

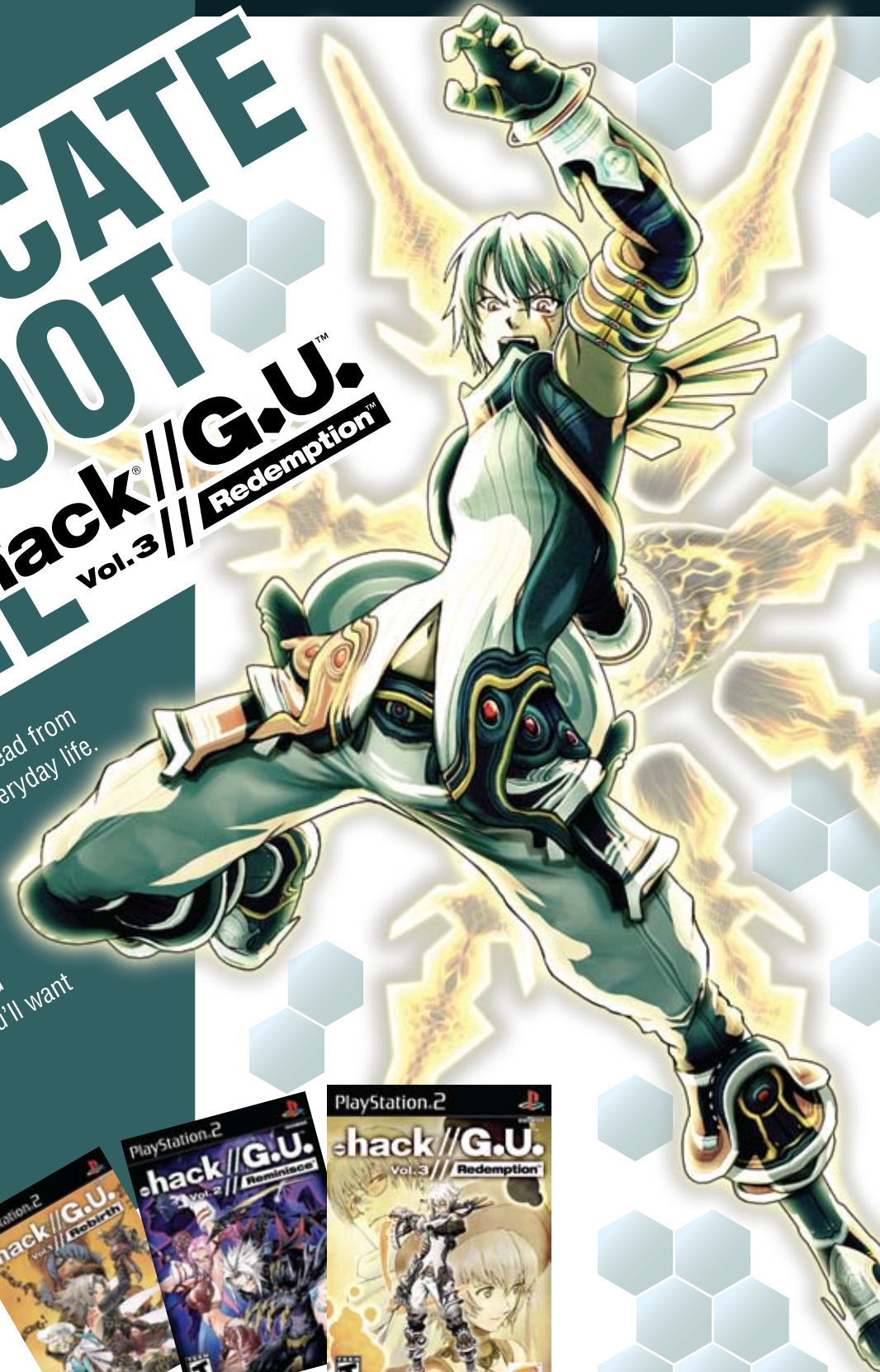
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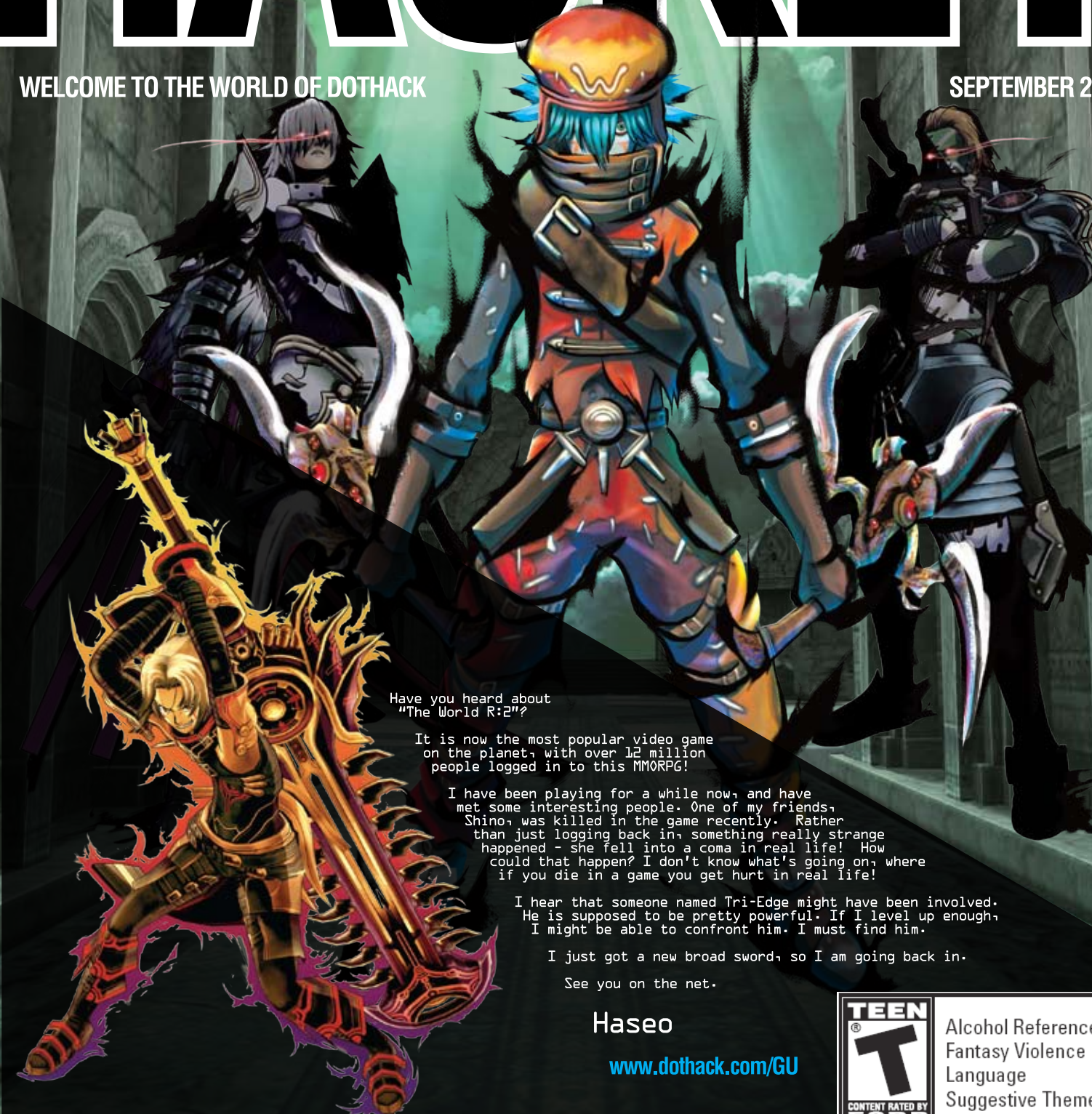


