

# Guilty Gear X (Import) FAQ/Move Guide

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I. INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the "official" first version of my first FAQ of any sort. As you already know (unless you somehow stumbled here by mistake -- good for you, by the way), this FAQ concerns the game Guilty Gear X. It is the (highly anticipated!) sequel to Guilty Gear, the (cult classic!) Sony Playstation fighting game.

Because of time constraints, this will be a somewhat limited version. It features a list of moves for the initially playable characters, and focuses on the basic strategies of the game. More will follow, including character specific advice and perhaps even a fashion guide (I think). I've already started on the rest, but I hope you find this to be of some use. Feel free to give me some (constructive) criticism on what you see (fusion1995@yahoo.com).

NOTE: I have decided not to reformat the FAQ to seem limited but complete. Rather than ditch the parts I haven't completed yet, they are marked "UNDER CONSTRUCTION|" and will be included later on. This will give you more of an idea of where I intend to go in the future with the FAQ (let me know what you think of this idea as well). Keep in mind that the above additions mentioned aren't even included yet. But I just had to share, as many of you already have the game.

#### A. FAQ NOTATION

For the purposes of keeping everything simple, I'll use for the most part those classic abbreviations that we've all come to know and love (you can love the abbreviations, as long as you don't LOVE the abbreviations). There are, however, controller motions that are seldom found outside of GG/GGX. Some are even unique to certain characters, but more on that will come later.

##### 1. Controller Layout

[UB]	[U]	[UF]	Up-Back	Up	Up-Forward				
\		/		\		/			
[B]	-	[N]	-	[F]	Back	-	Neutral	-	Forward
/		\		/		\			
[DB]	[D]	[DF]	Down-Back	Back	Down-Forward				

##### 2. Button Layout

The buttons on the arcade unit are laid out to the right of the controller as follows:

(S)	(HS)
(K)	
(P)	
Slash	High Slash
Kick	
Punch	

With the Dreamcast import version, you'll be able to adjust the controller settings to suit your personal preference.

##### 3. FAQ Abbreviations

Up next are my controller movement abbreviations. The first set consists of abbreviations that anyone who has ever read a fighting game FAQ has probably seen time and again. The second are familiar motions with not-so-familiar acronyms. The third set are motions that I haven't seen much of outside of this series. Let me know what you think.



an insurance policy of sorts against damages caused by moves where blocking might not work for you. This "insurance" doesn't come cheap, however. You will quickly drain your Tension Gauge as long as you have the shield in place. In addition, you can't shield against throws of any type.

#### 6. Recovery

Recovering from attacks is an often-overlooked part of the game at first for most players. Once you get the hang of it, however, you'll find that it will come as second nature. Press any two buttons after your opponent stops hitting you and before you start hitting the ground. You will regain your bearings, at which point you can move around freely again. You can control the direction that you recover in by pressing the appropriate direction as you do. After recovering, you can jump or dash in much the same way as if you were on the ground, as the "jump count" is reset after you recover. You cannot, however, super jump after recovering.

#### 7. Counters

Don't say that Sammy is completely anti-turtle. Countering moves will result in a potential combo for your opponent turning into a golden opportunity for you. While in blockstun, press [F] and any two attack buttons. You will interrupt the opponent's combo with an attack of your own, at a cost of half of a Tension Gauge. This can start a combo, but it more importantly gets a hyper opponent (i.e. Chipp) off your shoulder.

#### 8. Roman Canceling

The greater the risk, the greater the reward -- and vice versa. Moves that do the most damage often come with the longest lag times in GGX. Whiff some special or super moves, and you can be in serious trouble. Fortunately, GGX has a (somewhat pricey) solution to a whiff problem. Press any three buttons to automatically stop a move in progress -- at a cost of half of your Tension Gauge. Roman Canceling can be applied to most moves in the game -- even supers. This technique is also beneficial on offense. It has the added benefit of causing you to recover fast enough to perform otherwise impossible combos. All characters except Dizzy can Roman Cancel.

### C. CHANGES

#### 1. What's In

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So you know the very basic commands for the game. That's the easiest part to learn. Here are some general gameplay notes to get you started.

#### A. YOU AND YOUR LIFE GAUGE

Your Life Gauge is the ultimate indicator of how well you're doing in a match. With the objective of each round being to drain your opponent's Life Gauge more than they drain yours, you have to know how to protect it.

##### 1. How You Lose It

There are several ways to lose part of your Life Gauge, and it's not just about being hit. Just about every special move will incur damage even if blocked. While it may not seem significant, it can be (i.e., when facing Venom or Dizzy). You also lose life when you are hit with one of Testament's energy drain moves. These do an initial amount of damage, then continuously drain you Life Gauge for a period of time, unless you hit Testament back. What is arguably the worst way to lose life, however, occurs after activating Attack Mode. You'll have a certain amount of time to perform your Instant Kill move, generally proportional to the amount of Tension Gauge you have filled (see II.B.7 below). If you fail to perform the Destroy move in time your life will drain. Quickly. While this can't kill you by itself, it can eventually leave you with no life remaining, and no way to take block damage. There is no easier (or more sinister) way to defeat an opponent than to let them drain their own Life Gauge for you.

##### 2. How To Keep It

Besides just "not getting hit," there are other ways to preserve your life. For instance, learn how to block moves properly. While it sounds simple, it's easier said than done (this is especially important against Sol and Millia). Certain moves must be blocked in certain ways, while others can't be blocked at all.

For what you cannot -- or don't wish to try to -- block, there is the Shield. Use this in any situation that you believe that you'll take damage to either reduce or eliminate the amount of Life Gauge you lose.

Finally, eat Faust's sweets. While intended for him, the doughnuts and candy bars he tosses onto the playing field during his Naniga Derukana? can be picked up by you as well, restoring your life. I've gotten a Perfect against Faust after getting hit using this technique.

#### B. YOU AND YOUR TENSION GAUGE

The Tension Gauge is more than just a Super Meter. It is a multi-purpose meter that you must be aware of. How you use it in your game strategy is up to you.

##### 1. What It Is Used For

The Tension Gauge allows you to perform super moves, of course. But it also allows you to block more effectively, save yourself from whiffed special or super moves, perform more impressive combos or have extra time to execute a Destroy move.

##### 2. How to Fill It Up

Filling up the Tension Gauge is simple. Perform an attack, special move (and some supers) and the Tension



Gauge starts to fill up (the closer you are to your opponent, the more gauge energy you gain). Dashing, air dashing, even walking -- these all add to the Tension Gauge as well. Essentially, any aggressive movement will result in an increase in your Tension Gauge. The gauge fills in other ways as well. It will increase if your opponent hits or Taunts you (but not if they Respect you).

### 3. How to Lose It

You lose Tension Gauge energy by consuming it in the form of a super move, Counter, Roman Cancel, or by activating a Shield. If you activate your Attack Timer, you will not only no longer have access to your Tension Gauge, but if you reactivate it (see II.B.7 below), you will lose all of the Tension Gauge energy you've accumulated, even if the Attack Timer had not run out. You can also lose Tension Gauge energy by doing...nothing at all. Stand around long enough (about twenty timer seconds), or take a defensive stance by backing away or blocking, and the word "DANGER" will appear above your Tension Gauge. Keep this defensive stance up, and a "NEGATIVE PENALTY" will occur, causing you to lose ALL of the Tension Gauge energy you've accumulated to that point.

### 4. Shielding

You've heard it. You've said it. "Why isn't this controller blocking?" If there were a standard rule in fighting games for blocking moves, I certainly don't know it, nor do I know anyone who does. It has frustrated many a player and is still a mystery to me.

However, GGX has something to remedy that in the form of the Shield. It quickly uses up your Tension Gauge, but is well worth it if you think you might get hit, such as in the air. It also helps "push" an attacking opponent away, giving you valuable room to breathe. Just pick and choose the times you want to shield.

### 5. Roman Canceling

Using 1/2 of a full Tension Gauge, Roman Canceling is something you'll really want to think about doing first. While it can help you create some wicked looking combos, or save you from getting hit, the opportunity cost might not be worth it.

### 6. Supers

Always try to have your Tension Gauge at least half full. The threat of being nailed by a super is always good to keep an opponent on their toes. You'll also be able to be that much more offensive minded against them.

### 7. Destroy / Instant Kill

Know how much time you'll need to activate your Attack Timer, and to perform your Destroy move. This will give you an indicator as to how much Tension Gauge energy you'll need to have to do an Instant Kill. Remember that you'll always have at least some time to perform the move, even if your Tension Gauge is empty.

## C. MOVEMENT

These are a few things to keep in mind when you're just moving about in GGX. Pay close attention, however -- you could easily end up polishing someone's

boot with your tongue if you're not careful.

#### 1. Walking

OK, it's fairly simplistic. You press [F] to walk. But wait! There's more! You are able to do just about anything when walking -- normal attacks, supers, block, shield, etc. This is not always the case in other situations.

#### 2. Dashing / Retreating

And this would be one of those situations. Press FF to dash, and BB to retreat. For most characters, this can be done in the air or the ground. There are several exceptions, however. Most characters can hold [F] to continue dashing -- Johnny can't. He will hop forward. Likewise, he hops backward instead of truly retreating, as does Chipp. Poor Potemkin can't dash. Ever. Anywhere. Also not that when you dash or retreat, you can't always do what you want. For instance, you can't block until you have stopped dashing forward. To get around this, try throwing an attack to stop your opponent from getting to you, shielding, etc. You also can't perform standing versions of attacks. For instance, Anji-Mito must come to a complete stop before pressing (K) to attack with a standing kick. Otherwise, he'll perform a double fan "counter," leaving him wide open to attack. NOTE: Dizzy and Millia can dash/retreat TWICE in the air.

