Rayman Arena FAQ/Walkthrough

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All is well in Rayman's world. After beating Mr. Dark and Admiral Razorbeard in his past adventures, he decided to

relax with his buddy, Globox. The red Lums are all happy, the Teensies are doing their normal buisiness, and everything is normal.

Well, almost everything. A strange black Lum, who goes by the name Andre, comes out of nowhere and begins transforming the red Lums into black ones. The black Lum gang apparently calls themselves "Hoodlums" Andre knows that if he can reach the Heart of the World, he can create a Hoodlum army great enough to conquer the world.

While Andre and his Hoodlums make their way to the Fairy Council for a way in, they wake up the sleeping Globox. Spooked, the blue guy tries to wake Rayman up by pulling on his hands. Rayman, being the limbless hero, has limited control over his body parts, and the hands snap right off. Globox decided to run away with Rayman's hands.

This is when Murfy, who's turned somewhat sour after Rayman 2, wakes Rayman up. And so it begins...

RAYMAN: The hero of the game has a strange body structure. His head, torso, and arms are all floating in midair because he strangely enough doesn't have limbs. This doesn't stop him from punching the sense out of his enemies with his amazing flying fists of death (or something like that). He can also make a helicopter out of his hair, something that not everyone can do...

GLOBOX: Rayman's best friend, this strange blue creature is easily spooked. When he even senses the first sign of danger, he simply heads for the hills. Even so, it was Globox who brought the Silver Lum to Rayman back in Rayman 2, so he isn't all useless. He does have a strange reaction to plum juice though...

MURFY: This frog with wings acts as a sidekick to Rayman, giving him advice and showing the player around the controls if you're a beginner. However, he was promised a nice part in a love story after Rayman 2 was finished. Appalled with the thought of simply being the sidekick again, he turned completely sarcastic and sour. Boo.

ANDRE: The head of the Hoodlum clan, Andre plans to suck all the energy from the Heart of the World and create an immense army that could easily conquer the world. He also tends to be a bit claustrophobic at times, and he hates being eaten. The only way to suppress his fits is with plum juice.

RED LUMS: These flying red anomalies are nothing but peaceful creatures. Andre targeted them at times to become Hoodlum soldiers. The red Lums can also restore health to any limbless hero as well.

HOODLUMS: These black Lums are Andre's soldiers and they

come in several forms. Whenever they get punched around beyond the point of toleration, they will simply relinquish their disguise and make a run for it.

THE TEENSIES: These big nosed creatures tend to be quite goofy in their acts. There always seems to be a king Teensie in every small group you can find. While they might seem to be nothing but a nuisance, they can unlock many secrets of the planet, creating vortexes to other locations. They can also hold valuable treasures or powerups as well.

THE KNAARENS: The Knaarens (pronounced Ka-nair-ens) are basically bloodthirsty monsters who live in a sweltering desert on some remote part of the planet. They are invincible to all known attacks. Also, they simply love announcing every single one of their thoughts to the rest of the population. A tad annoying.

THE LEPTYS: These mysterious beings are known as the fathers to the Knaaren people and the bringers of night. They possess incredible powers and are a bit touchy in giving other beings a sample to keep.

OTTO: This particular Teensie is one of the medical specialties of the world. He tends to stand upright, his head always facing up. He also talks a bit like Sigmund Freud did back when he was alive. Who knows how he's been able to dodge neck problems.

ROMEO: Another Teensie doctor of the world, Romeo tends to specialize in spiritual animation. He thinks the sixties still exist, so he'll talk in a hippie sort of voice. He has purple hair and a hairband with a flower on it.

THE OTHER DOCTOR: I haven't been able to catch this Teensie's name, but he's the third doctor. He has the powers of meditation and is specialized in hollow cavities. He has a rather Japanese sort of accent, calling everyone "San". He never leaves home without his trusty needle.

REFLUX: He's the strongest Knaaren in the desert. He will corner and challenge anyone to a match in the arena. So far, his streak remains undefeated, but should he ever lose, his life could end up destroyed.

GUMSI: King of the Knaarens, he seems to be a midget compared to the other Knaaren people with his small height and high toned voice. He holds the scepter that is capable of taking power from the Leptys (with their permission of course). Reflux also his eye on this bringer of power, but he has never gotten himself to steal it.

BEGONIAX: This odd witch always tends to herself. She has never found a true love, but she has hey eyes set on Razoff.

RAZOFF: This skinny guy thinks he's the best hunter in the world. Almost anything that moves is a potential target for him to shoot. He also likes to hold some strange birds

captive in his house. + 3. Controls CONTROL STICK: Move Rayman around Move the Shock Rocket around A BUTTON: Jump While airborne, hold to helicopter Drop certain carried items B BUTTON: Attack Throw carried items X BUTTON: Check your health status Use the Lepty's power (when you get it) Y BUTTON: Look around in first person view R BUTTON: Lock the camera behind Rayman Sidestep Fire lateral shots (when moving left or right) Lock onto enemies L BUTTON: Roll (when combined with the control stick) Z BUTTON: Orders a large pepperoni pizza C-STICK: Move the camera around START BUTTON: Pause/Confirm + 4. Items GOLD GEM: These are the most common items in the game. Collect a gold gem to earn 10 points. RED GEM: The red gems are worth 30 points apiece. They are less common than the golden ones. GREEN GEM: A rarity. These things are worth a mighty 1500 points, so collect them if you can. RED LUM: Walk through a glowing red sphere to recover some of your health. PIGPOTS: These piggy bank things hold gems or Red Lums. Use a powered up fist (hold B for a second and release) to crack them open. CROWN: The Crowns only appear in one world, but you need to collect them all in order to progress. They are worth 10 points apiece.

LASER WASHING DETERGENT: These cans are the main powerup in the game, giving Rayman different abilities. They can be

used an infinite amount of times. While a Laser powerup is in effect, your score doubles when you pick up gems or defeat enemies. Use this to score big! The powerups are described below:

-VORTEX: A green can holds the Vortex powerup. This allows Rayman to fire some sort of tornado from his fist. You can bring tall mushrooms to your level (they have a stem shaped like a screw). If used on an enemy, they will shrink and you can simply walk over them for the kill. The Vortex powerup is also the only way to defeat the Stilt Hoodlum.

-HEAVY METAL FIST: These are found in red cans. The attack power of your fist doubles. You can also break Pigpots open without charging your fist as well. You will need a charged fist to break down the numerous wooden gates in the game.

-LOCKJAW: Found in blue cans, the Lockjaw is used to grip onto flying hinges. Rayman can then swing around and reach previously inaccessible areas. When used in an attack, the Lockjaw can grip onto enemies. Press B as fast as you can to deliver electric shocks to the victim until he dies.

-SHOCK ROCKET: An orange can holds the Shock Rocket. When used, you will go into a view behind the rocket itself. Launch it with B and steer it with the control stick. If it gets close to an enemy or another destroyable object, it will automatically home in. Its fuel is limited though so don't fly around too long. The blast caused by the rocket is enough to defeat most enemies in a single hit.

-THROTTLE COPTER: The final form of detergent is found in yellow cans. The Throttle Copter will allow Rayman to fly upwards for a brief amount of time. Just hold the A button after jumping and fly off into the sky. Your attack power is not affected by this powerup.

PLUM: Knock a Plum down from a tree and you can use it as a step to reach inaccessible areas. Throw it on a stake to do this.

PLUM JUICE: While Rayman has no use for this "powerup", Globox sure does. When he has Andre stuck in his body, he will need to drink Plum Juice to calm the black Lum down. He has some strange reactions to the stuff though...

SWITCH: Hit them with your fist to activate some sort of mechanism. For the switches that are out of reach, try to find a nearby Shock Rocket powerup to reach it.

CAGES: The Hoodlums have captured numerous Teensies and are holding them captive in 60 cages around the adventure. When you bust a cage open, the freed Teensies will usually give you gems, a powerup or advice.

TRIBELLE: These strange guys have a red glow and are very shy. If they hear you coming, they will flee. Walk slowly towards it (put only a little pressure on the control stick). When you reach it, you'll earn 250 points for the trouble. MATAVU: A lizard which sticks to walls or celings, it will emit a chirp if you get near. Switch to first person view and look directly at it. A red circle will appear around it. If you look at it long enough, you'll earn 250 points and the Matavu will disappear.

FUNKYBOARD: You'll use this in three stages in the game. This board is used when travelling in between areas, and you'll use it in a very cool warp tunnel. Disco-riffic!

