint or, if you're in a bonus level, it will take you to the start of the next level.



HE WAS BORN AN AVERAGE POSSUM, TO THE PERFECT LOVING FAMILY.

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LIFE WAS SWEET AND SIMPLE IN THIS WOODED PARADISE!

--BUT LITTLE DID THE FOREST CREATURES KNOW-- TRAGEDY WOULD SOON STRIKE!

EVIL, CHAINSAW-WIELDING ROBOTS ARE CLEAR-CUTTING THE FOREST!

HEY!

WHAT'S THE BIG IDEA??

OUTTA DA WAY, SQUIRT! DIS HERE FOREST'S GONNA BE A **PARKIN' LOT**, AN' YER TOO YOUNG TA **DRIVE!**

A-HAHAHA HAHAHA!!

AHHAHAHAHAH!

ZZZZZZZZ

EEK!

MOMMY! CAN I HAVE A CHAINSAW??

OUR HERO-IN-WAITING STALLS FOR TIME!

ONWARD!

I'M PLAYING POSSUM!

FROM THE SHADOWS ARRIVES AN UNLIKELY DUO OF ALLIES!

?

WHO ARE YOU GUYS?

I'M KILLER BEE! THIS'S RAD RHINO!

CLIMB ON BOARD --- I'LL BUST YOU OUT!

THE COURAGEOUS CRITTERS PLUNGE THROUGH THE CHAINSAW ARMY!

WE'LL RECYCLE YOU, FOREST FIENDS!

SMASH

CRUSH

BLAM

SOON!

SAY, YOU'RE PRETTY AWESOME, FOR A POSSUM!

"AWESOME POSSUM", eh? hmmmm...

WITH NATURE AS MY WITNESS, I SOLEMNLY SWEAR TO SEEK OUT ALL THOSE WHO WOULD SPOIL THE PLANET...

...AND THEN I'LL GIVE THEM A **SOLID BOOT** TO THE **BACKSIDE!**

AND WITH THIS RIGHTEOUS RESOLUTION, OUR HERO ASSUMES THE ROLE OF **AWESOME POSSUM!**

AWESOME AND HIS ABLE ALLIES PACK A NUTRITIOUS, WELL-BALANCED LUNCH AND STRIKE OUT FOR THE BIG CITY!

WONDER WHERE I CAN GET A DECENT BURGER...

ALONG THE WAY, THEY CLEAN UP THE TRASH-STREWN PATH BY HURLING DEBRIS INTO AWESOME'S RECYCLING BAG... **MOST** OF THE TIME.

THAT'S USING YOUR HEAD, POSSUM!

BONK

OWW!

SNICKER!

BY THE SEEDY SMELL OF THINGS, THEY KNOW TROUBLE IS IN THE AIR. BUT **WHO** IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS **RANCID RUBBISH?**

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P.U.!

I SMELL A **RAT!**

HEY! I **RESEMBLE** THAT REMARK!

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MACHINO TIMES

OUR INTREPID TRIO GETS A STRONG HINT IN THE FORM OF A CAREENING GARBAGE TRUCK!

OUTTA MY WAY, **RODENT!**

I'M A MARSUPIAL!

SMEK

JUST DUMP IT!

MACHINO

THE EVIL DOCTOR SPEEDS OFF WITH HIS PUTRID PAYLOAD!

I THINK MACHINO'S OUR MAN!

ON TO THE **ARCTIC,** TROOPS!

MACHINO WASTEWORK ARCTIC OR BUST

VROOM!

TOO **CHILLY** FOR MY BONES!

YEAH, I'LL STAY **HERE** AND WORK ON MY **TAN!**

GOOD LUCK!

GOING IT ALONE, AWESOME AMBLES TO THE ARCTIC, HOPING TO CHILL OUT THE MAD **MACHINO!**

SLUCKO

SCHLUCK

YIKES!

Ah, HAHAHAH! YOU'RE PET CHOW, POSSUM!