#### 3. Jumping (Normal/Double/Super)

This will qualify as another one of those situations. Jump by pressing [UB], [U], or [UF]. You can again do just about anything you can possibly do in the air -- attack, defend, air dash or jump again. Anyone (even Potemkin!) can jump again after his or her first jump by performing a second jump (the second jump doesn't have to be in the same direction) before landing from the first jump. Keep in mind that since air dashing/retreating counts as a jump, you can't dash or retreat after a double jump...

NOTE: Dizzy and Chipp can TRIPLE JUMP.

...unless you're Chipp or Dizzy, who have triple jumps. Both can dash/retreat after double jumps, or jump, dash/retreat, and jump again. Dizzy, in fact, can perform a number of combinations of dashing, retreating, and normal jumps with her triple jump, as she can dash and retreat twice as well. Super jumping happens when you press down quickly before jumping.

It sends you about twice as high as you would after a normal jump. You can't jump again, but you can dash. There are even more exceptions to the jumping "rules."

Anji-Mito and Zato have "special" jumps all their own. If he super jumps while dashing, Anji flaps his fans for extra lift, and gets carried the length of the screen. When he double jumps, Zato holds his shadow form, and starts to flap his wings. He can hover in this form for up to two timer seconds, or until he is hit out of the jump. By pressing [UB] or [UF], he can float back and forth.

#### D. RECOVERY

Recovering from an attack is a key to survival in GGX.

However, it can be done incorrectly, so pay attention to what's going on around you.

1. The Good

The great thing about recovering is that your opponent's combo is stopped. Not recovering from combos can result in them continuing indefinitely.

2. The Bad

You can recover incorrectly. Recover in the wrong direction, and you can wind up right back in your opponent's face, primed for a continuation of a made-for-TV beatdown.

3. The Ugly

You are also unable to block right away after recovering. Opponents can take advantage of this by attacking you again -- Sol immediately springs to mind - so be aware.

E. BLOCKING / SHIELDING

Blocking and shielding properly helps you on offense AND defense. Learn EVERYTHING that you can do here. For example, know when you are able to move after blocking attacks -- this can help in terms of counterattacking your opponent. Also note that certain moves must be blocked in certain ways.

1. High Block / Overheads

All characters have at least one overhead move (the Dust Attack) and several have more. These must be blocked while standing (hold [B]). In fact, most moves of any type can be blocked this way.

2. Low Block / Sweeps

Low-hitting moves, such as sweeps, some special moves, and most ducking normal moves must be blocked low (hold [DB]). Be aware of where attacks are coming from, and how they are to be blocked. Some characters can seemingly alternate between overheads and sweeps at will.

3. Air Block / Uppercuts

Air blocking is something I've yet to really figure out. It almost seems that while blocking normally will get you by most of the time, some random moves still seem to hit. Be sure to use the shield while jumping to be certain.

4. No Block / Throws

Throws can't be blocked at all. These include the standard normal throws, special throws such as Anji-Mito's On, and super/overdrive throws such as Potemkin's Heavenly Potemkin Buster.

5. No Shield / Throws

What's even worse is that moves that cannot be blocked cannot be shielded, either. In fact, you can walk right up to a shielding opponent and throw them, as long as you're not attacking (you'll be pushed away).

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F. COUNTERING

Whether it is to break up the momentum of a charging opponent, or to turn a defensive situation into an offensive strike, countering your opponent's attacks can significantly alter the tide of a match.

#### 1. Take the Charge

If the opponent is one that will always, ALWAYS finish off a combo, even if it is blocked, then take advantage! Counter the charging opponent, and start your own combo!

#### 2. What Happens Next?

Usually, your opponent will be hit by the counterattack. This counts as a Counter Hit, which stuns the opponent longer than it normally would. You'll want to make certain you're in a situation that guarantees this, however. Sometimes, you'll be too far away and/or the opponent's move will recover fast enough for them to block.

#### 3. Reaction Shot

If you hit your opponent with a counter attack, don't just breathe a sigh of relief -- beat them to bloody pulp! Make that half Tension Gauge cost efficient! Practice comboing out of counters. You can definitely tack on extra hits, specials, and supers, making that opponent of yours pay for their aggression.

### G. (ROMAN) CANCELING

One of the feature that sets Guilty Gear X apart from the fighting game pack is the ability to stop what you (and sometimes your opponent) are doing at most any time. Anji-Mito takes this one step further. This involves move canceling and Roman Canceling, which can dramatically alter the way you play the game

#### 1. Lightning Strikes

When normal move canceling occurs, both opponents have launched attacks at the same time in the same place. Lightning will "strike" the playing field around the area where the cancel occurred. If a normal move is cancelled, the player can then attack again. Special moves will continue through, and will still hit an unblocking opponent.

#### 2. What Roman Canceling Can Do For You

Roman Canceling is a way into bigger and better combos, and a way out of lame duck scenarios. To enhance your offense, cancel a move as it hits the opponent, and hit them again before they recover. This method leads to some insane combos that, because of lag time after certain moves, would otherwise not be possible. To enhance your defense, cancel a move after it whiffs. You can save yourself the pain of getting nailed by a Counter Hit combo.

#### 3. Limits and Applications

Remember, special moves will NOT stop for a "lightning cancel," while normal moves can. This allows someone to stop a special move with a normal one, then attack again or block while the opponent cannot do so. The one exception to this is Anji-Mito. While his jumping moves do follow the same "rules" that everyone else's does, most of his standing and crouching moves will act like special moves when move canceling occurs, and continue through their animation, doing damage if they

land successfully. This "auto-parry" is also cancelable - like everyone else, Anji-Mito can attack again if his normal move is cancelled by his opponent's attack.

#### H. DUST ATTACK / LAUNCHER

Launching your opponent into the clear blue (or, in this case, murky reddish-orange) is a way to get an extra combo in on your opponent.

##### 1. Find Your Rhythm

Practice your air combos and find which ones are the strongest and most reliable. Remember that a whiffed move can end the combo instantly.

##### 2. What You Can Do

You can generally perform any move that is available to you in the air. Additionally, combos that wouldn't normally work on an airborne opponent will work here.

##### 3. What You Can't Do

You cannot perform any move that is strictly relegated to the ground, nor can you perform a Destroy move on a launched opponent. Although they are not blocking, they will fall through your Instant Kill. Sorry!

#### I. GROUNDED!

Try to stay on your feet while fighting. It really does make beating your victim -- er, uh, opponent down much easier. Get knocked down, and your opponent has an opportunity to get in free hits, close in on you, and put you on the defensive when you finally get up.

##### 1. How It Happens

Any sweep will knock you down. Likewise, many special moves will also do the trick, especially if they hit you while you're airborne. In some cases, this is the only way that will happen. Most throws will also cause an instant knockdown.

##### 2. How To Prevent It

Watch where you're going, especially if you're airborne. A simple projectile will take you down to the ground but quick. Also know that in many cases, if you are hit out of the air, you can recover before you hit the ground.

##### 3. How to Take Advantage

Familiarize yourself with all of your character's low hitting moves. In most cases, [F] + (HS) will hit OTG (off the ground). Some special moves and supers will also do the trick.

#### J. DIZZY (NOT THE GIRL)

Being dizzied in Guilty Gear X can easily mean the end of a round. Therefore, you should strive to never let it happen to you.

##### 1. What You Did Wrong

Basically, getting beat down repeatedly in a short period of time will result in you being knocked dizzy.

Little winged eggs with halos (!) will circle you for a specific period of time, or until you've been hit with a substantially strong attack. I say this because your opponent can actually dizzy you, combo you again, and leave you still dizzy for a third combo! To avoid this, get away from your opponent if

you sense you are close to being dizzied. After a while, you'll hopefully be back to normal.

## 2. What Your Opponent Did Right

Likewise, your opponent, in trying to dizzy you, will try to get as close as possible to you every time they knock you down in an effort to combo you again quickly. They'll also stop comboing you in order to avoid knocking some sense into you and to take full advantage of the situation.

## 3. How To Take Advantage

Basically, a dizzied opponent is ripe for the picking.

Combo them, Destroy them, taunt them (or the human controlling them) -- you name it, you can do it.

### K. INSTANT KILL

The Instant Kill is greatly reduced in potency for this installment of Guilty Gear. No longer do you have to have lightning-quick reflexes in order to avoid being hit by them. Likewise, being hit by one is not the end of the world -- just the end of the round. It is definitely more of a desperation move than before. But you should still respect its power.

#### 1. What Is It?

Every character except Dizzy has an Instant Kill, or Destroy move. These moves, if they connect, will instantly kill any opponent (hence the creative name), regardless of how much energy they have remaining. Unlike in GG, however, a successful one spells the end of an opponent for the round -- not necessarily the match.

#### 2. How To Go About Doing It

One of the reasons that the Instant Kill loses some of its luster is that there is more setup involved than before. Before even attempting to pull off a Destroy move, you have to enter Special Attack Mode by pressing all four attack buttons at any time during the fight. The screen will darken, and your character will be surrounded by fiery pillars of flame. The Tension Gauge will turn into an Attack Timer, which will indicate the amount of time you have to perform the move. The amount of time given is generally proportional to the amount of Tension Gauge remaining.

If there is little or no Tension Gauge available, you are still given a small amount of Attack Timer to play with. Be careful, however. Fail to perform the move, and your Life Gauge will start to drain -- quickly.

#### 3. Why You Should Do It

There are two important reasons you should attempt a Destroy move. One is obviously to give you a chance to win the round. If you're falling behind, you can still win if you're lucky. The other is to give yourself a mental edge over your opponent. Sol and Potemkin can slow up opponents who like to jump in frequently with their Instant Kills, and May and Baiken will limit an opponent's whiffed aerial moves with theirs. Just knowing that a mistake can cost them the round will be enough to change the way your opponent plays -- which is an advantage to you.