Before you read this section, here's a bit of information on how much damage your attacks really do:

Kick: 1 point of damage Landing on an enemy's head: 1 point of damage Regular Fist: 1 point Charged Fist: 3 points Regular Heavy Metal Fist: 2 points Charged Heavy Metal Fist: 6 points Regular Vortex: 1 point + shrinks the enemy Charged Vortex: 3 points + shrinks the enemy Regular Lockjaw: 1 point Charged Lockjaw: 3 points Electric currents through the Lockjaw: 1 point each shock Shock Rocket: 99 points (basically, it instantly kills or has no effect, with the exception of the Squash Hoodlum)

Every enemy has a certain amount of health. When you hit them enough, their health will go down to 0. For example, a regular fist will cause 1 health point of damage.

---HOODLUMS---

(Note that I have given a name to each enemy. They are not the real names, but they are quick to notice. The enemies' real names are inside brackets next to their fictitious name, so if you ever see their names on a message board, you'll know what you're talking about. I don't know all the enemies' real names though)

HOODLUM [Hoodblaster] (3 health): These are the normal enemy in the game. When they see you coming, they will fire a large gun at you. While the shots themselves don't cause much damage, they can be annoying. Take them out with whatever you want.

HOODLUM JR. [Slapdash] (1 health): Hoodlum Jr. is a weak enemy. His attacks aren't powerful and he can be taken down in one hit with anything. He does give off a strange noise when he gets beaten though.

ARROW HOODLUM [Hoodmonger] (3 health) Like the normal Hoodlum, but he fires arrows which can cause more damage. Beat him in the same fashion as you would the regular Hoodlum. SPREAD HOODLUM [Hoodmonger Officer] (6 health): This enemy is a pain. He fires three shots from his gun and has double the health of a normal Hoodlum. Use caution when engaging him and beat as quickly as possible.

GRENADE HOODLUM [Hoodboom] (6 health): He'll fire grenades at you that explode on contact. He doesn't move though and is cannon fodder if you get close.

STILT HOODLUM [Stumbleboom](6 health): He's really just a Grenade Hoodlum on stilts. This variety can move around though. Use the Vortex powerup to knock him down, then beat in the same fashion as a normal Grenade Hoodlum.

FLYING HOODLUM [Hoodstormer] (5 health): These strange guys fly around, shooting. They can dodge attacks pretty well though. Use lateral shots to surprise them.

SORCERER HOODLUM [Hoodoo] (4 health): There's nothing more annoying than a Sorcerer Hoodlum. He'll protect another Hoodlum with a magic shield. The sorcerer himself is vulnerable though. Once you hit him, he disappears. He will reappear if you try to attack the unit he's trying to protect.

BLOCK HOODLUM [Spinneroo] (1 health): This guy obstructs your path like a gorilla and will spin like a top if you get too close. Punch him from a distance and knock him into a nearby hazard, such as some fire or a pit. He is completely invulnerable to any of your attacks (except for a charged Heavy Metal Fist, but the opportunity rarely arises) though and if you don't keep hitting him, he'll simply stroll back to his starting point. They're almost always in the way, so get ready to be a pushover. Literally.

BALLOON HOODLUM [Hoodblaster, but a special one] (3 health): This enemy hangs out on balloons and jumps from one onto another. You can punch it dead or you can pop its balloon, causing it to fall to its doom. Either way, this enemy is worth zero points, so kill it simply to get it out of the way.

SHIELD HOODLUM [Grim Keeper] (3 health): This form of Hoodlum has a shield that can block your shots. He doesn't have a gun, but his attack is letting some crab like creature come out from under his outfit (yuck!). Pulverize the crabs and defeat the Shield Hoodlum with lateral shots. He will block them at first, so try to confuse him by aiming in one direction, then suddenly switching to the other. He'll get hit.

ARMORED HOODLUM [Heckler] (17 health): They don't appear very often, but they are pretty tough. Power up a Heavy Metal Fist and release it at him. His armor will fly off for a few seconds. Punch him when he's vulnerable. Repeat as many times as it takes to kill him. Beware of his rapid fire cannon at all times. MEGA FLYING HOODLUM [Lavomatrix] (12 health): Like a Flying Hoodlum, but he's tougher and more dangerous. He'll fire some sort of napalm at you. Move in circles to avoid the attack and send lateral shots at him. He also has a tractor beam of some sort. Punch him when he grabs you or you'll be slammed to the ground. They always come in pairs, but only one will attack at a time.

---OTHER ENEMIES---

ATTACK SHIP (1 health): These small ships are found only in one stage, but they are a menace. Blast them with cannonballs before they destroy the ship you're trying to protect. One cannonball will do the trick.

FLYING ATTACK SHIP (2 health): The Flying Attack Ships are also found in one stage, but they fly in large groups and will attempt to shoot you down. Two shots from the laser cannon you are manning when fighting them will be enough to destroy them.

WORM [Muddibog] (1 health): Not your ordinary earthworm, the Worm will pop out of a hole and try to swipe you. One hit with anything will do it in. They usually come in swarms and can re-burrow quickly after attacking.

SHELLCRAB (3 health): Not much of a threat, but they throw boomerang-like starfish which are somewhat accurate. If you defeat them with a charged fist, you'll get a point bonus.

SPIKEY (1 health): This has nothing to do with the Spikey from the Mario series, so don't get confused. These ones simply sit around and block a path. Hit them and score some points.

PIRANHA (1 health): Naturally speaking, Piranhas are fish with big jaws. They can leap out of the water, snap, and plop back in. Hit them to kill if you want, but they'll respawn soon after. It's best to just learn their attack pattern and avoid them.

GHOST BIRD [Zombie Chicken] (1 health): These nasty guys will come out of walls and attack. Just hit them and they will shatter. There is a constant stream of them coming though, so destroying one group will only protect you for a short time.

KNAAREN (infinite health): The locals in the desert are truly invincible. No attack will even stun them, and they will mash you with a magical wall if you get too close. It is possible to distract them temporarily by aiming a Shock Rocket at a gong if one is nearby, allowing you to walk past safely.

---BOSSES---

SQUASH HOODLUM [Masterkaag]: The Squash Hoodlum appears only once, and he hangs from the middle of two gigantic piston type legs. Fortunately, you'll have the Shock Rocket to help you when fighting this guy. He's invulnerable to all but the Shock Rocket, so get the powerup and blast him to kingdom come. Just make sure he doesn't get the chance to step on you.

BEGONIAX: The witch will challenge you to a battle around her cauldron. The potion that lies in the pot can turn you into a frog, so watch out. Punch the elixir in her direction to transform her into a frog. Pound her when she's in this form.

RAZOFF: Razoff will come into rooms randomly and shoot arrows at you. Use two powered up fists to send him running. You can also hit him once in the hallway. Keep meeting up with him until you run his health to zero.

RAZOFF'S WRECKING BALL: Once you beat Razoff's first form, he'll get on a wrecking ball and attack. Lock on and punch him until his chain snaps. Occasionally, a Heavy Metal Fist powerup will appear. Grab it and sock Razoff with it do deal even more damage.

WALKING SUBMARINE: This strange boss is fought underwater. There will be torpedoes flying around when the battle is in progress. Use them to your advantage and let them fly under you (press the A or B button to do a quick dodge) and hit the center of the sub. When the boss fires blasts at you, dodge them and keep sending his own torpedoes into his face. Dodge the occasional laser cannon he uses as well.

REFLUX: The champion of the Knaarens proves to be a hard battle. The arena has a net surrounding it, which you can climb on to collect Red Lums and a Heavy Metal Fist powerup. He'll fight you with a number of attacks, which are listed here:

1) He'll spin around the arena and run after you He'll make four painful lines appear on the arena floor. 2) As his health dwindles, a fifth will appear. He'll cause expanding circles to appear from the middle 3) of the arena. Once they pass, a few energy waves will appear as well. Jump and Helicopter as necessary. He'll put his scepter down and cause flames to appear. 4) *This is the only time Reflux is vulnerable to attack!* Dodge the flames and hit him with all you got. He'll cause fireballs to fall from the ceiling and 5) ignite on the arena floor. You'll now have to dodge Reflux as well as the embers on the ground. 6) He doesn't really do this attack, but if you strafe around the sides of the arena, some flames will appear from the left. Dodge them.

Use the Heavy Metal Fist found on the side of the arena to hit him. Eventually, he'll fall and you'll win.

THE HORRIBLE MACHINE: The heart of the Hoodlum Headquarters, this machine will fire bullets at you with a constant pace. Keep hitting a bulls-eye target with a constant pace as well, charging a meter as you go. Be careful because if you stop hitting it, the meter drops down to zero. Once the meter reaches the top, the machine will get damaged and release some baddies after you. Defeat them and repeat the process five more times until the machine shuts down.

