



As far as adventures go, this is a pretty strange one: the only (very) vague signs of sanity lie in the plot. Talmit's four pixie girlfriends have been kidnapped. (surprise! surprise!) and they are being held by a particularly nasty wolf who, for some suspicious reason, enjoys wearing Viking outfits. Anyway, he's got them locked away somewhere in Marvel Land, a vast amusement park.

Marvel Land doesn't possess the characteristics we might expect of your average fairground. There are no dopey gits trying to impress the girls by making them throw up on the waltzers, and the sap who terrorizes the bumper cars is also absent. Instead, Talmit must overcome a whole collection of bizarre obstacles. There are moles wielding spears, pink mushrooms with split personalities, blubbering sharks, lunatic penguins, and a whole host of other undesirables who Talmit has to jump on to obliterate.

This Megadrive adventure is a vast game. Marvel Land has four worlds, and each world incorporates seven levels. There are frantic rides on roller coasters, desperate treks across waterfalls, mayhem aboard steamboats, and castle-bound intrigue. Basically, it's all the fun of the fair!



# TALMIT

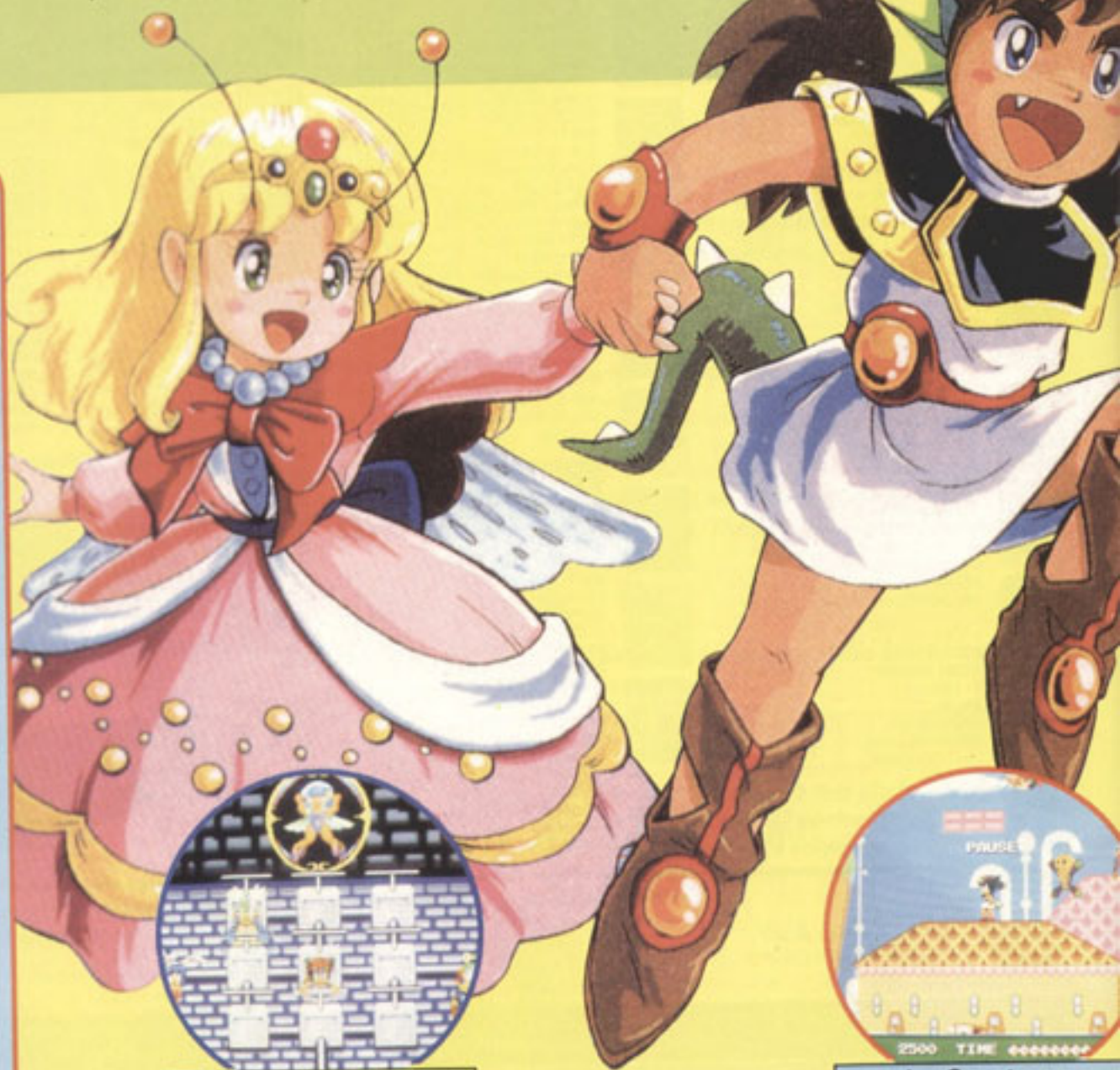