### L. GUARD GAUGE

The third -- and seemingly least important gauge -- you'll notice is the Guard Gauge. Located just below

your Life Gauge, it is a small bar that starts out half full, decreases as you are hit and increases as you block. There seems to be no guard crush in this game, so at first this particular Gauge seems to serve no real purpose. However, this is far from the case.

#### 1. What It Is

The Guard Gauge is essentially another method GGX has cooked up to punish turtles. It is a measurement of how much a player has been blocking (and shielding?) during the last few seconds of a round.

#### 2. What It Does

As the fight progresses, the Guard Gauge will increase and decrease in length. The more potential damage you block, the more the Guard Gauge fills up (this is important to remember against Venom). Block enough potential damage, and the Guard Gauge will start to flash. Be VERY careful at this point. Your overall defense falls into the toilet at this point. Getting hit hurts -- A LOT. Get nailed by a super, and watch your Life Gauge go bye-bye-bye-bye-bye! Not only that, but with a flashing Guard Gauge, all hits become Counter Hits, stunning you longer and making it even easier for your opponent to beat you down with otherwise impossible combos.

#### 3. Why You Need To Care

You should be watching both Guard Gauges whenever possible. If yours is flashing, get away from your opponent until it starts to decrease again. Otherwise, your opponent may inflict the damage of two supers for the Tension Gauge price of one. Likewise, if your opponent's is flashing, keep up the pressure, and the same may happen to them.

### III. CHARACTER MOVELIST

Now, it is time for the actual movelist. Move names that appear in square brackets ([]) are ones that I've made up, or were translated for me by Jermaine Augustus (thank you!), who proved to be a real help. The rest are pulled from the cabinet or the in-game move list.

Optional parts of moves are in curly brackets ({}).

A slash (/) between buttons/move names indicates that either is an option.

Moves that have conditions will have them indicated (<like this>).

Super moves are indicated with a single asterix (\*), while Destroy/Instant Kills get two (\*\*).

#### A. CHARACTER .001 ANJI-MITO [WEAPON: PAIR OF FANS/PARASOL]

Fuujin:

QCF + (S)/(HS), {(P)/(K)/(S)}

Anji-Mito quickly slides forward and swings his fan. The (HS) version knocks an opponent off the wall. You can optionally press an attack button after to perform a second attack. Pressing (P) results in Anji throwing six closed fans in a spread formation, (K) results in a Static Field and (S) causes Anji to try to trip the opponent with a closed fan (this is a sweep).

Shitsu:

QCF + (P)

Anji waves his fan to produce a small energy butterfly, which slowly flits toward an opponent. If it is blocked, it will bounce up and become larger and more powerful. This form is an overhead.

On:

DP + (HS)

Anji will jump up diagonally in an attempt to catch the opponent. If he does, he shocks the opponent with electrifying energy while covering them with an enlarged fan.

Kai:

QCB + (P)/(K)

Anji will jump forward, then stomps straight down. The (P) version has a low trajectory (and is more powerful), while the (K) version has a much higher trajectory.

[Static Field]:

QCB + (P) <air only>

Anji bends over (!) to form a large sphere of energy. This hits up to six times.

[Fan Interrupt]:

(P) after "auto-parry"

If Anji-Mito pauses because an opponent makes contact with him while he is attacking, pressing (P) causes Anji to perform a jumping uppercut on opponent while twirling his fans. This hits up to eight times

[Giant Spinning Fan]\*:

HBF + (HS)

Anji-Mito leans back, and steps forward to spin two giant fans. If it touches the opponent (this can hit up to eleven times), fans will fold up (this also counts as a hit). This move hits up to twelve times.

[Enter the Dragon]\*\*:

QCF, QCF + (HS)

Anji transforms into a giant ball of energy and flies offscreen. He returns riding a huge energy dragon.

B. CHARACTER .002 AXL LOW [WEAPON: DOUBLE SCYTHE CHAIN]

Benten Gari:

DP + (S)/(HS)

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Axl Low lashes out in both directions with his chain.  
The (HS) version follows this up with the Axl Bomber.

Rensi Geki:

CBF + (S), {U/UF/D/DF}

Axl whips his chains along the ground. You can swing the chains above Axl (press U/UF) or in a circle in front of you (press D/DF). This move hits up to five times.

Rasho Sen:

CBF + (HS)

Axl throws out an unblockable energy ring (1/2 screen range) which, if it hits, suspends the victim in mid air. Axl then attaches a chain to the victim and uses it to torch them.

Tenho Seki:

QCB + (P)

Axl stretches his chains in front of him. If the opponent launches a mid-level or high attack (even one hitting behind the chains), Axl will counter the attack, stopping the opponent in place and tossing them away. Axl will shout, "YES!" if successful.

Axl Bomber:

DP + (S) <air only>

Axl flies up diagonally, surrounded by flames. This hits up to <?> times.

[|Raiesu Geki]

HCB + (S)/(HS)

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For the (S) version, Axl jumps forward diagonally, attempting to slash down at an opponent. The (HS) version has Axl jump off the screen entirely, then falling back down to the ground hard. He can be steered back and forth during the move.

[Hyakue Rensho]\*:

QCF, HCB + (HS)

Axl whips his chain around him in a circle, surrounding it in flames. He then whips it forward. This hits up to four times.

[Chain Web]\*\*:

QCF, QCF + (HS)

Axl throws a web of chains on the ground. <is this a sweep?> If the opponent gets hit by it, they are repeatedly strung up and slashed by chains, then torched to death. This hits up to twenty-four times.

C. CHARACTER .003 BAIKEN [WEAPON: KATANA]

Tatami Gaeshi:

QCF + (K) <ground/air>

Baiken steps forward and creates a green floor mat. This initially stands erect and falls to the ground, no matter where it was created (ground or air).

Senkyoko:

QCB + (P) <in blockstun>

Baiken twirls her sword in front of her as a counter move. This is the most effective counter for aerial attacks. This move hits up to six times.

Mawarikomi:

QCB + (K) <in blockstun>

Baiken stops the opponent as a counter and runs behind them. She recovers fast enough to attack before her opponent.

[Third Counter]

QCB + (S) <in blockstun>

Baiken slashes out horizontally with her sword as a counter. This is the most effective counter for mid-level attacks.

Syakuso:

HCB + (K)

Baiken runs forward with her sheathed sword, canceling all hits for a short time.

Yozanken:

DP + (S) <air only>

Baiken spins in mid-air with her sword outstretched.

Tsurane Sanzu Watashi\*:

QCF, QCF + (S)

Baiken runs forward and slashes with her sword three times. Symbols appear and enlarge for each slash. This move hits up to three times.

[Counter Super # 1]:

HBF + (P) <in blockstun>

Baiken freezes the opponent in place as a counter, and two Japanese symbols flash, and shrink onscreen. If she hits the opponent, they cannot jump. This lasts for eight timer seconds.

[Counter Super # 2]

HBF + (K) <in blockstun>

Baiken freezes the opponent in place as a counter, and two Japanese symbols flash, and shrink onscreen. If she hits the opponent, they cannot perform special or super moves. This lasts for eight timer seconds.

[Counter Super # 3]

HBF + (S) <in blockstun>

Baiken freezes the opponent in place as a counter, and two Japanese symbols flash, and shrink onscreen. If she hits the opponent, Baiken's defense rises and she takes less damage when attacked by her opponent. This lasts for eight timer seconds.

[Counter Super # 4]

HBF + (HS) <in blockstun>

Baiken freezes the opponent in place as a counter, and two Japanese symbols flash, and shrink onscreen. If she hits the opponent, Baiken's offense rises and she deals more damage when attacking her opponent. This lasts for eight timer seconds.

[Assassin Trap]\*\*:

QCF, QCF + (HS)

Baiken runs the length of the screen (or until she is hit or this move is blocked). If she hits the opponent, the scene switches to a rice paper house, where she apparently has mortally wounded them. A switch (?) in the corner falls, signaling the opponent's demise.

D. CHARACTER .004 CHIPP ZANUFF [WEAPON: WRIST BLADE]

Alpha Blade:

QCF + (P) <ground/air>

Chipp crouches, then zips forward invisibly along a straight path. He can be hit at any time during this move - even while blurred or invisible.

Beta Blade:

DP + (S) <ground/air>

Chipp performs a jumping uppercut with his wrist blade.

Gamma Blade:

HCF + (HS)

Chipp sends out an energy double of himself along the ground.

Tsuyoshi-shiki Ten'i:

DD + (P)/(K)/(S)/(HS)

Using this move, Chipp can teleport to a new location.

The (P) version sends him forward, while the (K) version sends him backward. The (S) version sends him to the other side of the opponent, while the (HS) version sends him up and slightly forward. The (S)/(HS) locations will be relative to the opponent when the move is performed. This move does no damage.

[|Tsuyoshi-shiki Mesai]:

QCB + (K)

Chipp starts to fade in and out of visibility for nine timer seconds, or until he is hit.

Genro Zan:

HCF + (K) <QCF +

Chipp performs a small flip kick forward. This is an overhead.

Ressyo, {Rokusai, {Senshu}}:

QCF + (S), {QCF + (S), {QCF + (K)}}

Chipp slides forward quickly with a small energy ball. Perform the motion again while the , and he'll slide

forward with a slash. After that, you can perform the Senshu, a move identical to the Genro Zan.

[Vanishing Breaker]:

HCB + (K) <when close>

Chipp jumps in the air and disappears, reappearing above and forward a short distance. If positioned correctly, Chipp will wrench the opponent's neck. This move is unblockable.

[Vertical Drill]:

D + K <air only>

Chipp stops on a dime in mid-air and drops to the ground rapidly spinning and attacking with his feet. This move hits up to three times.