REFLUX (2nd battle): Now that Andre and Reflux have joined forces, the second battle will prove much harder than the first. The battle takes place in five stages. They are listed below:

Overload Reflux's shield with the electrocution powers of the Lockjaw then Heavy Metal Fist him when the shield is down. Beware his lightning strikes. Grab the Lockjaw bonus and swing to a Heavy Metal Fist 2) powerup. When Reflux's arm gets stuck in the ground, climb up and hit the weak spot on his back. Repeat as necessary and watch out for the swipes he makes at you. Use the Throttle Copter to get higher in a stage of 3) floating platforms. When you reach the Shock Rocket, fire and it will home in on the weak spot. Watch out for Reflux's wave breath. You're now on your gunship, with Globox at the wheel. 4) Reflux will now be able to fly as well. Overload Reflux's shield with blasts from the gun turret and hit the weak point. Shoot the red energy orbs he summons to destroy them. After you hit him a second time, you will go to the fifth stage. Reflux will stand frozen in the arena and a massive 5) amount of Hoodlums will emerge. Bomb the Hoodlums. The more you destroy, the less Reflux will be able to recover. When all the Hoodlums are no longer on the field, you will repeat the fourth stage. Keep alternating in between stages 4 and 5 and Reflux will eventually die. Oh and by the way, this is the final boss in the game. If you beat him, you'll get the credits. Joy.

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I highly recommend reading this section if you are a beginner at the game or if you are unsure about some of the techniques or details about scoring.

SCORING QUESTIONS:

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Q: What are points useful for? A: They are used for unlocking bonus minigames and extra videos that are just for fun.

Q: How do I score points? A: Collecting gems, defeating enemies and knocking down certain objects will give you points.

O: What is "Combo Mode"? A: Combo Mode is a mode that appears when you score points. When you score, a little indicator appears under your score. If you score more points while the indicator is still active, the Combo Mode will be active and the

indicator will start counting. When you stop scoring, Combo Mode stops and the number that is shown is added on to your total score. It plays a key role in unlocking bonus levels.

Q: Do the powerups affect my scoring? A: Yes. When a powerup is in effect, all scoring is doubled. This means that a gold gem, which is normally worth 10 points, will now be worth 20!

Q: While a powerup is in effect, will Combo Mode double as well? A: Yes. All values for Combo Mode will double as well.

Q: What determines how many points I will receive for beating an enemy? A: It depends on how much stamina the enemy has. The tougher the enemy, the higher you will score. For example, the Arrow Hoodlum is worth 100 points, but Hoodlum Jr. is worth only 30.

Q: Can I get bonus points for beating certain enemies? A: Yes. If you beat Hoodlum, Arrow Hoodlum, Balloon Hoodlum or Shellcrab with a powered up fist, you will receive a 30 point bonus. Also, pummeling enemies posting higher health with a charged Heavy Metal Fist can net you a 30 point bonus as well.

Q: Do I get points for beating bosses? A: Yes. All bosses are worth 1500 points.

Q: When I collect a gem, Combo Mode only lasts for a few seconds! Can I make it longer? A: Sadly, it will only last a few seconds after picking up a gem. If you beat an enemy to start or while Combo Mode is active, it will stay for about 8 seconds afterwards. Therefore, defeating enemies is often the key to scoring huge combos.

Q: Can you give me some tips on how to score large combos? A: Try to collect long strings of gems or enemies with a powerup in hand, and try to collect the most valuable treasure last. This means that if a green gem is sitting next to two gold ones, collect it last in order to achieve the biggest combo possible.

Q: How can I approach a Tribelle without scaring it away? I'm not that good with putting only a little pressure on the control stick! A: Another useful way to get Tribelles quickly and easily is to hold down R and strafe around. You'll go slow enough to collect Tribelles and other stuff around them as well to score combos without the fear of scaring it away.

TECHNIQUE QUESTIONS:

Q: What are lateral shots? A: They are when you shoot your fist in an arc towards the left or right.

Q: How can I perform a lateral shot?

A: This is explained in the 3rd level of the game, but basically, you hold R while moving left or right before pressing shooting.

Q: Which enemies can be beaten easily with lateral shots? A: They are: Hoodlum, Arrow Hoodlum, Spread Hoodlum, Flying Hoodlum, Shield Hoodlum, Mega Flying Hoodlum and Razoff's Wrecking Ball. Lateral shots will often score hits that the normal shots will not.

Q: Are there any more special notes about lateral shots? A: Yes. They can home in on enemies whereas normal shots can't.

Q: Do I have other means of attack besides the fist? A: Yes. If you get up close to an enemy, hold B to release a barrage of kicks. You can also jump on an enemy's head to damage it.

Q: How can I use the helicopter technique? A: Hold A while in the air. It doesn't need to be after a jump.

Q: What are those flying grapple hooks? A: They are points where you can use the Lockjaw powerup to grapple and swing. Press B when the hook is highlighted orange, and press B while swinging to attach to another hook. Press A to jump off.

Q: What are those spiral platforms? A: They are targets for the Vortex powerup. Fire a tornado at it and you will lower the platform so you can jump onto it.

Q: Argh! I was fighting a Hoodlum and it blocked my shot! How can I kill it? A: The Hoodlum, Arrow Hoodlum and Spread Hoodlum can block your shots by twirling their guns. Use lateral shots to hit them from the side, or power up your fist and fire to penetrate their "shields".

OTHER QUESTIONS

Q: What is that \$ symbol hanging over the heads of certain enemies? A: It means that enemy is holding an item. Usually, it is a Laser Detergent powerup, but it can occasionally be other things, such as a grapple hook or a gem.

Q: My health bar is tiny! How can I make it bigger? A: When you break six cages, you'll get a larger maximum health.

Q: On the world select screen, I saw a stamp of Murfy's head. He was frowning. How can I make him smile? A: Bribe him.

Q: Seriously, man! How do I make him smile? A: Okay okay, calm down. Once you score a certain amount of points on the world, Murfy will smile. Q: Can I revisit past worlds? A: Yes. Press Start in mid game and use the L and R buttons to select a world. If you select it, you will abandon the current game and warp to another world. Note that you can only warp to the beginning, and not in the middle of a certain level.

Q: What is the "Lums Race" on the pause menu? A: Once you complete the game, you can get a code there and use it to participate to post your score on www.raymanzone.com

Q: What is the "Bonus" on the main menu? A: You can access minigames, cinematic scenes and funny "instructional videos" from this.

Q: Okay, I checked, and nothing was there! A: You have to score points in the game to unlock minigames and instructional videos. Cinmeatics are added when you see them in the actual game.

w00tay! Walkthrough time! Enjoy.

By the way, this walkthrough focuses not on getting a ludicrously high score, but rather helping the player get through the game while maintaining a reasonable score.

CAGES IN WORLD: 0 POINTS FOR MURFY SMILE: 22000 MY SCORE: 31056

Ah, the Fairy Council. This is where the adventure begins. You'll learn how to use the lateral shots as well as other necessary techniques here (that is, if you skipped the Quick FAQ section).

Difficulty: 1/10 Types of Enemies: Hoodlum, Hoodlum Jr, Shellcrab, Spikey Boss: None Quality of Music: 7/10 New Powers: Vortex

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= Stage 1: Frog Flying =

CAGES IN AREA: 0

Okay, you just saw the cinema scene where Andre plans to

take over the world. You also saw Globox running off with your hands. Whoops!

So, to get around, Murfy grabs you and flies around. Push the control stick left or right to steer towards the Red Lums. Once you grab enough, you'll break out of the circle you're flying in and the level will end. Simple.

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CAGES IN AREA: 0

Now the real action begins. After Murfy explains the point system and Combo Mode, walk around and collect gold gems. Your only attack is a kick since you have no hands. You can smash garden gnomes with this attack though. Try to smash gnomes and collect gems in unison in order to get Combo Mode going.

Once you're satisfied with the gnome smashing, follow Murfy through a hollow log. When you emerge out the other side, drop down into the lake and collect the gems down there. There are three red gems on some mushrooms as well, so get those and get a good combo. There is also a Matavu hanging from a branch overhead. To collect Matavus, go into first person view with Y and stare at it (a red circle should appear for a few seconds) to earn 250 points. Incidentally, when a Matavu is near, you'll hear a little chirp. Once all the treasure is picked up, follow Murfy with the helicopter technique.

Once you get past, get up onto the rock formation, collecting gems as you do. Keep following Murfy into another hollow stump. When you get out the other side, you'll notice a barrel of Plum Juice. Unfortunately, there's no foamy plum goodness in there. Globox seems to be taking refuge in there. Collect all gems in sight then run to the barrel. He'll jump away and attempt to escape. Jump on the glowing blue switch and a wall will rise.

Globox will try to keep running away, but the wall will obstruct him. Kick the barrel three times to free Globox. After a brief reunion, you'll get your hands and your punching ability back.

Get to the other side (near the Fairy Council's main door) and go to the right. Collect the gems around the Stonehenge formation and use a powered up fist on the nearby Shellcrab for extra points. When you're ready, punch the switch and watch Andre come and break into the Fairy Council. Go through the broken door to end the level.