JUST AS ALL SEEMS LOST, AWESOME IS SWEPT AWAY BY A FRIENDLY ARCTIC TERN!

NOW YOU'RE FLYING **FIRST CLASS!**

NON-STOP TO THE **HEART** OF **MACHINO!**

DRAT! NOW I'LL HAVE TO MAKE A RUN FOR THE SUB!

KEEP THE ARCTIC, YOU PRYING POSSUM!

I'LL POLLUTE IN WARMER WATERS!

BWA-HAHAHA HAHAHAH!!

WE'LL SEE ABOUT THAT!

AS DOCTOR MACHINO AIMS HIS SUB SOUTH, AWESOME DONS HIS SCUBA GEAR AND SWIMS FURIOUSLY TO CATCH UP!

MACHINO'S ROBOSHARKS PICK UP HIS SCENT! THEY ATTACK FROM ALL SIDES! IS OUR WATERLOGGED WONDER WEASEL ALL WASHED UP??

ONE AT A TIME, SEA SLIME!

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A FRIENDLY MANTA HAS SEEN OUR HERO'S PREDICAMENT!

CRUNCH

CRACK

DRAT!

THANKS, MANTA!

BAM

JUST CALL ME RAY!

@#☆@!!!

HEY! COME BACK AND FIGHT LIKE A MACHINE!

MACHINO NAUTICAL, INC.

VAVOOM!

AWESOME CHASES THE ROTTEN MACHINO BACK TO HIS VILE DOMAIN, A FILTHY METROPOLIS SMOTHERED IN GARBAGE!

THIS PLACE STINKS!

FORT SS OF

I HEARD THAT!

THE UNHAPPIEST PLACE ON EARTH

ROBOT ATTACK!

BAM! ZONK!

TIME FOR A ROBOTOMY, YA BAG O' BOLTS!

BAH!

WAM!

I GOT A KICK OUT OF THAT! YOU'RE NEXT FOR A BOOT IN THE BUTT!

I'M NOT FINISHED, YET!

NOTHING CAN SAVE YOU NOW!!!

BAHAHAHAHA!!

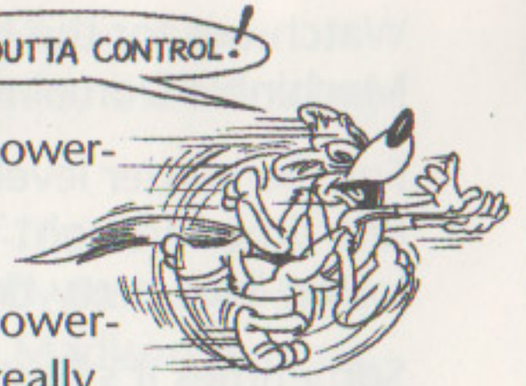
FOOM

YOW! I'M ROAD KILL!





Mega Powers



The Mega-Speed power-up lets you move really fast.



The Mega-Jump power-up lets you jump really high. When you jump you'll go into a ball immediately, allowing you to defeat bad guys even from beneath. The combination of Mega-Speed and Mega-Jump is especially powerful!



Extra Health restores you to full health.



Extra Life gives you an extra life. But you knew that.

Tips & Hints

Gathering recyclables is really important! Those extra lives come in handy!

Avoid waterfalls!

Make sure to get the Bonus "B", because some of the bonus levels have lots of goodies!

Defeat the robots in the Rain Forest to minimize damage to the forest.

In the Ocean world, drop to get away from the torpedoes.

Watch out for the bright yellow spikes in Dr. Machino's Domain!

For the harder levels, try to kill off the robots the first time through. That way, you won't keep losing lives every time you restart the level.

Sometimes it's best to wait until you really need it before grabbing extra health (or before getting your 50th recyclable).

You may not always want to grab the Mega-Speed.