Banki Messai\*:

QCF, QCF + (K)

Chipp runs forward in a blur. After making contact with an opponent, he rapidly attacks them, ending the attack series with three successively larger uppercut moves. This move hits up to twenty times.

[|Zan Sei Rouga]\*:

HBF + (HS)

Chipp homes in on the opponent, slashing back and forth across the screen. He ends this attack series with a downward stab. This move hits up to six times.

[|Delta End]\*\*:

QCF, QCF + (HS)

Chipp turns into five giant fireballs, which form a pentagonal field. If the opponent touches any part, they are drawn into the center of the field. The fireballs connect to form a pentagram, upon which a Japanese symbol appears. The opponent is torched to death.

E. CHARACTER .005 \*DIZZY\*[WEAPON: DEMON/ANGEL WINGS]

Unknown 1:

QCF + (S)

Dizzy's "demon" wing takes aim with a bow and fires a spinning arrow forward. After traveling a short distance, it arcs upward. This move hits up to three times.

Unknown 2:

QCF + (HS)

Dizzy's "angel" wing creates a stalagmite a set distance in front of her.

Unknown 3:

RDP + (S)

The "angel" wing, despite Dizzy's protests, sends a sphere skyward. The sphere then tracks the opponent, turns into an electrified spike and shoots to that location.

Unknown 4:

QCB + (P)/(K)/(S)/(HS)

Dizzy creates a stone "fish" that "swims" around the screen. The button used determines the nature of the fish. The (P) version will track the opponent three times, traveling a short distance in that direction and will attack by biting (if the fish touches the opponent, it will automatically stop and attack). The (K) version is the same, except the fish travels faster and farther. The (S) version hovers around Dizzy, attacking if the opponent is close (this version vanishes after attacking twice or after twenty timer seconds). The (HS) version will track the opponent, travel a short distance, and fire a beam.

Unknown Super 1\*:

HBF + (S)

Dizzy raises hell for this super, or so it seems. She creates a wall of flames that travels the length of the screen. This super can hit up to eight times.

Unknown Super 2\*:

[DF], HCF, [B], [F] + (HS)

A complicated controller motion accompanies Dizzy's next super. This one sees her create a circular portal in front of her. If the opponent is standing/crouching over it, they are transported into a coffin. Dizzy's "demon" wing then takes over, replacing Dizzy as he fires six flaming arrows over various arcing paths into the coffin. The portal is unblockable. This move hits up to seven times.

Unknown Super 3:

[F], [B], [F], HCF + (HS) <requires full Tension Gauge>

The most powerful super in the game, this has Dizzy shoot two thin laser at different heights, followed by Dizzy's "demon" wing firing a HUGE laser across the length of the screen. If either of the first two lasers hit, the third will as well. This move will do significant block damage even if shielded. This move hits up to thirty-six times

NOTE: Dizzy CANNOT Roman Cancel. She also has NO Destroy/Instant Kill move. Not that she needs either.

F. CHARACTER .006 FAUST [WEAPON: SCALPEL]

Rerere No Tsuki:

HCF + (K), {B, {QCF + (P), {QCF + (P), {QCF + (P)}}}}

Faust stabs forward the length of the screen with his scalpel. If you hits the opponent, you can successively: pull them back, launch them into the air, jump to chase them, and smack them down to the ground, respectively, by performing the optional moves described above. This move hits up to three times.

Naniga Derukana?

QCF + (P)

Faust throws up one of six random objects, all of which (except for comets) can affect either him or his opponent. Candy bars and doughnuts give life, but must hit the ground before being collected. Hammers deal out damage, but will bounce out of play after being thrown. Mini-Fausts slowly float to the ground and scurry away from Faust, dealing damage the entire time they are onscreen. Bombs don't deal damage until they blow up. Comets are thrown offscreen, then return along a diagonal path away from where Faust originally threw them, hitting up to five times.

Soten Enshin Rambu:

QCF + (S), {FF/BB/(P)/(K)/(HS)}

Faust stabs the ground with his scalpel, balancing on it. From there he can: sway forward, sway backward, sprout a flower from his head (!), stretch his bag forward to attack, or perform the Going My Way attack respectively by entering the commands shown above.

Going My Way:

HCF + (HS) <air only>/ (HS) <after Soten Enshin Rambu>

Faust spins in the air like a spiraled football along a wavy path. This move hits up to four times.

[Out of the Closet]:

QCB + (P)/(K)/(S)

Faust announces he is the first openly gay fighting game character! Just kidding! But now that I mention it, he does dry-hump and lick his opponents -- anyway, Faust teleports to a new location, then attacks. The (P) version sends him forward, where he pops out of the closet, swinging the door wide open and celebrating his newfound sexual liberation! Freed from the constraints society has placed upon him, he -- oh, uh, hmm... he, uh, swings the door open to attack (just kidding again, by the way). The (K) version has Faust drop from overhead while spinning, while the (S) version is similar to the (P) version, sending him backward instead.

[Scalpel Throw]:

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Faust spins his scalpel in front of him. If the opponent touches the scalpel, Faust slashes them up to eight times with it. This move counts as a special throw, as it is unblockable.

Shigekiteki Zetsumeikan\*:

QCF, QCF + (S)

Faust "swims" along the ground, scalpel outstretched. If this move, which is a sweep, hits, the enemy is stunned for a while. One of four treasure chests will open in the background, revealing the victim's fate. Three contain mini grim reapers, which vary in the damage dealt the opponent. The fourth contains an angel, which slightly damages FAUST instead! This move hits up to two times.

[|Na Na Na Nani Go Derukana!]\*: <this name is so DOPE!>

QCF, QCF + (P)

A "super" version of the Naniga Derukana, this move sees Faust toss FIVE random items in the air. You can receive all candy bars, or all comets, or any combination of multiple items, depending on random chance.

[Afro Autopsy]\*\*:

QCF, QCF + (HS)

Faust stabs forward with his scalpel while dancing (if one can call it that). If he hits the opponent, the scene switches to a darkened hospital room, with the opponent strapped face down to a gurney. Faust then tries to blow up the opponent with an explosives plunger. Failing on several occasions (yes, this Destroy move is THAT long), Faust inspects the gurney, only to have it explode in his face. The opponent's hair blows out, Afro-style, as does Faust's (over "Baldhead's" paper bag, no less)!

G. CHARACTER .007 JAM-KURADOBERI [WEAPON: BARE HANDS/SPIKED HEELS]

Ryujin:

QCF + (K) <ground/air>

Jam delivers a flaming dropkick. This move can be enhanced for greater power (see Kick Enhance).

Gekirin:

QCB + (K) <ground/air>

Jam delivers a forward flip kick, which is an overhead. This move can be enhanced for greater power (see Kick Enhance). This move hits up to two times if enhanced.

Kenroukaku:

DP + (K) <ground/air>

Jam jumps up, delivering a series of rising scissor kicks. This move hits up to four times - and up to seven times if enhanced. This move can be enhanced for greater power and extra hits (see Kick Enhance).

[Kick Enhance]:

DD + (K)/(S)/(HS)

After Jam performs this move, an icon appears signifying its completion. The icons increase the power of her special kicks, automatically going into effect the next time the move is performed. The (K) version enhances Jam's Ryujin, while the (S) and (HS) versions enhance the Gekirin and Kenroukaku respectively.

Bakushyuu:

QCF + (S), {(P)/(K)/(S)/(HS)}

Jam rushes forward. She can launch one of four moves by pressing the appropriate attack button. She can

dash behind the opponent with (P), perform a split kick sweep with (K), release a ball of energy with (S) that hits up to three times, or do the same after running behind the opponent with (HS), a move that hits up to four times. Pressing nothing causes Jam to stop after running about a half-screen distance.

[Counter Flip Off]:

QCB + (S)

Jam throws up a forearm to counter a single hit. She recovers immediately upon countering.

[Aerial Kick Slice]:

D + (K) <air only>

Jam drops from the air, delivering a series of scissor kicks. This move hits up to <?> times.

[Today's Special]\*:

HBF + (HS)

Jam releases a giant energy ball that surrounds her. This move hits up to thirteen times.

[Dragon Pirouette]\*:

HBF + (S)

Jam rushes forth, attempting to hit the opponent. If successful, she autocombos the opponent, ending with a rising high kick. If Jam manages to carry the opponent up with her while she does this, a dragon will appear in the background. This move hits up to thirteen times.

[I'm a Star!]\*\*:

QCF, QCF + (HS)

Perhaps the most obnoxious Destroy move (and therefore the coolest), this move has Jam rush forward along the ground. If she hits the opponent, charcoal art of Jam performing various punches and kicks flashes across the screen, accompanied by several Japanese symbols. After eight such art pieces, the scene switches back to Jam finishing off the opponent with a dropkick, killing them instantly.

#### H. CHARACTER .008 JOHNNY [WEAPON: LONGSWORD]

Mist Finer:

QCF + (P)/(K)/(S), {<hold attack for Fighting Pose>}

Johnny rapidly slashes out with his sword. The (P) version sees Johnny slash up high (this version is the most powerful), the (K) version is a mid-range slash, and the (S) version is a low slash. Hold the attack button to go into Johnny's Fighting Pose and delay the completion of the move. You can then move back and forth slowly by walking, and release the Mist finer by releasing the button. The Mist Finer can also be charged up by hitting your opponent with coins (see Glitter is Gold).

Cancel Fighting Pose:

(HS) <during Fighting Pose>



Johnny cancels the Fighting Pose, along with the Mist Finer. You launch no attack, and don't have to recover from one.

Bacchus Sigh:

QCB + (P)

Johnny releases an unblockable, tracking mist. If it engulfs the enemy, they cannot block Johnny's Mist Finer at all. If Johnny is hit while this move is active, the mist vanishes.