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= Stage 3:	Bad Boy Andre	=

CAGES IN AREA: 0

You're now inside the Fairy Council. Not bad, eh? Collect the gems that circle the platform with the switch. There's a Matavu right behind the switch as well. Earn yourself 250 free points before using the switch.

Punch the switch repeatedly to make the platform rise. When you're on top, look at another Matavu to score more. You can also walk around the "rim" going around the room to get some red and gold gems if you fancy.

In the next room, break all the Pigpots with a charged fist. It doesn't have to be fully charged. You can only hold B for a second then release to break open a Pigpot. Once they're all busted, another door will open.

Go through the door and you'll find out how to do lateral shots. Follow the game's instruction (or just read the Quick FAQ section) in order to hit the switch and make the platform rise. But, before you do that, drop down and collect the gold gems and the red one under the platform (ignoring Murfy's occasional taunting).

Once your pockets are filled, use the lateral shots to get higher up. Once you're at the top, Andre will make his startling appearance right in front of you. However, he will make a bridge rise right in front of him. This will allow him to be shielded from normal attacks, so how the heck do you get him?!?! With lateral shots of course! After throwing a few curveballs (or one powered up), Andre will leave his costume, but not before telling Rayman off. It becomes obvious that you'll have to somehow stop Andre from reaching the Heart of the World.

Once Andre leaves, you'll be rewarded with a sweet prize: Laser Washing Detergent. Grab it to earn the Vortex powerup. Cross the bridge and collect the gems around the sprial mushrooms, then fire a tornado at the mushroom itself to knock it down. Beat the Hoodlum Jr. who's standing on one of them. It's possible to score a 700+ Combo Mode here (I've gotten a 2200 combo with the help of killing Hoodlum Jr. last and earning the Matavu on the left wall while Combo mode is still going), but you have to be quick in collecting gems, knocking the mushroom down and pummeling Hoodlum Jr. Cross the mushrooms and go through the corridor to end the level. If you want, before leaving the level, there is another Matavu in the room where you learned the lateral shots. It's hanging out on a side wall. Get 250 points (500 if the Vortex powerup is in effect) before you leave.

= Stage 4: The Arteries of the World =

CAGES IN AREA: 0

You're not quite in the Heart of the World yet. In fact, you're just entering the diffusion point past the alveoli that leads the oxygenated red blood cells to the heart (well, what's your explanation?) You'll start out inside a room with two spiral mushrooms to the right. If you head down the path to the left, you'll come across a Hoodlum who is hiding behind a wooden painting of Globox. Waste him with lateral shots and lather up with the Vortex detergent. Before you do anything else, look at a Matavu that's hanging high on a wall to the right of the Vortex powerup for a quick 250 points (you'll earn 500 if the powerup is in effect). Get back up the ramp and knock down the mushrooms. Climb up and get to a luminescent mushroom. If you jump on it, you'll bounce into the air. Bounce up onto the floating vines and swing across to the other side. You can now proceed straight into a waiting Tribelle. If you want to score even more, head left instead of straight. You'll pick a few gold and a red gems there.

Once you're done there, head towards the Tribelle. To collect it, walk towards it (DON'T run) and touch it. You'll earn 250 points for the effort. Climb up the narrow crack here by pressing A repeatedly. Once you're up, jump and helicopter across the mushrooms and get the gems on the other side (a 100 point combo is possible if you get the red gem last).

Go into the next big room and you'll view a scene of Andre bullying a fairy around (Zelda needs you!) and hiding in a hole in the wall. Punch Hoodlum Jr. who's in front of you to get another Vortex powerup. Dress up and collect the gold gem to the right of you and bounce on the mushrooms. Once you get in front of a bump in the wall, you'll earn 30 points for a wrong hole and 300 points for finding the one Andre hides in (he's always in the fourth hole you look into). Try to use the Vortex powerup in order to increase your score. Kill the Spikeys that are on the platforms as well.

Keep searching for bumps and coordinate in between bouncing mushrooms and vines. Eventually, you'll find Andre's hole and the Black Lum will shove himself past a gate leading to the Heart of the World. The fairy will open the gate for you so you can follow him. Go through the gate and you'll fall into an open room with two Shellcrabs (one will get squashed by a falling rock a second after he comes up). Beat him and collect the Vortex. Grab some of the gold and red gems in the immediate area. Once you're done, climb up the crack (there's a Tribelle behind the platform, if you want to get it). Climb up and swing across the vines.

Once you get to the other side, a very important event happens. Globox will come out of nowhere, and Andre will also shoot out from nowhere. The two are moving in the same direction, and Globox, who opens his mouth wide to scream...

...swallows Andre. Well, it seems that the immediate threat to the Heart of the World is over. Follow Murfy and go through the corridor to end the level.

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CAGES IN AREA: 0

Follow Murfy to the Heart of the World. Good music, huh? After you see the Teensies throwing Globox around in celebration of Andre's defeat, you'll notice that Andre is indeed alive in Globox's stomach, and he's not happy. Looks like you'll need to see the witch doctor, Otto, to get him out. Go through the green teleporter to end the...

WAIT! You're not quite finished here. If you look at the pillars around the room, you'll notice one has a little platform sticking out of it. Climb up onto it and jump onto the "rim" surrounding the Heart. Go to the left and you'll step onto a switch. Walk through the open door and you'll be treated to a bunch of gold and red gems, your first GREEN GEM and a fun little slide ride. Once you're done there, head through the green teleporter to end the level.

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= Stage 6: Funkyboardin'! =
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Here's the coolest part of Rayman 3. The Funkyboard stages. I can't really describe them in detail, so here's some basic pointers.

Keep an eye out for gems lying on the track. You can earn lots of points on the Funkyboard courses.

You'll automatically jump when you reach the end of a track. Use left and right on the control stick to maneuver yourself.

If you want to jump before you reach the end (to reach a gem filled platform that's accessible only from the middle of your current one, for example), press A and move left or right.

Try not to fall off too much. Every time you plunge, you lose one point.

You will need sharp reflexes and good eyes to navigate the course. Still, you gotta love that disco...

CAGES IN WORLD: 10 POINTS FOR MURFY SMILE: 45000 MY SCORE: 90762

Clearleaf Forest is where the real action begins. The Hoodlum battles are much more intense than in the Fairy Council and you can break your first cages here.

Difficulty: 3/10 Types of Enemies: Hoodlum, Hoodlum Jr, Arrow Hoodlum, Grenade Hoodlum Boss: Squash Hoodlum Quality of Music: 5/10

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= Stage 7: The Mysterious Waterfall	=
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CAGES IN AREA: 2

After emerging from the Funkyboard course, you'll learn that Andre is indeed unhappy in Globox's belly and keeps complaining about being thirsty. You'll have to go through Clearleaf Forest.

Two Hoodlums from the get-go will assault you. Beat them and break the Pigpots in the vicinity. When you're all done, go through the opening to the right of the staircase and punch a switch to open a gate and get some platforms moving. The floor's electrified, so jump onto the platform and take to the ceiling by swinging around on some vines. Punch another switch and after swinging to the other side, you'll come across CAGE 1. Simply punch the cages to break them.

Once you free the captive Teensies, you'll get a can of Vortex powerup. Grab it. To exit this part, jump back onto higher ground and stand in front of another gate. It will open automatically. Collect the gems in the hallway and climb the staircase once you get back outside. Knock down the mushroom to progress. There's also a Matavu near the mushroom if you please. Once you get to the top, head to the left and collect the gems on the bridge. But it looks like a gate is blocking your way. Don't worry about it yet because a Hoodlum will approach and signal to his partner. Flatten him and beat his partner who's hanging out to the left. Once they're both gone, collect a new variety of Laser Detergent, the Heavy Metal Fist.

The Heavy Metal Fist (HMF for short) can break down those creepy looking gates. Before you bust down the one that was immediately blocking you, jump over Globox and you'll come across another gate. Charge the HMF up a bit and release to knock it down. You'll be rewarded with some Pigpots filled with gold gems.

Head back out towards the gate, but don't go onto the bridge. Instead, keep going straight and break CAGE 2. This Teensie will reward you with a 200 point combo worth of gold gems (400 if a powerup is active). Collect it then bust down the gate that was blocking you. Jump down on the mushrooms and fall down the long black shaft.

Once you get to the bottom, break the nearby Pigpot and collect some more stuff on the left wall after you drop down. Cross the bridge. Four Hoodlums will attack you. It's possible to score a reasonable combo here if you wipe out the Hoodlums quickly with powered up lateral shots. Once they're all defeated, pick up some stray gems and Pigpots in the area and jump onto a bunch of crates. When you scale them, you'll find a barrel of Plum Juice. Andre will force Globox (or he'll tear his heart out) to drink the stuff. After he chugs down the stuff, he will grab Rayman and jump into the waterfall. You'll be able to swim UP the waterfall.

