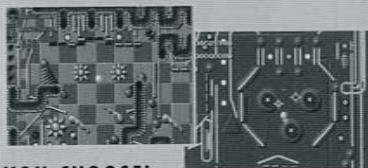


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JAMES POND 3



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Calling James Pond **STOP** Urgent message **STOP** Dr Maybe is once again threatening the world **STOP** Report immediately to FISH HQ for Operation Starfish Mission Briefing. **STOP**
MESSAGE ENDS

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2. Insert the game cartridge into the slot on the Genesis. Press the cartridge down firmly to lock it in place.
3. Turn the power switch ON.
4. The EA logo appears and the introduction begins.
5. Press START to skip the Intro and go to the Main Menu.

JAMES POND BACKGROUND



James Pond is F15H's top secret agent — so cool, he's glacial. Unfailingly polite and unruffled, he's never been seen with a gill out of place.

Pond rubs out enemies with the swish of a fin. As an agent he is fishtastic with a 100% success rate.

Pond is a master of disguise, a fabulous athlete and an accomplished gymnast - his favorite move is the double back flipper. He learned how to wriggle out of tight corners from his granddad, the Great Pondini. Whenever world safety is threatened you can bet Pond is first on the scene.

No mission too dangerous, no location too hostile, James Pond is the best.

James Pond lives and travels in style. His base is a submerged luxury liner and his favorite transport is an amphibious Austin Marlin Lagoonda. Pond's base is crammed full of gob-smacking gadgets and gizmos.

As well as being an expert with all forms of weaponry, Pond also has a formidable arsenal of jokes. His

rapier sharp wit rarely misses it's target, and many a captured villain has heard a knockout punchline just before a knockout punch.

Pond is the world's coolest secret agent. If you haven't heard of him, where have you been? If you live in a cave at the summit of an undiscovered, unclimbable mountain, then maybe we'll let you off. If not, you'd better stop drifting, start swimming with the tide and float with JAMES POND.

FISH MISSION BACKGROUND AND BRIEFING

POND:

Congratulations on your record-breaking results in the Aquatic Games, but now it is time to put your gold medals away. Dr Maybe has returned to threaten world safety!

Following his defeat at your fins in Robocod, Dr Maybe adopted a low profile. Our special surveillance teams trailed his movements (see report from FISH Agent Hake below), but their sightings shed little light on any plans. We hoped that Dr Maybe and the criminal cronies at J.A.W.S. were all washed up, but this has proved to be far from the truth. Once again Maybe is threatening the planet.

FISH SURVEILLANCE

SUBJECT: Dr Maybe

12.9.92. Reported to FISH HQ to receive my assignment - to track down Dr Maybe and keep him under surveillance. I travelled to the toy factory where Maybe was defeated by James Pond. Picked up Maybe's Arctic escape route but the trail soon went cold.

30.11.92. At last I received some news - a tip-off from an informer. A J.A.W.S. meeting was rumoured to be taking place at an abandoned airport in Death Desert. I took up position and waited.

2.11.92. SUCCESS! After two dusty days on duty I spotted Dr Maybe leaving the meeting. He was heavily disguised, but I'd recognize that ugly mug anywhere. Maybe roared off at an incredible speed. Keeping up proved impossible. As I was radioing in my report, I saw a flash of light curving up into the sky.

Since then, no new sightings have been reported. My agent instincts tell me something is about to happen. Dr Maybe **MUST** be planning something big if he's gone to all this trouble to evade surveillance.

Our fears were roused by the sudden disappearance of a space shuttle (see newspaper cutting). There is only one criminal genius capable of masterminding such an audacious act - Dr Maybe.

SPACE SHUTTLE SHOCK

by ace reporter Lewis Lean

At 0830 today, NASA confirmed the disappearance of one of their space shuttles. Officials were remaining tight lipped about the causes of the shuttle's disappearance and about the contents of its cargo hold.

BALDERDASH

Mr Ponsonby-Smythe, a NASA spokesman, denied that the shuttle was on a top secret military mission. However, papers in my possession confirm that the shuttle's cargo was a spy satellite.

HAS DR MAYBE RETURNED?

Is it possible that Dr Maybe has returned? NASA's reassurances remain deeply unconvincing. My undersea sources have revealed that the aquatic agency FISH has put all operatives on red alert and that their top agent, James Pond is on the verge of wading into action.

As a result we picked up one of Maybe's known associates. Unfortunately the vermin was no squealer. After the coward was tickled into submission we discovered vital evidence in his coat pocket. See below.

RATS REQUIRED

If you are a human hating rat, contact **J.A.W.S..**

We have great job opportunities with plenty of cheese benefits.

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I immediately smelt a rat. The evidence we had gathered pointed to one thing - Maybe had set up a secret base on the moon. But why? I instantly dispatched a team of three top agents to the moon. They never arrived! See transcript of their last message.

FISH SURVEILLANCE

SUBJECT: Dr Maybe

All systems A, OK, we are beginning our orbit of the moon. The dark side is just coming into view and.... It's amazing! We can see a giant moonbase on the surface..... crackle zing. Controls are going haywire, we're caught in garble garble tractor beam. The radio's being jammed buzz crackle we're going..... down.....ahhhhhh.....uuugggghhhhhh.....
.....hissssssssssssssss.