Glitter Is Gold:

QCF + (HS)

Johnny tosses a coin forward. If this hits the opponent, the level of Johnny's Mist Finer goes up by one (it starts at Level 1). It maxes out at three, and you have eight coins at the start of each round. The Mist Finer increases in power with each level. A Level 3 Mist Finer hits up to nine times.

Aerial Transport:

DP + (S), {(S)}

Johnny jumps along a high arc. You can press (S) during this move to perform the Divine Blade.

Divine Blade:

QCF + (S) <air only> / (S) <during Aerial Transport>

Johnny shoots a thin column of flame toward the ground. This can be performed during the Aerial Transport as well.

[Fire Finer]\*:

HBF + (HS)

Johnny lashes out up and diagonally (this move has a greater range than it appears to have) with his sword.

If he hits the opponent, Johnny rapidly slashes them.

This stuns them until they are set ablaze a short time later.

[Joker Trick]\*\*:

QCF, QCF + (HS)

For his Destroy move, Johnny throws a card at head level across the length of the screen. If successful, the card turns the opponent into a giant Joker card, which Johnny proceeds to slice in half, killing the opponent instantly.

## I. CHARACTER .009 KY KISKE [WEAPON: BROADSWORD]

Stun Edge:

QCF + (S)/(HS)

Ky generates a crest of energy that travels the length of the screen. The (S) version hits once, while the slower and more powerful (HS) version hits up to three times. Both versions stun the opponent if they hit, longer than most normal moves will.

[Aerial Edge]:

QCF + (S)/(HS) <air only>

This is just an aerial version of the (S) version of Ky's Stun Edge. The (S) version travels at about a 45-degree angle, while the (HS) version travels farther -- at about a 60-degree angle.

Vapor Thrust:

DP + (S)/(HS) <ground/air>

An uppercut, this move has Ky jump up, swinging his sword in a circular motion. This hits throughout the arc of his swinging sword, including slightly behind Ky.

Stun Dipper:

QCF + (K)

Ky quickly slides forward with a sweep kick then slashes low. Both parts of the attack are sweeps.

Crescent Slash:

QCB + (K)

Another uppercut (this one an overhead), Ky performs a front-facing flip kick, sending an energy trail upward from his foot.

Ride the Lightning\*:

HBF + (HS)

Ky's sole super sees him run forward, encased in a massive ball of electrifying energy. This move hits up to five times.

[Holy Deliverance]\*\*:

QCF, QCF + (HS)

Ky thrusts forward with his sword, which is surrounded by energy, and now has about a half screen range. If it hits, the enemy is engulfed in energy and killed. It's kind of pathetic, if you ask me.

J. CHARACTER .010 MAY [WEAPON: GIANT ANCHOR/SEA CREATURES]

Irukasan 1:

CDU + (S) / (HS)

May calls for a dolphin to ride along a high-trajectory path. The (HS) version travels higher.

Irukasan 2:

CBF + (S)/(HS)

May calls for a dolphin to ride along a low-trajectory path. The (HS) version travels farther.

Restive Rolling:

DP + (S), {direction + (S)} <ground/air>

May spins and spins around with her anchor, accompanied by a pyrotechnic display. You can redirect May during this move up to four times with the optional command.

[Dolphin Attack]:

HCF + (P)/(K)/(S)/(HS)

May creates a striped hoop in mid-air, from which a

dolphin pops out. The (P) version lines up above May, while the (K) and (S) versions line up successively farther away. The (HS) version lines up with the opponent. All versions can be delayed/charged by holding down the button. Charging long enough causes multiple dolphins to pop out (up to <?> can be released this way). May is free to move about after creating the hoop -- she doesn't have to wait for the dolphins, and can call them whenever she wants by releasing the button.

Overhead Kiss:

HCB + (K)

A special throw, this move has May grab her opponent and toss them high into the air. The opponent cannot recover before hitting the ground.

[Weigh Anchor]\*:

HCB + (HS)

For this super, May swings her anchor overhead. If it touches the opponent, she keeps whipping the around in a circular motion. This move hits up to nine times.

Great Yamada Attack:

QCF, QCF + (S)

May's other super sees her call a whale to jump across the screen in an attempt to attack the opponent.

[Hilarity Ensues]\*\*:

HCF, HCF + (HS)

As cute as an Instant Kill can be, this move see may look away haughtily, while secretly trying to grab the opponent. If successful, may carries them into the air before letting them go. After hitting the ground, the opponent is trampled by the crew of the Mayship, a baby and an old maid -- who turns around and trips over the opponent, falling on them and destroying them.

K. CHARACTER .011 MILLIA RAGE [WEAPON: HAIR EXTENSIONS]

Lust Shaker:

Press (S) rapidly

Millia-Rage's signature move -- she leans forward while her hair whips out in various forward directions.

Tandem Top:

QCF + (S)/(HS)

Millia spins around, creating a green ring of energy that will cause damage if touched. The (HS) version lasts longer and is more powerful, but has a longer lag time. Millia can move before the ring vanishes.

Bad Moon:

QCF + (P) <air only>

With this move, Millia tumbles out of the air cradled by her hair, which takes on the shape of the man in

the moon.

[Hair Fall]:

QCF + (K) <air only>

A no-damage transport maneuver, this move allows Millia to shoot down to the ground from the air.

Iron Saviour:

QCB + (P)

Millia glides along the ground in a vehicle created with her hair (!) This acts as a sweep.

Zenten:

QCB + (K)

Another no-damage transport move, this one sees Millia tumble forward. She is invulnerable while rolling (but not while getting up), and can roll through an opponent.

[Moon Rising]:

QCB + (HS), {direction + (HS)}

Millia stretches out her arms, concentrating on the formation of a large sphere of energy above her head. This "moon" then floats forward. As the "moon" rises, however, you can redirect its path up to four times (and extend its life) with the optional command. These directions must be entered prior to its movement. Millia is free to move before the "moon" vanishes. It can hit up to four times.

Winger\*:

QCB, HCF + (HS)

For this super, Millia forms her hair into the shape of a bird. She then flies up a short distance before shooting down to the ground at about a 45-degree angle. This move hits up to six times.

[|Emerald Rain]\*:

QCF, QCF + (S)

A "super" version of the Tandem Top, this move has Millia spinning in much the same way. However, she sends the energy rings forward. This move hits up to three times.

[Hair Extension/Rapunzel Portal]\*\*:

QCF, QCF + (HS)

For her Instant Kill, Millia bends over (!), laying her hair out in various directions over the ground. This opens a portal <where?>. If the opponent passes over this without blocking, they are suspended in the air. A while later, two huge braids shoot out from nowhere and cross over the opponent, destroying them. This move hits eighteen times.

L. CHARACTER .012 POTEMKIN [WEAPON: GATLING GAUNTLETS]

Mega Fist I:

QCF + (P)

Potemkin jumps forward a short distance, thrusting both fists downward in front of him.

[Mega Fist II]:

QCB + (P)

Identical to the Mega Fist I, this move see Potemkin jump backward instead of forward.

Slide Head:

QCF + (S)

Potemkin bows his head, then headbutts the ground, flooring a standing or crouching opponent by causing an unblockable earthquake. Damage from this move is lessened the further Potemkin is from his opponent -- the move does no damage at all at long distances, even if it hits.

Hammer Fall:

CBF + (HS)

For this move, Potemkin slides along the ground, slamming his outstretched fists together in front of him. Potemkin has armor during this move, and it takes multiple hits to stop him from completing it.

[|Jumping Torture Rack]:

HBF + (P) <when close>

This move is a special command throw for Potemkin, and is unblockable within range. Potemkin grabs his opponent by the neck and ankles and jumps high up. As he drops to the ground, he slams his opponent down across his shoulders. Potemkin will swing wildly if the opponent is not within throw range.

Heat Knuckle:

DP + (HS)

An "uppercut" throw move, this move has Potemkin reach out and up with his arm. If the opponent is caught within Potemkin's grip, they are choked, shot, shaken and released (Allen calls this the Choke N' Shoot!). This move hits up to four times.

[|Heat Knuckle Extend]:

HCB + (HS) <during Heat Knuckle>

Enter this command while the Heat Knuckle animates, and Potemkin will extend the hold on his opponent (no extra hits), ending the move with an explosion that adds extra damage and sends the opponent flying away.

Potemkin Buster/[|Giganter]\*:

HBF + (HS)

Potemkin creates an energy wall in front of him. If it hits the opponent, they are rendered instantly dizzy for a shortened time. You are free to attack or combo the opponent again.

[|Gigantic Bleed]\*:

HCF, HCF + (P) <during Potemkin Buster>

Perform this maneuver while the Potemkin Buster animates, and Potemkin will charge his fists with

fiery and icy energy. He'll then perform a sliding attack with his fists outstretched. This move can hit up to <?> times

Heavenly Potemkin Buster\*:

QCF, QCF + (S)

A "super" version of the Jumping Torture Rack (not the aforementioned Potemkin Buster), this move sees Potemkin jump across the screen in an attempt to catch the opponent. Should he be successful, Potemkin will jump up, hang out on the ceiling, and stomp down with a variation of the Jumping Torture Rack.

[Potemkin Kiss Off/|Magnum Opera]\*\*:

QCF, QCF + (HS)

One of the more dramatic Instant kills, this move sees Potemkin lean back in a pose. Should the opponent touch Potemkin, his armor will fly off, sending the opponent skyward. Potemkin then kisses his fist (featuring a tattoo of a heart with an arrow through it) before slamming it into the falling opponent, destroying them.

M. CHARACTER .013 SOL-BADGUY [WEAPON: FIREBRAND]

Gun Flame:

QCF + (P)

Sol stabs the ground with his blade, causing several streams of flame to erupt.

Volcanic Viper:

DP + (S)/(HS), {D,B,D + (K)} <ground/air>

Sol performs a flaming, rising uppercut kick. By entering the optional command, you can interrupt this move to get in extra hits. The Volcanic Viper gets a MAJOR enhancement when Installed (see Dragon Install).