# ADVENTURE



## COUNTDOWN CONUNDRUM

Rock blunts scissors, scissors cut paper, paper covers rock! Everyone knows that game, and Talmit has to play it to stand a chance of graduating from world one. At the end of stage two things get very strange. The task involves finding the correct pump to make the octopus burst! Talmit's task at the end of world three is a case of matching up symbols quicker than his cake covered opponent. A friendly canine pops up at the end of level four. The idea is to chose a hole to appear from and bash him on the head before he does the same. If successful, Talmit enters bonus levels, where reaching for the stars is rewarded with points aplenty.

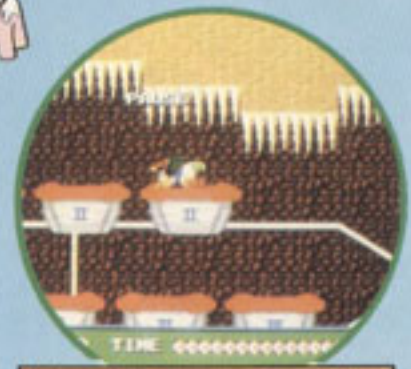


▲ Talmit helps an Octopus explode!



▲ Carrot on a hot tin roof.

# T'S NTURE



▲ A roller coaster ride to poker time!



Marvel Land is split into four worlds. World one contains most of the typical fairground attractions, like the ferris wheel, the swinging pirate ship and the roller coaster. Whilst they are awkward obstacles, they can be used to Talmit's advantage. There are hidden doors among the clouds which can only be reached by braving some of the rides.