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WELCOME TO THE WORLD OF DOTHACK

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Have you heard about
"The World R+2"?

It is now the most popular video game
on the planet, with over 12 million
people logged in to this MMORPG!

I have been playing for a while now, and have
met some interesting people. One of my friends,
Shino, was killed in the game recently. Rather
than just logging back in, something really strange
happened - she fell into a coma in real life! How
could that happen? I don't know what's going on, where
if you die in a game you get hurt in real life!

I hear that someone named Tri-Edge might have been involved.
He is supposed to be pretty powerful. If I level up enough,
I might be able to confront him. I must find him.

I just got a new broad sword, so I am going back in.

See you on the net.

Haseo

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SPEAK

LEARNING THE LANGUAGE OF DOTHACK

"THE WORLD R:2"
"The World R:2" is the most popular MMORPG ever, with millions of players online at any time. The game was developed by CC Corp. Strange occurrences have been observed in "The World R:2" lately.

FORUM
An internet forum is a web application for holding discussions and posting user generated content.

DESKTOP
In graphical computing, a desktop environment offers a graphical user interface (GUI) to the computer.

DUNGEON
Dungeons are areas players go to fight battles against Monsters, gain treasure, and get experience.

PK
An acronym for "Player Killing" or "Player Killer". PKs are other players. Some PKs kill others for the thrill of fighting a human opponent, some for sport, and some for more sinister reasons. Players who make it a point to hunt PKs, and in turn kill them, are known as PKKs, or "Player-Killer Killers."