This move hits up to two times - five times if you add the extra hits, and up to thirteen if the move is Installed.

Grand Viper:

QCB + (S) <mash buttons for extra hits>

A combination sweep/uppercut, this move has Sol scurry along the ground while on fire, then jump high in the air, also while on fire, performing a rising kick. The beginning of the move is a sweep. This move hits up to five times by itself, and up to ten times if mashed.

Bandit Revolver:

QCF + (K), {<hold (K)>}

This move sees Sol jump forward, performing a spinning kick in the air. Holding the button causes the second kick to be replaced with a fireball released from Sol's foot. This move hits up to two times.

[Air Revolver]:

QCF + (K) <air only>

An aerial version of the Bandit Revolver, this move

cannot replace hits with a fireball. However, it hits more often. This move hits up to four times.

Riot Stomp:

QCB + (K)

For this move, Sol jumps back and off the wall behind him. He then rebounds while performing a flying dropkick. Sol will continue to travel until he falls to the ground.

[|Viper Slam]:

DP + (K) <when close>

Sol grabs his opponent, lifts them up, taunts them, and slams them over his shoulder to the ground. He will reach out into the air if the opponent is not within throw range.

Tyrant Rave\*:

HBF + (HS)

Sol "shoots" a shield of flame out in front of him. An opponent that is hit by the Tyrant Rave will fly off the wall behind them. This move hits up to four times.

[|Dragon Install]\*:

QCB, QCB + (S)

This super enhances Sol's speed (and thus his combo ability) for eight timer seconds. Sol can perform otherwise impossible combos during this time. Additionally, his Volcanic Viper transforms, hitting up to <?> times amidst a tall column of flame. Beware -- at the end of the time, Sol drops to one knee and shakes his head to recover. He is unable to perform moves or block at this time.

[|Napalm]\*\*:

QCF, QCF +(HS)

One of the most boring Instant Kill moves, this one sees Sol jump up and forward amidst many plumes of flame. If the flames hit the opponent, they are destroyed.

#### N. CHARACTER .014 TESTAMENT [WEAPON: SCYTHE]

Unknown 1:

QCF + (P)/(K):

Testament creates a glowing skull in front of him, which slowly floats forward. The skull will vanish if hit or blocked. The (P) travels at waist level, while the (K) version travels slightly above head level. If the skull hits the opponent, they are marked with a seal. Testament's pet raven will then randomly perform unblockable attacks every so often. The bird will shoot feathers, perform a diving attack, or fly above the opponent's head to attack in the form of a woman. The seal stays on the opponent for twenty timer seconds or until Testament gets hit back.

Unknown 2:

HCF + (S)/(HS)

Testament will bow his head as a demon erupts from the ground, sliding along as it tries to attack. The (S) version will appear behind the opponent at a set distance, while the (HS) version appears in front of the opponent.

Unknown 3:

QCB + (S)

Testament taunts the opponent -- as a counter. If he is hit at or above waist level at this time, Testament will sink into the ground, then erupt in the middle of the screen. If the opponent is hit by this counter, they start to flash pink. This lasts for nine (?) timer seconds, or until Testament is hit back. While the opponent is flashing, their Life Gauge will gradually diminish.

Unknown 4:

QCB + (P)

Testament dashes forward, attacking with his scythe in an overhead motion.

Unknown Super 1\*:

HBF + (HS)

For his lone super, Testament creates a portal in the air before him, out of which flies a demon. If the demon hits the opponent, they sustain damage and will gradually lose even more of their Life Gauge. This lasts for nine (?) timer seconds or until Testament is hit back.

Unknown Destroy:

Testament will swing low with his scythe for his Destroy move. If he succeeds in hitting the opponent, a bed appears on the screen, with the opponent lying on it. Testament's raven then transforms into a female specter. She places her hand on the opponent's chest, drawing their life away and killing them instantly. The bed remains on the screen while Testament performs his win pose.

O. CHARACTER .015 VENOM [WEAPON: BILLIARDS EQUIPMENT]

Stinger Aim: UNDER CONSTRUCTION|

CBF + (S)/(HS) {hold button to charge ball}

Venom creates a cue ball and shoots it horizontally. The (HS) version is faster and more powerful. Holding the button down causes the ball to transform into a darkened, jagged sphere that increases damage, hits, and vertical range. This move hits up to six times if fully charged.

Carcass Raid:

CDU + (S)/(HS)

For this move, Venom creates a cue ball and shoots it downward at an angle. The (S) version bounces at about a 45-degree angle and flies offscreen, while the (HS) version oscillates between the floor and ceiling



before flying off.

Ball Formation: UNDER CONSTRUCTION|

QCB + (P)/(K)/(S)/(HS), {QCB + (P)/(K)/(S)/(HS)}

This is the most complex move in the game. Venom creates a cue ball in mid-air, which can be shot at the opponent by striking it with an attack or another cue ball. You can have up to four balls on the screen at once, but you must use different attack buttons for each. Perform the move again with the same button you used to create a ball that is still onscreen, and you will change the formation of the balls, sending each one to a predetermined location. More will follow on the actual formations.

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Double Head Morbid: UNDER CONSTRUCTION|

DP + (S)/(HS)

Venom dashes forward, twirling his cue stick. The (HS) version has a longer range and is more powerful. This move hits up to four times.

Mad Straggle:

QCF + (S)/(HS) <air only>

Venom drops down at a 45-degree angle, attacking with his cue stick. The (HS) version adds a front-facing flip kick to the end of the move. The (S) hits up to four times, while the (HS) version hits up to seven times and pops the opponent up. The last hits of the (HS) version do no damage.

[Corner Pocket]:

DP + (K)

Venom teleports up instantly. This acts as an instant jump, as it places him in a position to perform any aerial maneuver faster than jumping would. This move does no damage.

Dark Angel\*:

QCB, HCF + (S)

For this super, Venom creates a huge pink cue ball, which slowly glides toward the opponent. The 'angel' picks up speed as it travels, and Venom recovers before it ends. This move hits up to <?> times.

[|Red Hail]\*:

QCF, QCF + (HS) <air only>

For his other super, Venom rapidly shoots cue balls like bullets at about a 45-degree angle down and away from himself. The cue balls ricochet off the floor. This move hits up to eight times.

[|Dime Poker]\*\*:

QCF, QCF + (HS)

This Destroy move sees Venom take a swing with his cue stick. If he hits his opponent, he turns them into a billiard ball (with hairstyle intact!), then places

them into the center of a 9-ball setup. He shoots a cue ball into the setup, scattering the eight outer balls, which in turn are engulfed in flames and take turns slamming into the opponent, instantly killing them.

#### P. CHARACTER .016 ZATO-1ONE [WEAPON: EDDY]

Invite Hell:

DD + (S)/(HS)

A spiraling spike appears a set distance in front of Zato-1One. The (HS) version appears farther away from Zato.

Break the Law:

QCB + (K) {hold (K)}

Zato dissolves into the ground. Holding the button allows Zato to stay under for up to <?> timer seconds.

Pressing [B] and [F] allow Zato to move while underground.

Summon Eddy:

QCF + (P)/(K)/(S)/(HS), <repeat motion to cancel>

Zato calls for the assistance of The Shadow Currently Known As Eddy, or Eddy for short. Eddy's appearance and attack depend on the button used. The (P) button calls forth the "normal" version of Eddy, which slides along the ground and attacks by biting. The (K) button transforms Eddy into a buzzsaw, which rolls along the ground. Using the (S) button causes Eddy to attack with an uppercut move, while (HS) turns Eddy into a landmine, which will explode into a giant, spiraling drill after being hit or after <?> timer seconds. While the (HS) version of Eddy is a permanent transformation, you can transform Eddy into his other forms by pressing the appropriate attack button (see Demonic Transformation). You can also repeat attacks by pressing the attack buttons. A timer will appear below Zato's name, indicating how much time Eddy has left before he vanishes. The meter will empty after <?> timer seconds if Eddy performs no other attack. It will empty faster if Eddy performs additional attacks, performs a (HS) attack, cancels the attack altogether, or is attacked himself (Eddy can't block or take damage). Should the timer empty out, it must refill before Eddy can be called again.

[Demonic Transformation]:

(P)/(K)/(S)/(HS) <after Summon Eddy>

After he summons Eddy, Zato can transform him into his other forms using the appropriate attack button.

A transformation using (HS) is permanent -- you cannot change Eddy into anything else until the mine explodes and the meter refills.

[Raise Hell]:

QCB + (S)

For this move, Zato raises a shield of shadow from the ground. This is mainly a combo ender, but can be used

to reflect certain projectiles if timed properly.

[Circle of Hell]:

DP + (S)

A special throw, for this unblockable move Zato grabs his opponent and encases them in a huge shadow bubble.

He then emerges from it to pop it. If the opponent is not within range, Zato will swing out at the air.

Drunker Shade:

QCB + (K)

For this move, Zato raises a shadow "shield" in front of him. This hits opponents as well as deflects

certain projectiles if timed properly.

[Demonic Eruption/|Mega Lizard]\*:

HBF + (S) <after Summon Eddy>

While Eddy is summoned, Zato causes him to erupt like a volcano, attacking up and forward.

Executor\*:

QCF, QCF + (S) <air only>

Zato transforms into a giant sword, which tracks the opponent a short distance (?), before turning and flying along a horizontal path. This move can hit up to <?> times.

Amorphous\*:

HBF + (HS)

Zato calls out a giant version of Eddy who attacks in much the same way as he does during the Demon Eruption. This version gets more ground coverage, but is static in its movement, unlike the Eruption, which can be delayed and moved around by moving Eddy.