This next part defies all known laws of physics and gravity, but this is just a video game. Rapidly tap A or B to scale the waterfall and move left or right to dodge piranhas, who can also defy gravity. Once you get to the top, the stage will end.

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=	Stage	8:	The	Blue	Can	of	Happiness =	

CAGES IN AREA: 3

This is the first long stage you'll encounter. Start out by collecting the gold gems on the mushrooms and around the crates and the Pigpot just after you pass the first cliff.

Run onto a wooden platform and you'll be face-to-face (well, face-to-back actually) with a dormant Hoodlum. Charge up a fist and let him have it. Once he expires, his pals will suddenly wake up and attack. Start out by wasting the Hoodlum to the left, then go off to the right and defeat another Hoodlum. The fourth one will be jumping off the spiral mushroom behind where the first Hoodlum was. Shoot him and he'll relinquish the Vortex powerup. Grab it and knock down the mushroom.

Once you get up there, you'll be able to hear the cries of another Teensie in captivity. He's behind a gate, so you can't get him... for now. Anyway, keep walking on the wooden walkway and you'll encounter two other Hoodlums. They will jump and run away, so hit the trampoline in the shape of a spider web and defeat both of them. You'll get the Heavy Metal Fist.

There are now three gates you can bust down now, and only one is necessary to continue. Start out by going to the right and breaking all the Pigpots (you don't have to charge the HMF). Re-fill your powerup (walk into the red can again) and run across the walkway. Helicopter onto the spider web and you should be able to bust the gate down in the nick of time. Break CAGE 3 and you'll get a GREEN GEM for the effort. Pick it up for 1500 points. If you want to get even more, get the Vortex powerup down below then touch the gem for 3000 points!

Another gate you can bust is located just below the red can. You can also crack open a few Pigpots around it too. There's nothing behind the gates but some Pigpots with gold and red gems. Collect them for more points.

There are also some more Pigpots and a Matavu located near where the sleeping Hoodlum was. If you get them with the

Vortex in effect, you'll score double.

When this is all taken care of, knock down the third gate. Globox, who will not be afraid anymore, will sprint down and glub down a barrel of Plum Juice. This time, he has quite the reaction to it. He'll bump around in one spot for a while, then suddenly inflate and fly! Well, he'll be able to go on his own for a while. For now, go through the busted gate and collect the gold gems in the passageway.

When you get to the waterfall, get the two gold gems in the white water and helicopter to a hanging rock formation. You can collect some gold gems going down the ladder and at the bottom of the falls. There's also a Tribelle lying in the bottom of the falls in the white water. Collect if you want. Once you're ready, climb back up the ladder. Jump and helicopter towards CAGE 4 and a Pigpot. Free the Teensies and you'll get your first taste of metal madness, the Lockjaw. Break the Pigpot (you'll have to charge it up a bit) and get ready to grapple.

Look towards the Hoodlum balloon and fire the Lockjaw at a flying metal hook. You'll grab onto it and swing. Press A to let go and helicopter to the next platform. The Hoodlum will run away. Collect the gems and break the Pigpot here, and hit the spider trampoline and kill the Hoodlum. If you hit him with a regular fist, you might have noticed it stuck to him. When the Lockjaw grapples onto enemies, rapidly press B to deliver electric shocks to the enemy. Once he's down, look at a Matavu on the bottom of a hanging wooden platform high up. If you're fast, you can collect it in Combo Mode after beating the Hoodlum for a 500 point combo. Once this is all taken care of, fire the Lockjaw at another grapple hook.

Instead of releasing your grip here, press B when you're swinging towards the second hook and you'll grip it automatically. Jump off here. If you want, there's a cave in the left wall of the cliff side. Go in there for a few golden gems and a Tribelle. Grapple back onto the hook when you're done. Get to the other side of the valley. Note that if you should ever fall down, you can collect a Pigpot at the end of the valley and beat a Hoodlum Jr. on your way back to the platform with the first blue can.

Once you're here, Globox will land and deflate, although he'll still act drunk. Collect the gold and the red gems here and go through the passage. A Hoodlum will become alert and he'll run back to his camp. Defeat him and his partner. Once you do that, go to the right of the fire and knock a Hoodlum through a hole in the gate. Once he gets hit, the gate will open. Waste all Hoodlums here and crack open CAGE 5 for a Heavy Metal Fist. Collect it then head back out. Pound the remaining three Hoodlums and mash the gate. You can also collect some items near the gate if you want.

Head through the fallen gate and you'll see your very first Plum. Whoopee! Punch it down and pick it up (stand in front it motionless). Walk towards the stake and throw it with B. If you had the right angle, it will splatch on and you'll be able to climb up. Collect the Pigpots and gems here as well. Once you climb up onto the Plum, go through the passageway and the level will end.

= Stage 9: Houston, the Shock Rocket has Landed =

CAGES IN AREA: 4

You'll meet your very first Arrow Hoodlum at the start of the level. He's exactly like the normal Hoodlum, but his shots are stronger. One hit from a charged fist will do him in.

You'll now collect your very first orange can, which contains the Shock Rocket. You can aim the rocket in any direction and launch it with B. Your main targets here are three openings in the wall. Once you fire the rocket in, you'll have to avoid a few obstacles and hit the target at the end. Once you hit all three, the gates will open. There's also a fourth hole higher up, but it's going through a thin vent. If you do get to the other side, you'll hit a switch and a hole in the floor will open. Earn yourself a 320 point combo with this.

Once the gates open, another Arrow Hoodlum will come. You can hit him with normal shots or you can send a Shock Rocket towards him. Once you get past him, defeat a Hoodlum and get his Heavy Metal Fist. Use the HMF to crack open a ton of Pigpots lying in this area, then continue through the passage to the right.

Once you're back in the fresh air, you'll catch a glimpse of the first Grenade Hoodlum. For now, he'll run away and lock a gate behind him. Defeat the two Hoodlums here, and pound a third who comes later on for a Vortex powerup. Spin down the mushroom and get the Lockjaw above. If you want, there's a Tribelle and a few gold gems in a cave directly behind the mushroom.

Anyway, grapple onto the hook with the Lockjaw and swing onto the gate. Climb up a ladder and hit the switch. The gate will open. Head down into the clearing behind the gate and two Hoodlums will attack. Once they're gone, the Grenade Hoodlum will find a vintage point and will start tossing explosives. Your next target is a Hoodlum Jr. under the platform with the switch. Beat him and collect another Shock Rocket. Use it to defeat the Grenade Hoodlum.

Globox will now charge through the gate and drink another barrel of Plum Juice. He'll start squiggling around the ground and then will float, releasing a bubble as he does. You can use the bubble to advance. Start out by grabbing the Shock Rocket and aiming to the top-right section of the wooden wall in front of you. You'll get CAGE 6 and a GREEN GEM. Collect it. There are also some gold gems, a couple of Pigpots and a Matavu down in the clearing for the taking. Jump up on the purple bubble and you'll bounce up. Crack open the Pigpots here and continue forward. If you want to score some more, jump and helicopter to the left instead. You'll earn several gold gems and a Tribelle.

Go through the hallway and you'll emerge in a room with a large stack of crates. There are three Hoodlums in the immediate area, which you can defeat. There are also some gold and red gems hanging on the sides of the room. Jump up onto the crates and ascend until you reach the top. Climb up the ladder and swing across the rope net at the top. Drop down onto a wooden platform and hit the switch to open a floor panel. Defeat two Hoodlums down on the ground. There's also a Matavu and some Pigpots under where you entered the room.

Drop down the hatch opened by the switch and crack open CAGE 7. Get the Heavy Metal Fist he drops. Exit his little chamber and you'll be in the room with the crate stack again. Jump up on the crates and bust down the gate with the HMF for CAGE 8. He'll also drop a red can, so replenish your supply. Go up the ladder and down into the room with the switch. Break another gate and get CAGE 9. He will, not surprisingly, drop another Heavy Metal Fist. Grab it and go up a small crate stack and destroy the gate. Go through this hall to end the level.

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=	Stage	10:	Hoodlums	With	Long	Legs		=

CAGES IN AREA: 1

You can start off by charging a fist and defeating a nearby Hoodlum right in front of the starting point. Once he's gone, break CAGE 10 and get the gold gems he drops. Drop down any one of the three holes in the ground. There's a few Red Lums here if you need some recovery. Go through the tunnel and when you get to the other side, prepare for a fight.

-BOSS BATTLE: SQUASH HOODLUM-

The Squash Hoodlum will be hanging from two gigantic legs. If he should ever get close enough, you'll be squished and flattened. Rapidly tap A to unflatten yourself and run away.