Environmental Questions

After you win a level, you go to a question screen where the animals will test Awesome's knowledge of nature and the environment. If Awesome correctly answers the question (selected at random from a database of over 300 questions), he'll receive 10,000 points.

Note: The questions and answers were received from a variety of sources and are believed to be accurate, but don't freak out if one or two turn out to be wrong. Science is an ongoing process of discovery, and sometimes scientists learn new facts and change their minds.

The purpose of the questions is not to shovel facts into your head; the purpose is to surprise you with some fun, interesting bits of knowledge—things you may not have known!

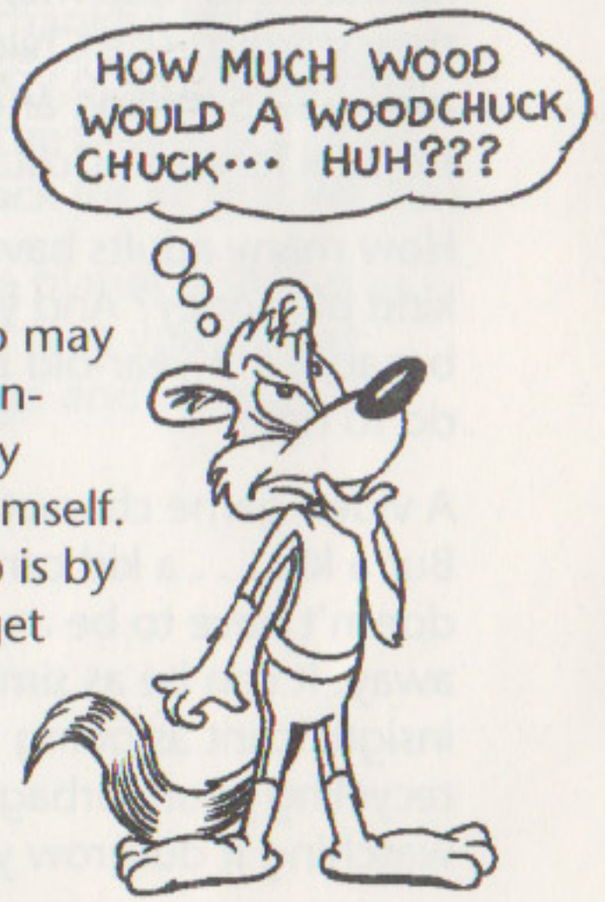
If you enjoy learning about totally awesome species of wildlife, you might enjoy the following books:

Mother Nature's Greatest Hits: The Top 40 Wonders of the Animal World, by Bartleby Nash. Berkley Publishing Group, 200 Madison Avenue, New York, NY 10016.

Amazing Biofacts, by Susan Goodman. Peter Bedrick Books, 2112 Broadway, New York, NY 10023.

Of Kinkajous, Capybaras, Horned Beetles, Seledangs, and the Oddest and Most Wonderful Mammals, Insects, Birds, and Plants of our World, by Jeanne Hanson and Deane Morrison. HarperCollins Publishers, 10 East 53rd Street, New York, NY 10022.

How to Be an Environmental Mega-Hero, Just Like Awesome Possum



Our marsupial mega-hero may be awesome, but unfortunately a possum can't really save the planet, not by himself. The only way he can help is by inspiring human kids to get involved.

Kids?!? But what can a kid do?

Earthling kids have powers that rival those of any mega-hero. They can see things with new eyes and say things in new ways.

Adults often find it hard to ignore the truth when it comes from a kid. This is one of your superpowers. Use it; get good at it; enjoy it while you have it.

A few years ago, a tropical biologist went to Sweden and talked to a group of elementary school students about the rainforest. A boy asked, "Why can't we buy some rainforest so there will be some left when we grow up?"

His class painted pictures, performed plays, told stories, and sang songs about the rainforest to raise money. The organization they started, The Children's Rainforest, has raised $2.5 million and saved 23,000 acres of tropical forest in Costa Rica.