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The Story

Haseo, beaten by Tri-Edge and back at level 1, meets new friends and fights to regain his powers. Haseo learns he can summon a powerful Avatar, which is the only thing that can help fight the evil AIDA infections spreading throughout "The World R:2".

CANARD
A guild intended to help newbies. It's current guildmaster is Haseo.

GASPARD
A partner of Silabus. Also, a card game champion.

SILABUS
Pure hearted Blade Brandier who fights alongside Haseo in the Arena.

BO
Saku's twin brother. Shy and is attached to Haseo, who showed him kindness.

SAKU
Bo's twin sister. Obsessed with Endrance and hates Haseo.

TRI-EDGE
Uses Data Drain on Haseo and lowers his level to 1.

OVAN
After informing Haseo of Tri-Edge, he watches Haseo grow.

ATOLI
Pure hearted girl who is interested Sakaki. She cares about Haseo and also fights alongside him in the Arena.

HASEO
Defeated by Tri-Edge, he grows by meeting new friends. Bears the Avatar: Skeith.

ENDRANCE
He is the strongest in the Arena with the power of an Avatar: Macha. Is also possessed by AIDA.

RAVEN
A guild where their leader, Yata, is a system manager. Most of the members have an affiliation with CC Corp.

PI
Grappler & very proud of herself. Controls the Avatar: Tarvos.

YATA
Leader of the mysterious Raven guild, he recruits Haseo to subdue AIDAs.

MOON TREE
A dominant guild whose members respect order. It's cadre is called the "Seven Counsel".

SAKAKI
Moon Tree's No. 2. He is against PK.

ZELKOVA
Boy guild master who commands a mysterious charisma.

MATSU

KAEDE

GABI
Guild master with a mysterious past.

NEGIMARU

BORDEAUX

GREIN

ALKAID
Haseo's rival in the Arena, she is also a former champion.

ANTARES
Saw great potential in Haseo and becomes his teacher regardless of what Haseo wants.

KUHN
Steam Gunner with a flirtatious nature. He controls the Avatar: Magus.

SPEAK CONTINUED

AIDA
AIDA stands for Artificially Intelligent Data Anomaly. It is a term used by CC Corp to refer to the "black spots" and the creatures that come out of them.

AVATAR
A humanoid shaped manifestation of an as yet unexplained power. Normally only those with Avatars can see other Avatars. Avatars have unique abilities, some destructive while others benign or helpful. Avatars can be used to purge the system of harmful anomalies, also known as AIDA.

ARENA
Located in Lumina Cloth, this is where players test their strength against one another in no-holds-barred tournaments. There are 3 tournament brackets, and the champion of each receives the title of the Emperor for that tournament.

CANARD
Canard is a newbie-friendly group, dedicated to aiding newcomers to "The World R:2".

KESTREL
Kestrel is the largest of the guilds in "The World R:2". The guild has over 5,000 members and contains many PKs because the guildmaster, Gabi, believes "that's just another part of 'The World R:2'".

ICOLO
Icolo is a guild made up of the three Arena Emperors. It was originally founded by Antares as a place reserved for the most powerful Arena fighters.

When I Was a Newb

I remember the first time I logged into "The World R:2" several months back.

I put on my M2D video headset and opened my eyes. A vast city opened before my eyes, full of players bustling about, running to and fro, talking amongst each other, laughing, shouting, buying, selling, discussing their latest accomplishments, debating the latest rumors, and gathering together for adventure, fame, and fortune. It was overwhelming.

I spent some time looking around and taking in the sights, no doubt looking like a tourist with my wide-eyed expressions and gaping mouth. My friend who introduced me to "The World R:2", a fellow who called himself Kuhn in the game, sent me a short mail message:

"Come to the Chaos Gate! We're waiting. :)"

His guild was called Canard, a guild devoted to helping beginners in the game like myself. At the time, he was the guild master, although apparently he has since left the guild to pursue other things. After arriving at the Chaos Gate (but not before getting lost in town a few times), he introduced me to fellow guild member, Gaspard. We spent some time talking about the wonders and marvels of "The World R:2" before the three of us embarked on my very first adventure.

My first adventure was exciting and intoxicating. I remember beating my very first monster. I learned basic fighting techniques as Gaspard and Kuhn gave me advice while I fought, healing me along the way. When we reached the Beast Temple, Gaspard and Kuhn urged me to open the treasure box that sat before it, a token of my achievement. Although the item in it wasn't terribly strong, to me it was a mark of honor. I still have the item to this very day. I will never forget how, as I held up the item, grinning stupidly, Kuhn patted me on the shoulder and smiled as he said:

"Welcome to 'The World'."