He's invincible... for now. Your main targets here are the glowing blue switches on the ground. Once you step on one, another will activate. There are a total of three switches to step on. Once you hit the third, a Shock Rocket will appear in the middle of the arena.

Here's the important part. Make sure you reach the can before the Squash Hoodlum does! If he gets there first, he'll pound the can and destroy it. You'll have to hit three other switches and restart the process. If you get there first, he'll run away. Quickly launch the rocket and fly towards him. If he's hit, one third of his health will disappear.

Repeat the process once more to bring another chunk of life off. The third time you have to hit him, there will be three Hoodlum Jr. who come out under the glowing switches. Smack them and get the Squash Hoodlum for the third time. He'll now expire.

-END BOSS BATTLE-

Rayman will now grab the giant legs and you'll be able to control them now! An armada of Hoodlums will now emerge and attack. Strangely enough, they can never aim their guns high enough to hit you. Move around with the giant legs and step on the Hoodlums to defeat them. If you're very close, press A or B to do a quick smash.

Once all the Hoodlums are gone, follow Globox through another passageway. Jump up and go through the opening that leads to that big, oddly shaped building to end the level.

= Stage 11: Otto Freud =

CAGES IN AREA: 0

You're now in the lobby leading to Otto, the Teensie doctor who can treat Globox. Beat the three Hoodlums here and Globox will jump through. Follow him to end the level.

But, as always, scoring is important. If you look directly behind your starting point, you'll see a hole in the wall. Jump in and helicopter down the long passageway. You'll land in a room with a very strange background with two gold, two red and one GREEM GEM. Go through the green teleporter to get back to your starting point.

You'll now view a cutscene of Otto and Globox. The doctor will start plucking Globox's arm and looking for what's wrong. When he identifies that Globox has swallowed a Black Lum, he'll take to "drastic measures" and play Globox's arm like an electric guitar. Andre, who seems to hate body music, will move from Globox's stomach to a chamber near a kidney. Otto concludes that the situation is worse than he thought. You'll now have to see another doctor in the Land of the Livid Dead. Good luck.

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=	Stage	12:	The	Funkyboard	Strikes	Back	=

You'll now experience your second Funkyboard experience. This one is longer and more difficult than the one in the Fairy Council. You can develop some strategies to use here in order to collect the numerous gems on the tracks and advancing through.

At the end of the course, you'll make wrong turn and fall way down to another teleporter. Looks like you're going to

be sidetracked for a while ... + WORLD THREE: THE BOG OF MURK CAGES IN WORLD: 9 POINTS FOR MURFY SMILE: 29000 MY SCORE: 59041 With three (!) boss battles and some new types of Hoodlums, the Bog of Murk raises the challenge bar substantially from Clearleaf Forest. Just stay out of the piranha infested waters! Difficulty: 5/10 Types of Enemies: Hoodlum, Hoodlum Jr, Stilt Hoodlum, Block Hoodlum, Worm, Piranha Boss: Begoniax, Razoff, Razoff's Wrecking Ball Quality of Music: 5/10 * * * _____ = Stage 13: Begoniax's Battle

CAGES IN AREA: 2

After viewing a slightly disturbing scene of Rayman dropping into Begoniax's outhouse while it's occupied, it's time to get down to business. Jump onto one of the large yellow mushrooms in the water and follow the mushroom trail. Break open CAGE 11 at the end to get your first Throttle Copter powerup. Woohoo!

To use the Throttle Copter, jump and hold A to soar. Collect a few gold gems above the immediate mushrooms, then fly towards another patch of fungi that have gold gems lying on them. Collect them all and jump onto the wooden deck that's lying in the middle of nowhere. Get onto some more mushrooms. Incedentally, if you fall in the water, get out right away or you'll take serious damage. Don't say I didn't warn you.

Keep following the mushrooms until you're face-to-face with a huge rock formation. You can either go left or right. Go right for CAGE 12 and some gold and red gems. There's also a Matavu high up on a wooden platform above the area where the cage is.

Go left and drop down the wooden shaft to meet up with Begoniax again. This time, she's not very happy...

-BOSS BATTLE: BEGONIAX-

Power up a fist and send one flying at her (yes, you have to hit women in this game) for a free hit. Follow her to her cauldron for the real fight. Jump up and punch the elixir in the cauldron in Begoniax's direction to transform her into a frog. Chase her around the cauldron and send powered up fists into her froggy form. When she switches back to her old self, she's bound to charge at you a few times. You can avoid her strikes with well-timed jumps. When she calms down again, punch the elixir again, transform her, punch her and avoid her charges. Repeat as much as necessary.

Incidentally, if Begoniax succeeds in transforming you into a frog by punching her own elixir, run away from her. Press A with a constant pace to go faster until you transform back. When her health goes down to 0, she'll retreat.

-END BOSS BATTLE-

Follow Begoniax until you reach a room with a large mirror. Collect a few stray gems here and jump into the mirror to end the level.

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=	Stage	14:	Hoodlums	Enjoy	Slacking	Off =	=
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CAGES IN AREA: 2

Start out by jumping on each rocky circle, avoiding the Piranhas who jump out of the water. Collect the gold gems and make your way to the mainland dock. Your first Stilt Hoodlum probably assault you here. You can't hurt him yet, so for now, charge up a fist and defeat one of the Hoodlums who appear to be playing a game of cards instead of defending their ground.

Once one of the Hoodlums is gone, the other will get up and attack. Once you defeat him, you'll get a Vortex powerup. Collect it and fire it at the Stilt Hoodlum's stilts. They will whirl around and collapse, and the Grenade Hoodlum who uses them will be fish food. Anyway, break the Pigpot here, collect the green gems and get the Matavu who's hanging on a tree branch. Spin down the two mushrooms with the Vortex and cream the two Hoodlum Jr. on the other side.

Release CAGE 13 for the Lockjaw powerup. Jump back on the mushrooms and back onto the wooden deck. Head right until you're within targeting range of the first Block Hoodlum. Fire the Lockjaw at him and electrocute him until he falls into the water. Grapple onto the hook and swing up onto the ledge. There are several gold gems and CAGE 14 inside a hollow stump here. Use the Throttle Copter the Teensie drops to escape and head down the shaft to end the level.

= Stage 15: They A	Also Enjoy H	Boating =

CAGES IN AREA: 1

Before the stage starts, you'll see a Hoodlum who is taking a shootout at a few Worms. Unfortunately, he's in a bad spot to do so and he'll get wiped out pretty quickly.

Jump onto the yellow mushrooms and get to the rock where the foolish Hoodlum originally stood. Wipe out any Worms that survived (they go down with just one punch) and collect a Matavu who's hanging out on a tree branch on a tree that's standing right in the water.

Get the Lockjaw the Worm dropped and make your way to a second small island. You can beat three more Worms here (the \$ symbol above the third Worm is really just a red gem). Jump onto the elevated yellow mushrooms and grapple with the Lockjaw to get on top of the ledge. There is a sleeping Hoodlum here. Power up your Lockjaw and kill him in one shot, then break open CAGE 15 for a red gem.

Punch the two tentacle-like creatures and continue down the path. Kill the two Worms you encounter here. Once you're back outside, keep going forward and kill two more Worms. Then, walk across a bridge in the form of a tree stump (avoiding the Piranhas that jump up) and beat the Hoodlum on the other side. There are lots of Red Lums here (some are in a couple of nearby Pigpots), so use this as a small recovery point. Cross another bridge that's to the right of the beached boat and kill another Hoodlum. Collect the gems here and acquire the Vortex powerup.

Quickly make it back to the point where the two side-byside Worms were and knock down the three mushrooms here. Charge up a fist and destroy the sleeping Hoodlum. Get the Vortex he drops and beat another Hoodlum on the small peninsula. Collapse the Stilt Hoodlum and give the piranhas something to eat. After this, you can only wait for the next wave of Hoodlums.

When they do come by boat, beat the Hoodlum who jumps after you, then go for the one who's still in the boat. Get the Lockjaw he drops and grapple up onto the ledge. Kill another Hoodlum here. Drop down the hollow stump that has a yellow and a red gem above it to end the level.

But, if you did that, you'd be missing out on a secret area! Did you ever notice a third boat that was just visible when you were fighting the Hoodlums? Grab the Lockjaw powerup, grapple onto the hook, release and helicopter towards the stray boat. It will move automatically to an island with several gold, two red and a GREEN GEM. Use the boat to get back to the mainland.

= Stage 16: That's One Big House =

CAGES IN AREA: 2

Start off by laying waste to two Hoodlums in the immediate area. There's also a Matavu hanging on the bottom of the first large flower you encounter. Once you're all done, jump onto the wooden ledge to the right and helitoper to another pile of wood. Break the Pigpot and chase the Hoodlum who seems to be fleeing.