[|Blackened Mind]\*\*:

QCF, QCF + (HS)

For his Instant Kill, Zato raises his hand, causing a short, faint beam to shoot from the ground. If the beam hits the opponent, they are transformed to an ethereal image of a female face. This proceeds to rot into a skull, destroying the opponent.

#### IV. TACTICAL PLAY

Now that we've covered the basics, let's move on to more advanced play. In order to be successful at anything, you have to have a plan -- or luck. Having an idea of what you're going to do before starting out can be the difference between winning and waiting.

##### A. UNIVERSAL STRATEGY

These are some general strategies that can help out the more experienced players out there. If you have anything major that I haven't (yet) covered, let me know.

###### 1. Learn What You Can Do

Never, ever overestimate what you or your character is capable of doing. Likewise, never underestimate what

your opponent can do. While practicing your combos is important, I firmly believe it is just as important to practice being aware.

## 2. Learn What You Can't Do

Know your limitations. If you're having trouble finishing off a combo with a special move or a super, go for a sweep instead. It may prevent you from getting the maximum damage on your combo, but it will prevent your opponent from taking advantage of a mistake on your part.

## 3. Fix Up a Mix Up (Launchers / Sweeps)

Confusion is a great weapon to use against an opponent. We've all witnessed it, inflicted it, or been the victim of it. How many times have you seen a player's game come completely undone in mid-fight? A couple of big combos, a dizzy, a super, and suddenly the tide of a match has completely changed. As such, you should strive to keep your opponent guessing as much as possible. For instance, stay within sweep distance (this is different for everyone) of a downed opponent. As they get up, go for a sweep. You'll often nail them again, as most players will expect you to go for a launcher and block high. If this hits, do it again. Keep repeating this, and randomly mix in a launcher as well. You'll find that you will connect with dust attacks more often this way. Likewise, if you tend to get hit out of aerial attacks, try jumping in and shielding. You'll stay safe, and be in perfect position to nail a whiffed anti-air special move (This is great against Sol). Having more than one trick up your sleeve helps them all to work better.

## 4. How to Win The Air War

With air dashing, air retreating, jumping, double jumping, and super jumping, much of the fight in GGX takes place off the ground. As a result, it is imperative that you know what to do against an airborne opponent, as well as how to handle jumping at an opponent yourself. Find that you seem to have trouble hitting opponents as you air dash at them? Try attacking a split second sooner, or dashing higher up in the jump. You'll stand a greater chance of hitting the opponent, and possibly connecting with a short air combo. Also take advantage of the fact that the air dash can be used at ANY point during a normal jump. Try dashing just off the ground at a standing opponent. You can often get an attack out before they do, then land and continue to attack. At the very least, you can pressure them into backing up, shielding (thus consuming their Tension Gauge), or blocking (driving up their Guard Meter). The above tactic also helps control the ground game. This is especially important against the likes of Anji-Mito, Potemkin, or other characters with good anti-air attacks. Keep the pressure up on an opponent on the ground, force them into the air, then knock them back down to the ground. Rinse. Repeat.

## 5. When To Attack

Of course, you'll ideally wish to use your opponents as target practice, but how many will be happy to just roll over and die for you? You need to pick and

choose your spots. Keep an eye on the Guard Gauges. When your opponent's is flashing, attack, AtTaCk, ATTACK!!! You will be so glad you did. At this point, hits often turn into Counter Hits, doing more damage and/or stunning your opponent longer. You'll find that comboing the opponent is easier, and your combos can do MUCH more damage than before. Good players will pick up on when to best use their attacks. Also keep in mind what is going on with your Guard Gauge, and the opponent's Tension Gauge. If the time isn't right to attack, you might want to rethink that strategy. Don't open yourself up to a high-damage combo in an effort to perform one of your own.

#### 6. When To Retreat

Likewise, know when to just cut and run. It is not cowardly to take a step or two (or ten) back, and gather your wits about you before continuing the fight. If you are low on life or about to be dizzied, get out of your opponent's way.

#### 7. When To Shield

Sometimes, however, you just can't get away from the opponent. Venom's attacking, trying to be the king of all block damage with his Dark Angel super, and you have a full Tension Gauge. You mistimed your jump and are forced to block the whole thing -- twice. Fortunately, your shield saved you. Unfortunately, you have no more Tension Gauge energy. Such are the decisions you'll have to make on the fly in the heat of battle. Do you deplete your Tension Gauge? Do you take the block damage? Generally, it will depend on how you most often use the Tension Gauge. If you use supers as a primary form of offense, minimize shielding to air blocking, faking aerial attacks, or when you're low on life. Defensive-minded players will shield more liberally, to essentially eliminate block damage. Keep this in mind, however: you are using your Tension Gauge. Shield too much and you'll likely hurt your chances of landing a super, countering an attack, or canceling a move.

#### 8. Utilize Your Tension Gauge

Shielding is just one form of utilizing your Tension Gauge. You need to be fully aware of your Tension Gauge, as well as that of your opponent, at ALL times.

Know when it is "safe" to whiff attacks, and when it would be prudent to Roman Cancel out of them. Know just how many hits you will need to gain enough Tension to perform a super, and link them into your combo. Know when to cancel an aerial move to extend your combos. Be careful when shielding - use just enough of your Tension Gauge to get by if you can get away with it. In general, just be knowledgeable of what the best use of your Tension Gauge is at any given moment, as that can and will throughout the match. NEVER end a round with a full Tension Gauge.

#### 9. Dizzy + Instant Kill Combo

This one is simple but deadly. When you dizzy an opponent, you have an unchallenged opportunity to have your way with them. You can use this opportunity to end the round if you're quick enough. Just activate

the Special Attack Mode ((P) + (K) + (S) + (HS)), and perform your Destroy move IMMEDIATELY after your opponent becomes dizzy. Do NOT continue attacking, even if you're performing an air combo, or if the attacks wouldn't un-dizzy your opponent. Just stop what you're doing and DESTROY them! Practice performing this move so you can understand how much time and space you'll need to pull this off.

#### B. LEARN EVERYONE!

Knowledge is power. Therefore, even if you have no intention on ever using certain characters, you should at least pick them up to test drive them. It can only help you beat them down better.

##### 1. Learn Strengths / Weaknesses

You know that move you always seem to fall for? By learning how the move works, what is required of that character in order to perform the move, what scenarios it works best in, etc., you can better prepare yourself for facing off against that opponent. This applies to your own characters as well. Also learn what can stop that opponent in their tracks and work it for all it's worth.

##### 2. Learn Start-Up / Lag Time

While Sol's Grand Viper is a royal pain to deal with, it can be avoided the vast majority of the time, as it doesn't truly combo, unless you Counter Hit your opponent first. The reason is that the move has significant start-up. It often hits because it is a sweep (although it carries you into the air), and must be blocked low. Keep this in mind. Many players will get away with using certain moves because their opponents are afraid to attack them while/after they perform those moves. May's Great Yamada Attack has a big lag to it, allowing a blocking opponent to run up and combo her from a long distance. Use this information to your advantage, and take the opportunity to punish your opponents for their mistakes in judgment.

##### 3. Learn Comboability of Moves

You notice how the CPU Dizzy almost always is going after the same combos? That's because of her programming, but it is also because the combos work. Play around with your character's moves to see which moves link together. That way, you'll know which moves will work for you, and which moves you really don't want to get hit with.

##### 4. Observe Patterns / Tendencies

Let's face it. Not all moves are created equal. Therefore, you should stick with the ones that seem the most effective, right? WRONG! You should always experiment with all of a character's moves, even if they seem ineffective, if for no other reason than to throw your opponent off track. Never be predictable. Likewise, study the tendencies of your opponents and what they are most likely or most capable of doing.

##### 5. Etc.

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### C. TESTAMENT / DIZZY TACTICS

While Testament is by and large a joke of a boss, he can rack up a ton of damage in a hurry if you are not careful. As for Dizzy... well, she has a nice little laser thing going there, doesn't she?

#### 1. Target Testament Taunting

Testament has two types of special move "taunts," which leave him wide open to attack when he performs them. Use these opportunities to nail him to the wall. One is part of his Unknown 2 move, which causes him to bow his head while a demon attacks from the ground. This is when the bulk of your attacks should take place. Since he tends to call them more often the farther away you are from him, stay about a third of a screen away, and jump at him. If he's calling the dogs out, attack. The other is a counter move of sorts. While Testament taunts with his arms spread out, you are unable to attack him above his waist. If you do, he vanishes, reappearing in the middle of the screen in an eruption of lava. If this hits, you will lose life until nine timer seconds elapse or you hit Testament back. Recognize which taunt is which, and know when to attack. Note that Testament IS vulnerable to low attacks during his counter.

#### 2. Play the Waiting Game

You do not have to kill the opponent in order to win a round. You can win rounds by time-out as well. Just keep plugging away at both bosses when you have a good opportunity, and don't rush in half-cocked (you should always be fully cocked). This is a slower process, but one that might prevent you from attacking your cat with a phone.

#### 3. Stay In Close (Or Stay Off of the Ground)

Testament, more often than Dizzy, tends to totally change strategy when you back away from him. He calls forth his demons MUCH more frequently. Therefore, keep in close enough so you can concentrate on fighting Testament instead of dodging demon dogs.

#### 4. Problem Solving

Keep your wits about you at all times. If you find that what you're doing doesn't seem to work at all, do something completely different. You might find an attack or combo that will keep you out of harm's way. If you find that whiffing even one move in a combo will result in you being turned into demon dog food, or target practice for Dizzy's "Demon Archer," go for knockdowns instead of finishing your combo normally. This allows you to control the ground game, as well as work the clock. Just keep thinking about what you can do differently as well as what you can do better.