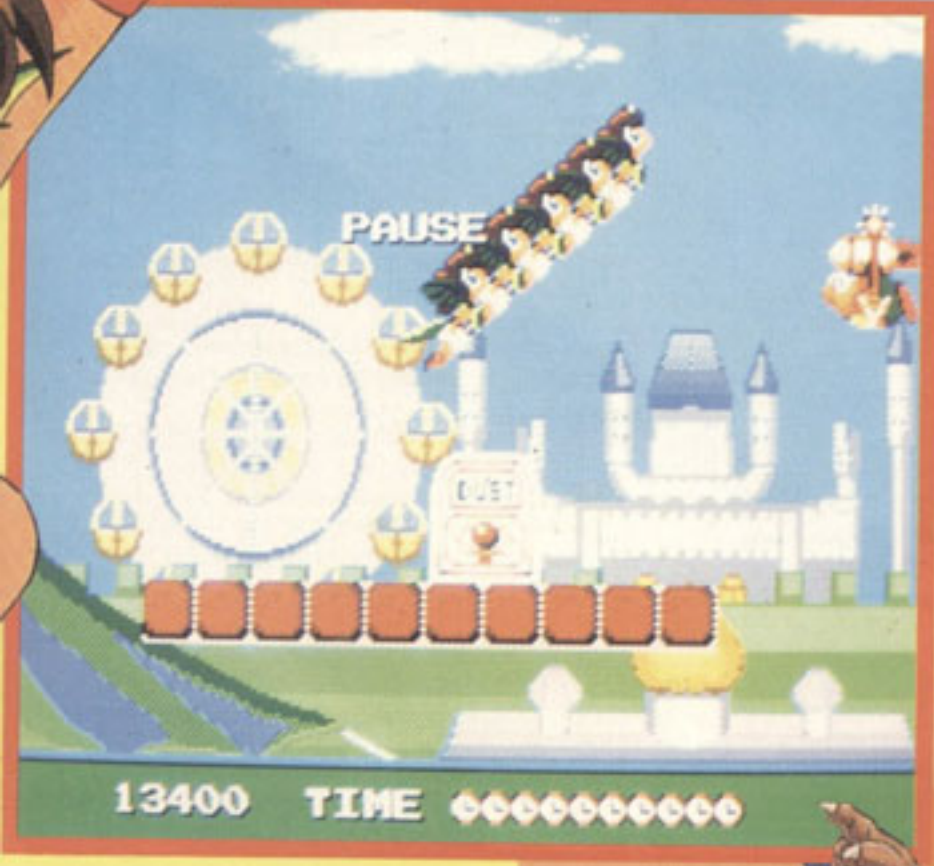
## COMMENT



The first thing that grabs you about Talmit's Adventure is the quality of the graphics. The screen is awash with colourful sprites and backdrops, and the comical style of the characters

### ROB

brings Robocod to mind, especially on world three where the scenery is made up of various types of food. The whole platform experience is here, with a few original extras like Talmit's revolving attack method. But this game does have its short-falls. A straight forward feet-first attack requires absolute precision, which can lead to frustrating deaths. This problem is magnified when you consider that Talmit's Adventure involves some tricky gameplay. Another thing to watch out for is the slowdown that occurs at certain points, which can jeopardize your progress. But for me, the pros tend to outweigh the cons, because the size of the game and the range of entertaining features provide the incentive to keep coming back for another go. A good example of the genre.



▲ Talmit reaches for the stars.



▲ It's frog's legs for dinner.

## CREATED IN HIS OWN IMAGE

There are plenty of items for Talmit to collect that have a variety of uses. Most interesting is the spin attack. When Talmit collects this icon, he is followed around by

multiple clones of himself that spin at a touch of the right button eradicating any baddie unfortunate enough to be in its way. Wings and extra lives are also available.





**RICH**

Talmit's Adventure (also known as Marvel Land) is graphically a fine game with many eye-catching features to keep you entertained. It's also very large game. Four worlds may not sound like a lot, but there are many sub-levels to each world and all of them are quite large. My main niggle with this game is that the action is just not really that exciting, especially compared with the likes of Sonic the Hedgehog, Spider-Man or Chuck Rock. The pin-point accuracy required to succeed in the game is also something that takes some getting used to, as Rob mentions in his comment. Megadrive gamers who enjoy platform games should get their money's worth from this one. Others should try to get a look at the game before buying.



▲ *Talmit tackles the 39 Steps.*



▲ *Revenge of the killer carrots.*



World two takes our hero out into the hills, where crossing waterfalls and streams is the order of the day. Look out for the sharp shooting fish and many cunning platform hazards designed to put Talmit on ice!



World three is truly scrumptious, with Talmit struggling to resist the temptation to eat everything he passes. The scenery is made up of cakes, buns, and ice creams.



Things cool down in World Four, where penguins armed with spikes stalk the ice, among many other platform-related hazards. But once you've got this far and you've exhausted the bonus levels, there is still the villainous Viking Wolf to do away with.



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**PRICE: £39.99**

RELEASE DATE: AUGUST  
GAME DIFFICULTY: MEDIUM/HARD  
LIVES: 3  
CONTINUES: NONE  
SKILL LEVELS: 3  
RESPONSIVENESS: GOOD



**PRESENTATION 90%**

*Loads of enjoyable title screens and plenty of options, including an essential password system.*

**GRAPHICS 87%**

*Sprites are well defined and there are plenty of cheerful colours knocking about. The animation is pretty good as well.*

**SOUND 85%**

*Pleasant fairground tunes that catch the atmosphere of the game.*

**PLAYABILITY 80%**

*Controls are responsive, but the precision needed in attacks can frustrate. The game also suffers from slowdown occasionally.*

**LASTABILITY 84%**

*The amount of levels, and the difficulty of the game means you'll keep bashing away for some time.*

**OVERALL 83%**

*A platform game that includes all the regular features and a few new ones. Fans of the style should be satisfied.*