Charge up a fist and beat the Hoodlum and collect some gold gems in the vacinity. You should also notice a mushroom that requires the Vortex powerup to level. Over the first yellow mushroom is CAGE 16. This Teensie will drop a GREEN GEM. Charge up a fist and release at the Block Hoodlum here to sink him, then beat the Hoodlum on the back mushroom. Collect the Vortex he drops, jump across the yellow mushrooms and knock down the mushroom that I mentioned earlier.

Climb up the mushroom and the ledge and you'll emerge back outside. Beat the Hoodlum who's shooting stray Piranhas and the other Hoodlum who is taking cover behind a movable shield. Break open CAGE 17 for a Lockjaw powerup. Make your way back to the yellow mushroom where the Block Hoodlum was and grapple onto the hook when it comes within range.

Swing and jump onto the ledge. A couple of Hoodlum Jr. will assault you at the end of the tunnel. Pulverize them and walk outside. Go onto the island that's to the left and beat several Worms here. Get the Vortex powerup here and dunk the two Stilt Hoodlums in the piranha water. Jump onto a bunch of wooden stairs and beat the final two Hoodlums who seem to want in to a very large manor. And I mean LARGE. That place is huge! When you beat the Hoodlums, approach the door and it will open. Enter the manor to end the level.

= Stage 17: An Evening With Razoff is Murder =

CAGES IN AREA: 1

Once you enter the large manor, Razoff the Hunter will notice you and move in to intercept you. I really can't give you a detailed walkthrough for his battle, but here are some basic tips.

-BOSS BATTLE: RAZOFF-

Watch out for his shots. Also, if you get too close to him, he'll swipe you with his gun.

Razoff will meet up with you in random rooms, shutting the exit points. Every time you hit him with a powered up fist here, you'll get a 30 point bonus.

Razoff will sometimes attack you in a corridor. Again, use a powered up fist to score a bonus, but if you get too close to him here, he'll run away.

If you somehow manage to hit Razoff straight in the back when he's fleeing, you'll get 100 points, even with a regular fist.

Sometimes when you enter a room, the doors will shut and you'll be visible in Razoff's cross hairs. Hide behind

objects in the room (the trophies and chairs in the middle of the rooms will be destroyed when Razoff shoots them) until he runs out of ammo, then leave the room.

In a large room with a clock, CAGE 18 is behind the clock itself. Release the Teensie for a GREEN GEM.

There are gold gems scattered around the manor. There's also a Matavu in a room somewhere in the mansion (it's hanging on the ceiling in a room with a fireplace). Also, if you break the chains of some strange looking birds, you'll get a couple of Red Lums for recovery.

Once Razoff's health runs down to 0, he'll retreat to the lobby and enter the basement.

-END BOSS BATTLE-

Follow him to end the stage.

= Stage 18: Razoff's One Man Wrecking Crew =

CAGES IN AREA: 1

Now you'll have to fight Razoff's second form inside the manor basement. He's now on his wrecking ball and he's not very happy.

-BOSS BATTLE: RAZOFF'S WRECKING BALL-

First of all, start out by freeing CAGE 19 on the right of the arena. A couple of Red Lums will appear on the floor. Use them for some recovery. Anyway, to damage Razoff in this form, punch him directly while he's on his ball. If you're having trouble hitting him, use lateral shots while you're locked on. They will home in (if he's not too far away).

When you lower his health enough, a Heavy Metal Fist will appear. Grab it and hit Razoff to score 200 points and damage him substantially. However, Razoff will now collapse the part of the basement where the can rests. You can prevent this if you keep hitting him while he approaches the can.

If he does succeed in dropping the can and the platform, keep punching Razoff until another one appears. Once you lower his health down to 0, the chain will snap, Razoff and the wrecking ball will tumble down a hole and the battle will end. Incidentally, if you should ever fall down holes in the floor, you won't get hurt. You'll reappear a few seconds later.

-END BOSS BATTLE-

You'll now view a cutscene of Razoff discovering Globox in his basement (so that's where he was!) and aiming at him with his gun. Suddenly, those strange birds appear to defend Globox, and Razoff runs away. He doesn't watch where he's going, and he bumps into Begoniax, who's finally found her true love. Razoff tries to escape, but his efforts are futile. Globox and Rayman then spot a mirror portal that leads to the Land of the Livid Dead.

CAGES IN WORLD: 9 POINTS FOR MURFY SMILE: 59000 MY SCORE: 105547*

The Land of the Livid Dead is a nice change from the eerie scenery in the Bog of Murk. Still, many new Hoodlums and longer levels will make the going tough. Be sure to find all the secret areas for huge points!

Difficulty: 5/10

Types of Enemies: Hoodlum, Hoodlum Jr, Arrow Hoodlum, Spread Hoodlum, Grenade Hoodlum, Flying Hoodlum, Sorcerer Hoodlum, Armored Hoodlum, Spikey Boss: Walking Submarine Quality of Music: 8/10

*Okay, this score might need some explanation. I was able to collect massive amounts of points with the secret areas in the levels themselves and the Funkyboard course. But, there is a stupid glitch when you pass 100000 points that you won't be able to score anymore. Any gem you pick up won't count. Sigh.

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= Stage 19: Flying Teensies and Hoodlums =

CAGES IN AREA: 4

Nice scenery, eh? Enjoy the music and jump on top of a sitting rock, then get onto another rock (it has the shape of two stonehenge patterns stacked onto each other) and free CAGE 20. Note this type of Teensie has a very strange accent and seems to be able to fly. It's good for a laugh. Anyway, collect the Vortex he drops and then go crazy with the gold and red gems in this area when they're worth double. There's also a Matavu clinging to a wall here.

Once everything's collected, recharge your Vortex and head into the cave (the one where Globox seems to be admiring some birds). Pulverize the Spikeys who block the path and knock down the mushroom when you're back outside. Collect the gems around the mushroom as well as some Pigpots near the left wall. Climb up the fallen mushroom and get the Shock Rocket.

Aim the rocket at the waterfall and steer it into CAGE 21. You can use the Throttle Copter he drops to continue your way to a Plum. There's also CAGE 22 to hit with the Shock Rocket, but he's located past a hole in the rocky terrain. It's somewhat camouflaged, so find the hole first, then shoot the rocket in there. This Teensie will drop a Heavy Metal Fist on top of the ledge. You can't get it yet, but you will soon...

Anyway, use the Throttle Copter and knock the Plum down. Kick it down the falls and towards the stake. Beat the two Hoodlum Jr. who guard the stake before you throw the Plum onto it. When you're able to get up to the ledge, grab the HMF you got from cage 22 and charge it up. You'll be ambushed ahead by a few Hoodlums and Hoodlum Jr, but with the Heavy Metal Fist to help you, you can make short work off them.

Once they're gone. Head down the cave and let Globox drink some Plum Juice. Use the bubble he emits to advance. Incidentally, there's a secret room here. Turn the camera so that you can see the cave exit, then use the bubble to bounce up to a ledge on the left wall. Keep going and you'll go into a room with a cache of gold gems and a GREEN GEM.

Once you've mopped everything up, follow Globox and beat the two Arrow Hoodlums. Once they're done, you'll meet (unfortunately) your first Flying Hoodlum. To beat this irritating enemy, lock onto him and send him lateral shots because he'll almost always easily dodge straight ones. Once he's gone, get the Vortex he drops and level the mushroom. Jump on the mushroom, then the ledge. Charge up a fist and beat the two Hoodlums up ahead. Release CAGE 23 as well.

Follow the Teensie and grab the prize he drops. Well, it's not really a prize. You'll now experience your first SHOE CART, a freaky battle in between Rayman's right and left shoes. You'll shrink and fall into a shoe, while the other one rockets away. You can steer the shoe with the control stick and activate the turbo with A or B. Turbo into the other shoe three times to knock it out. If you lose sight of it, turn around and it'll pop up eventually. Be careful of where you turbo though since if you slam into a wall when you're going fast, you lose a point.

Once you beat the other shoe and end the battle, you'll get a Heavy Metal Fist. Grab it then knock down the gate behind where the two Hoodlums were. Head down this passage to end the level.

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=	Stage	20:	Ambush!				:	=
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CAGES IN AREA: 2

Just as you start the level, a patrolling Hoodlum spots you and sounds the alarm, alerting the reinforcements. Leave Globox to shiver in his little corner and fight! Start out by defeating the Hoodlum, then get the Arrow Hoodlum on the high platform. Once they're gone, get the Flying Hoodlum who appears and collect some stray gems here. Eventually, another Flying Hoodlum an two Arrow Hoodlums will make their way to you. Once they're gone, you'll get a welldeserved Lockjaw. Grapple onto the hook and... meet yet another Flying Hoodlum. They just keep coming, don't they? Give him a taste of electric power with the Lockjaw. Now that he's gone, grapple onto the hook and jump onto a nearby balloon.