#### 5. Stay Away From Dizzy

Keeping a healthy distance away from Dizzy is a good way to stay, well, healthy. If you have effective long range attacks (like Venom's Stinger Aim), USE THEM. If not (poor Jam!) you'll have to find creative ways to hit and run. Don't try to fight Dizzy

straight up -- most of the time, it's counterproductive. You'll get a couple of combos in, and then she'll nail you with her fire wall or Evil Archer supers. Think of short, powerful combos that will get you in and out quickly, rather than long, impressive ones that can leave you open to attack if whiffed.

#### 6. Stay Off the Ground If Near (Or Far)

Always keep jumping against Dizzy. You'll avoid the inevitable Evil Archer, and be able to attack Dizzy's head more easily. This also throws her aim off, so her other special attacks hit less often.

#### 7. Find a Pattern

If you can find even a single attack that seems to work against the CPU bosses, work it for all it's worth. Repeat the scenario in which the attack hits most often (OTG, as Dizzy gets up, after Testament taunts, as Dizzy walks/runs/jumps at you, etc.), and keep up the pattern. The CPU isn't very bright, and will often keep running into the same attack several times before making adjustments.

#### 8. Learn Their Combos! Stay Safe!

Testament and Dizzy have combos and traps that are very strong (pumped up for the CPU), but also predictable. Dizzy often goes for certain combos. Testament also has a limited, but effective arsenal. Stay out of situations in which you will be hit by these combos. Try launching an attack sooner, or not at all. Just know what the bosses will throw your way, and you'll save yourself (and your cat!) a lot of lives.

### D. HIGH SCORES (HOW TO GET SOME)

There seems to be a difference in the way the DC and arcade versions of GGX keep score (DC allows for continues but resets the score at 0, while the arcade adds one point to the score to designate the continue). This section will give hints as to how to maximize those high scores and keep your name all over the high scorers list.

#### 1. To Whom Does The Score Belong?

The high score on the arcade version goes to the person that <?>. For the Dreamcast version, the score automatically goes to the person who finished the game, as scores do NOT carry over on continues.

#### 2. Keep Your Energy Up and Your Times Down

Obviously, the faster you finish your opponents off, and the less energy you lose, the larger your round bonuses will be. Perfects net huge bonuses (80,000 points each).

#### 3. Lose Rounds

To my knowledge, there is no "complete" bonus for winning a match in two rounds, ala the Street Fighter series. So go ahead and throw a round if you know you can win. The points keep piling up.

#### 4. Play Humans

Not only are you not penalized for losing rounds, but you can score points by playing humans as well! The CPU opponents seem to provide significantly more point scoring opportunities than human opponents, but a long



win streak adds up fast.

#### 5. Continue

And who said that you actually have to win? Just keep dropping those tokens in the machine and keep the party going.

#### 6. Exercise Inefficiency

While the above strategies work after a round or match has ended, how do you score big during a match? Do the least powerful, biggest point scoring moves you can. After he hits an opponent with his Spinning Fan super, Anji-Mito can often catch the falling victim with his On. This will provide 8,600 points, while doing negligible damage, as the super will have reduced the Guard gauge to next to nothing. This also works when comboing a special/super into a second -- the second move will do less damage than it would have on its own, but will give you the same number of points. Find the moves that work the best for you.

#### 7. After the Clash! Is Over...

To the victors go the spoils -- and the free hits. After you've finished an opponent off, you can sneak in an extra normal move (or more), and a special or even a super, provided that the move that killed your opponent finished them on its last hit (block damage doesn't count). By tacking on extra supers at the ends of rounds, you can add hundreds or thousands of points to your score in the end. This actually has a beneficial effect in other game modes as well, such as Survival.

### E. THE MIND GAME

Much of the fight in GGX is mental. Make your opponent believe (not just think) that you WILL (not just might) win, and victory is already yours for the taking.

#### 1. The Intimidation Factor

Remember that although there are no actual punches being thrown (although sometimes I wish...), when you walk up to a machine to play an opponent, you are engaging in a fight. Act like it. Do things that will throw your opponent off BEFORE the match. Pick your character in a slow, deliberative manner, acting as if you are REALLY thinking of the best character to beat them down with. Look stone-faced the entire time, smirking only after the opponent whines about losing. Or, my favorite, and possibly the cruelest way to win short of a random select victory: flipping a coin to "help" you decide which character to win with. Of course if you're playing "just for fun," this point is moot. Loser.

#### 2. The Poker Face

Never let them see you sweat. Or lose. Don't react to, or rely upon, what your opponent does. Focus on yourself and what YOU need to do to win. Don't wait for your opponent to give you the victory -- take it from them.

#### 3. And If That Doesn't Work...

Just open up a economy-size can of WUP-@\$\$! Make them pay a steep emotional price for facing you!

V. Extra, Extra!

BUT WAIT!!! There's more...

A. ARCADE / DREAMCAST DIFFERENTIATION

Of course, as with most arcade-to-console conversions, there are differences, both positive and negative. Graphically, consoles are closing the gap on their stand-up brethren, but are still somewhat behind. In compensation for lost graphical quality, however, they usually offer extra modes as well as the ability to play in the comfort of your own nudity.

1. Dreamcast Modes

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2. Graphic Quality

Surprisingly, there is very little difference here, outside of the change in sprite size, and even that is not a problem if your screen/monitor is big screen (jerk!). Arcade rats, like myself, will notice a small dropoff in the graphics at first, but that still places it above that of any other 2D fighter I can think of.

3. Glitches / Bugs / Etc.

I've heard of it myself, and now I've seen it with my own eyes -- the Game Shark depixelization.

Apparently, this only happens with certain copies of the DC import version of the GGX (mail me if you've seen it happen in an arcade -- I'll gladly credit you). As you attack your opponent, sometimes they'll turn blocky -- very blocky -- LEGO type blocky. This bears no apparent ill effect on the gameplay, but still serves as a distraction. I've only seen it happen on Faust and Potemkin -- the two target characters, but if you seen anyone else receive the LEGO treatment, let me know. Another glitch I saw in the arcades before the import release of GGX (but works there as well) involves Faust. Should he toss up a comet with his Derukana special or super moves, then become trapped in Dizzy's coffin super, the comets will knock Dizzy out of the super animation -- and leave Faust trapped inside the coffin! This acts as an Instant Kill of sorts, as Faust is unable to move or block unless Dizzy performs the super again. She can knock Faust around at her leisure for the remainder of the round, hitting the coffin anywhere she wants. I've heard rumors of other glitches, but can't confirm them. Let me know if you know of any others (fusion1995@yahoo.com).

B. PLAYER RANKING

If the game sits idle for a few moments (and why would that happen?), the demo and records screens will appear. These provide a look at the game in action as well as the all time high scores and versus rankings.

If you have a favorite character, you'll definitely pay close attention to how they're doing versus everyone else, and do your best to help their cause. After all, who wouldn't want to be number 1?

#### 1. What It Is

The versus rankings are a numerical indicator of how well a particular character is doing in versus match play. There are one-on-one stats that indicate how well each character is doing against every other character. These are added to give an overall ranking.

#### 2. Where To Find It

The versus ranking grid can be accessed through the Ranking menu on your Dreamcast, or will eventually scroll by on either the arcade or DC versions of GGX if the game sits idle.

#### 3. How To Read It

Find your character's name on the left side, and the numbers that line up with it. Find a particular opponent's name at the top of the screen, and the numbers that line up below it. The number at the intersection of the two lines is the overall indicator for versus matches involving those characters. For example, if you read across from Anji-Mito and see a 6 under Jam, that means that he's winning a majority of the matches against her. I don't have a precise calculation method in place (based on recent/overall percentage?), but I'm working on it.

#### 4. How To Raise It

The more a character wins, the better their versus ranking becomes. Period.

#### 5. Game Impact

At my local arcade, I found that I desperately wanted to protect Anji-Mito's huge lead over the other characters, so I helped other Anji-Mito players get better. Since we never did get the bosses unlocked, the average versus rank was 65. At one point, thanks in large part to several win streaks I had the first week the game was there, his versus rank soared to at least 91, with a lead of 17 (low man was Chipp, who had a 1 versus Anji and as low as a 43 overall total, trailing the pack by 12 at one point). I just had to keep him in the lead (knowing mathematically that as time passed, all ranks would eventually even out) so I actually divulged my secrets to my opponents, hoping they wouldn't continue to tarnish Anji-Mito's legend. This was a very positive thing in my opinion, as it got people talking. Of course, I became enraged as Anji's lead quickly vanished anyway (one particular player just LOVED playing with Anji, and just SUCKED playing with Anji), but it's the friendly, competitive spirit that counts, right? Right?? RIGHT!??

### C. TRANSLATIONS - HELP!

I really would have been lost on the translation front if it hadn't been for Jermaine Augustus (thanks again!). But if anyone else out there would like to help out...

#### 1. Help!

Send any TRUE translations to me for move names,

victory quotes, etc., and I'll credit you (fusion1995@yahoo.com). Let me know what you're translating, however.

2. Please!

I'm not ashamed to beg! Help me! Please?!? With sugar on top!?!

## VI. THE END?

If you read this far, I commend you. I know I can be a bit wordy at times, going on and on and on and on about absolutely nothing of vital importance, engaging in the sort of verbal masturbation that only priests and politicians can dream of, talking your ears, eyes, nose, and lips off, seeming to go on forever with absolutely no chance of relieving my captive audience by stopping...

### A. THANK U

Of course, I couldn't have done this alone. The following people helped out a great deal.

1. Gabriel
2. Eulogio
3. Santana
4. Limonez
5. Allen / Calvin / Sonny / Etc.

### B. REVISION HISTORY (?!?)

These are the revisions so far. There are more to come.

#### 1. VERSION 1.0

This is the very rough "first" version, hurried along for the release of the game.

#### 2. VERSION 1.1

Finished off most of the sections, and added some move descriptions. This is the "official" first version.

#### 3. VERSION NEXT

Who knows?

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