

someday this will be yours...



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Sony Sing Store offers iTunes-esque functionality

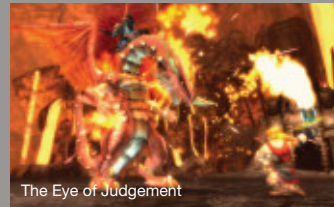


If you work in the videogames industry, read gaming websites, or have any of the five senses you were born with, you'll have noticed that Sony haven't had an easy ride with the launch of their new console.

In 12 years, the PlayStation went from cheeky console nipper to "that word your grandparent's use, after a brief pause because they don't like saying words like that, to mean all of those silly spaceship games". Because I'm British, I'll happily assume that this kind of success equates to evil arrogance, and I'll take huge personal satisfaction when multi-national corporations get a multi-billion pound launch so wrong as to make them seem - well, human. What can I say? I'm a small person, and I love it.

Stories of Sony's disgrace range from the fake PSP blog, backwards compatibility, no vibrating pads - the list of minor quibbles reads like a spoiled child's letter to his mum. Oh, and they stole the Wii's motion sensors!

All of this stuff is just the icing on a cake that's probably about 95% icing. It's one sweet cake of schadenfreude, and we can't stop licking it. When we get down to the reason PS3 isn't selling out all over the UK, the reason is simple. It's five hundred f*@king quid to get started, and the other reasons amount to a puddle of hot piss. As it stands, the machine is an arrogant, sexy monolith that makes you want it by bending over and farting on your nose.



The Eye of Judgement

And you do want a PS3; you want one as badly as I do. We're just biding our time. No, we want one alright. We know it's a great machine. We're being tactical. There's hundreds of us, circling the Virgin Megastore, waiting for a weakness in that £425 basic price tag, waiting for the exclusive games to come in, before we cave in to the inevitable. Whatever Sony have done, they've also managed to crimp off an impressive bit of kit, and launch dates aside, it's beginning to feel like 2008 will eventually be the year of the PS3. *JB*
www.playstation.com



Who the hell are...?

Pull Tiger Tail

What kind of name is that then?

It's a reflection of the fact that they like Crypto zoology.

Crypto-what now?

Zoology. The study of animals not yet discovered yet.

They sound funny in the head to me. What do they sound like then?

Intelligent, sexy indie rock, a bit like We Are Scientists.

Very 'now'...

Indeed but very original too. And hot.

How hot?

Hot as hell. At The Camden Crawl there were riots outside their gig as everyone in North London tried to get in.

Where can I catch them?

It's bloody hard, tickets go like hot cakes. Best to try one of the 12 May dates on the NME Tour but don't hold your breath these guys are the sizzling darlings of the music press right now.

Have I got more chance of spotting Nessie than getting a ticket?

Yes but you'd have to study Crypto zoology first.

Crypto- what?

Never mind.

People's Party Festival 13-15 July

Do you fancy a three day bender? (Well it wouldn't be the first time, eh? Eh?). Get your gay juices flowing: People's Party is the first residential music festival for homos, dykes and their mates. It's an hour's drive from London and features all the stars of the queer alternative scene (Shit Disco, Club Motherfucker) and has posh food and loo's!

www.peoplesparty.net

Latitude Festival 12-15 July

It's more than just a music festival. And it is. Jam packed with music (Jarvis Cocker, Arcade Fire, CSS, plus faves such as Peter and the Wolf), comedy (our little twinkle Alan Carr will be taking to the stage), literature and theatre. It's a damn fine reason to go to Suffolk for the weekend.

www.latitudefestival.co.uk

Great Escape Festival 17-19 May

As stuffed with new music as a fat kid with buns. The biggest new music festival in Europe it is, and a convention for the music bizz, who will be crawling all over Brighton. Plus F*@K! will be having a knees up with the Nervous Twitch posse at Charles Street on the Saturday evening. Get in!

www.greatescapefestival.com

festival watch: they just keep adding those bands