How many adults have the power to raise that kind of money? And yet, it all happened because a 9-year-old boy asked what he could do to help.

A video game character can't save the world. But a kid . . . a kid can do almost anything. It doesn't have to be anything grandiose or far away. It can be as simple and seemingly insignificant as going on a nature hike, or recycling your garbage, or planting a tree and watching it outgrow you.

How to Save the Planet: Step 1

Our planet is facing many problems. Chances are, we'll fix a few and cause a few new ones. In 50 years, life on Earth will be better in some ways, worse in others. It's the "nature" of things.

Problems often contain the seeds of their own solutions. But someone has to plant those seeds, and water them.

Do you have something better to do?

As humans, we tread pretty heavily on the Earth. But environmentalism doesn't mean we have to feel guilty to be alive. It's not about feeling bad every time we turn on a light or ride in a car.

True environmentalism is about being glad to be alive. It means being thankful for the opportunity to share the joy of life with other creatures. Taking care of the planet is a good way to give something back for all that we take.

The first step in saving the planet is falling in love with it. The Earth will give you further instructions on where to go and what to do.

Here are some organizations that might be of interest:

World Wildlife Fund
1250 24th St. NW, Suite 400
Washington, DC 20037

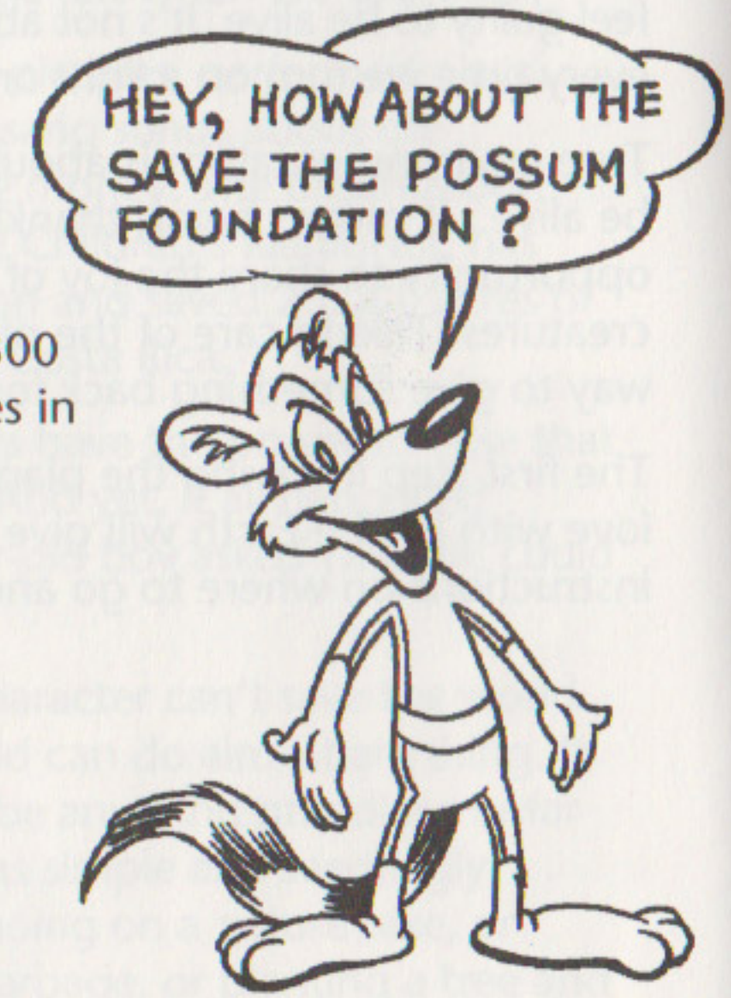
Works to preserve endangered wildlife.

The Children's Rainforest
PO Box 936
Lewiston, ME 04240

Enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope for information.

The Nature Conservancy
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Arlington, VA
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Attention: Awesome Possum
American Forests, PO Box 2000,
Washington, DC 20013

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