You can use the balloons for a nice bounce. Follow the trail of balloons and collect the gold gems on them. Once you're on the second high platform, there are a few grapple hooks and gold gems to the right. Straight ahead are some Red Lums and CAGE 24. Take the Vortex he leaves you and jump into the water. To swim, just hold the control stick in any direction. Spin the mushroom and climb onto it, then the ledge. Keep going and beat the two Hoodlums at the end of the trail.

Drop down the shaft here and you'll land in a little room full of bonuses. There's a Matavu, Tribelle and a hoard of gold gems to collect (some which require bouncing on balloons to reach). Once everything's picked up, drop down another shaft and you'll land right in front of a Shield Hoodlum. To beat him, punch the things he releases and send lateral shots flying at him. He'll block them at first, but switch to the other direction suddenly and he'll get hit. Three hits will do him in.

Globox will chug some more Plum Juice, so use the bubbles he releases to advance. Get CAGE 25 at the top for a Heavy Metal Fist. Use it to break down a gate after climbing a ladder. There's also a secret room in this area. Do you notice a lone gold gem to the right? It leads to a passageway filled with gold gems and a GREEN GEM with some Throttle Copter powerups. Try to get a 3000 combo with the green gem by collecting a gold gem on the way up with the Throttle Copter, then getting the green one with the powerup still enabled.

Anyway, go through the fallen gate with the HMF and you'll be treated with your very first Sorcerer Hoodlum. To beat him, make him appear by aiming for one of the Hoodlums here, then punch him when he's vulnerable. Four hits and he'll go down. Defeat the two Hoodlums. Now, a Grenade Hoodlum will come attacking via a Hoodlum ship, and a few Arrow Hoodlums will come. Once you beat the Arrow Hoodlums, get the Shock Rocket and blast the Grenade Hoodlum.

Go towards the Pigpots and beat another Hoodlum here. Break them and use the Throttle Copter to get some stray gems. Go through the passageway to end the level.

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=	Stage	21:	The	Glass	Tower =
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CAGES IN AREA: 3

Go towards the locked gate and beat the Hoodlum here to get a Heavy Metal Fist. Some Grenade Hoodlums will attack now, but they're completely out of range, so ignore them. Your target now is a destroyable gate on the wall. Bash it, beat a Hoodlum on the other side, and continue down the tunnel.

Once you get out, you'll be able to see a nice looking tower that seems to be made out of glass. Break the Pigpots and beat the Flying Hoodlum. Collect the gems and the Pigpots here if you want, but I'd wait until I have a powerup in hand. Enter the tower and hit the switch to activate some steps.

Climb up on the first step and jump onto the next. They start to sink when you get on them, so don't take too long. When you make it to the glass stairs, break CAGE 26 for a Lockjaw. Get the gems on the staircase then grapple and swing onto the next case. Keep repeating in between the grappling hooks and the glass stairs until you get to the top. Free CAGE 27 at the top. Now you'll have to fall down, way to the bottom.

Activate the helicopter before you land (or you'll go squish). The Teensie will leave you a Vortex. Take it and get all the gems outside (you'll have to recharge the power eventually) as well as a Matavu near a bunch of Pigpots. Drop down and level the two mushrooms. Get the gems on the other side and beat another Flying Hoodlum. Collect the Matavu here as well. Once he's gone, Globox will get drunk again and release several bubbles when you need to leave the area.

You should have noticed a Plum under the first Matavu. Knock it down and carry it towards the fallen mushrooms. Throw it when you see an orange target on the mushroom. Repeat for the next mushroom. Now, to get it back onto to mainland, throw the Plum when you're closest to the edge of the mushroom as possible (if the Plum gets submerged though, it will dissolve and you'll have to get a new one) and throw it. Now kick it towards the stake, pick it up and throw it on. Climb up on the Plum and the ledge to reach CAGE 28.

This Teensie will fly up and turn the entrance to the glass tower into a strange portal. Use Globox's bubbles to get back up and go through the portal. Once you go through' you'll emerge in another place, with your first Spread Hoodlum greeting you at the other end. Sigh. Use six normal, lateral shots to beat him (or two powered up fists) and watch out for his tri-shot gun. Get the other Hoodlums here as well. Get the Heavy Metal Fist, climb up the stairs and knock down the gate.

On the next floor, you'll meet an Arrow Hoodlum. Try to punch him though and a Sorcerer Hoodlum will protect him. Punch out the Sorcerer Hoodlum, then the Arrow Hoodlum. Get the Shock Rocket and fly it through a narrow hole to hit a switch on the other side. This will open a gate. Go through the gate and collect the gems. On the next floor, beat a Hoodlum and get his Throttle Copter. Go upward into a Lockjaw powerup. Grapple and swing onto the ledge. You'll now have to go up a spiral ramp that circles the room, avoiding explosives tossed by a Grenade Hoodlum. When you get to the top, beat a Sorcerer Hoodlum who's protecting the Grenade Hoodlum, then kill the explosive tosser. Get the Heavy Metal Fist, pick up the gems and knock down the gate.

Three Teensies, who were trapped behind the gate (not in a cage though), will fly loose and beat the Grenade Hoodlums and the Hoodlums near the gate around the stage's starting point. You'll now have to go through a SHOE CART though.

Pilot your shoe down the ramp and through a narrow gate. Keep going through passageways until you're at the rez-dechausse (ground floor) again, then knock out the crazy shoe to go back to normal. Exit this room through the portal and make your way to the stage's starting point.

Once you do get to the gate though, you'll have to deal with an Armored Hoodlum who's chased away the Teensies. To beat this tank, get the Heavy Metal Fist, power it up a bit then release at him. His armor will fly off, so hit him when he's exposed. Repeat until he's toast. Avoid his cannon though and if you get too close, he'll grab you and poor Rayman will taste the ground.

Once the Armored Hoodlum is gone, get the Shock Rocket he drops (it's located on top of a small wooden tower accessible via a ladder) and hit the switch to open the gate. Go through, collect the gems and enter the cave to end the level.

= Stage 22: We All Live in a Walking Submarine...

CAGES IN AREA: 0

Break all the Pigpots at the level's start for some Red Lums, then jump into the water. Swim towards a bunch of gold gems, collect them and keep going. You'll go through an underwater tunnel. To navigate underwater, use the Control Stick to move around and press A or B to do a quick dodge. You'll need it later...

Get the numerous gold gems underwater, and when you reach a very large room, prepare for some underwater terror.

-BOSS BATTLE: WALKING SUBMARINE-

To defeat the Walking Submarine, you'll need to use the torpedoes launched by a mechanical fish against him. See the little guy in the middle of the sub? Make the torpedo follow you so that it's going towards the middle of the sub, then dodge with A or B. The torpedo will rocket forwards and hit the thing in the sub.

After he gets hit, there will be small energy blasts coming

your way. Avoid them and send more torpedoes in his face. After he gets hit for a 3rd time, the sub will close and he will use a laser cannon. Dodge the laser and when the sub opens again, hit him three more times and he will use his laser cannon again. The weaker he gets, the more blasts he will shoot. It takes a total of eleven torpedoes to destroy the Walking Submarine. There are also some gold gems and Red Lums around the sub.

-END BOSS BATTLE-

Exit the Walking Submarine's room through the open passageway. Once you're back outside, collect the gold gems on the docks and enter the large building to end the level.

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=	Stage	23:	The	Hippie	Has	а	MD =
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CAGES IN AREA: 0

Get the Shock Rocket powerup, fire it trough the hole and defeat five Hoodlums on the other side. One Hoodlum is on the far left on the rafters and two Hoodlums on the ground will go into a sheer panic. Once they're gone, the door will open and you can proceed through to Romeo, another Teensie doctor.

But wouldn't you like a secret area? If you look at the celing of the room, you'll notice two holes. Get the Shock Rocket and fly in them to hit the switches (it's very hard to get the rocket in there though, so practice up!). Once both switches are hit, a secret room will open with a few red gems and two GREEN GEMS.

Once you end the level, you'll view a cutscene of Romeo, the hippie doctor, trying to give Globox something that "will take the pain away". Instead, he plays Globox's stomach and head like a drum set and plays a little solo. Andre, who doesn't seem to enjoy this, flies into Globox's brain. Romeo concludes that he can't find exactly where Andre is, so he sends Globox to see another doctor in the Desert of the Knaaren.

= Stage 24: Goodbye, Mr. Funkyboard =

This is the last Funkyboard course in the game, so enjoy it while you can. Nothing much to say about it, except it's longer and more difficult than the course in Clearleaf Forest. It's also possible to score massive points on this course.

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