Further losses could not be risked. I launched 'Claw' space probes and directed spy satellites at the dark side of the moon. The contents of the probes, analysed by Dr Gordon Zola, and the photographs developed by our Codak boffins are truly amazing. Detailed results are shown below. They prove beyond doubt that the moon is not only made up of cheese, but a whole variety of dairy products.

From our findings we are certain that Dr Maybe has one aim in mind - to mine finest quality Moon Cheese and monopolize the world's cheese markets. The effects of this would be devastating. As our top F15H operative, you have been assigned to Operation Starfish. Your mission is to rescue fellow agents, destroy Maybe's Cheese mines and defeat Dr Maybe, but beware, it will be no picnic. Unfortunately three of our other agents are still missing, one of them, Finnius Frog, is vital to the success of the mission — rescue Finnius and he'll help you out.

Our scientists have developed new F15H equipment for use in the special moon environment.

Further details on these subjects as well as detailed moon reports are enclosed in this dossier, along with a short Moon acclimatization program.

Remember, one fish can make the difference. The world is relying on you.

GETTING STARTED

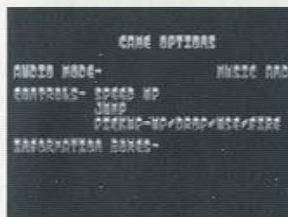
Press **START** to stop the intro and go to the Main Menu.

Main Menu

All of the options on the Main Menu are selected by moving the highlighter with **Up** and **Down** on the D-Pad — and then pressing **START** to choose.



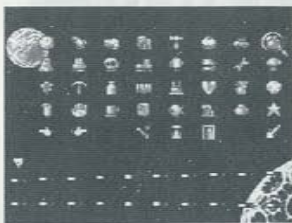
Options Screen



Here you can change the music, sound FX and control settings of the game. Select a setting with the D-Pad and use buttons **A** and **B** to cycle

through the options. Press **START** to return to the Main Menu.

Password Screen



Here you enter the passwords that are given to you after destroying a guardian or on levels with a password beacon.

The password is kind of like a save game feature — by using the password you can start the game at the level where the code was given.

Use the D-Pad to move the selector among the items. Button **A** or **B** selects an item. Button **C** changes the color of the items. After entering a password, choose the rocket icon to try the code, if it's successful you start the game.

Map Screen

- Orange routes are normal paths to normal levels.
- Blue routes are to secret levels (blue stars) that have been opened by special tokens
- Happy green stars are completed levels.
- Sad orange stars are uncompleted levels.



Secret route tokens can be found in some levels — collecting these gives you access to new levels and secret routes.

Press **A**, **B** or **C** to bring up a Status screen that tells you how well you're doing. On the map, press **START** to play the level Pond is hovering over.

Finishing a Level

To complete a level, Pond must destroy the beacon. On some levels you must perform a special task (like collecting certain items) before ending the levels. Any special missions are described at the beginning of the level.

Movement

Pond

PAUSE — Press **START** at any time to pause the game. Press **START** again to return to play, or press **A** to restart the level.

PUNCHING — Press button **C** and D-Pad **left** or **right** to direct the punch.

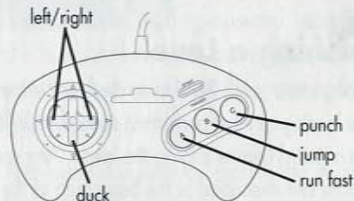
CLIMBING — Some surfaces can be climbed, D-Pad **up** and press **B**.

PICKING UP ITEMS — Pressing **C** allows Pond to pick up items.

THROWING ITEMS — To throw an object, press **C** and D-Pad in the direction you want it to travel.

Finnius

Finnius becomes active when you run into the frog icon. Finnus is needed only on certain levels.



JUMPING — Press **B**, to jump higher hold **B** on the way up and D-Pad **down** when falling.

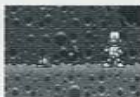
EATING/CARRYING — Press button **C** to use Finnus's tongue, all pickups can be carried in his mouth.

Equipment

FISH experts have identified the following items as essential equipment for Operation Starfish. Find them as you travel on the moon.

Helmet

Gives protection from falling objects and spiked ceilings.



Fruit Gun

Fires homing cakes, strawberries, oranges, apples and lemons. Collect powerups for more ammo — if Pond is holding the gun and he knocks a square holding fruit it will flash, this is a powerup.

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Umbrella

Allows the holder to slow down and control his fall.

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Dynamite

Timed to explode after a short delay — starts to count down after being picked up.

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Spring Boots

Used to jump very high. Press button **B** and D-Pad **down** on the descent. Take off the boots by pressing **B** and D-Pad **down**, while static on the floor.

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Fruit Suits

To wear a Fruit Suit, stand behind it (Pond cannot be carrying an item) and D-Pad **down**. When put on they allow the wearer to roll into enemies to cause damage. Fruit suits can also offer an extra protective layer. Replenish energy by picking up a matching fruit. Explode the suit by pressing **C**.



Thruster

Hover using button **B**. Fire yogurt by pressing button **C**. Watch the fuel gauge. To drop the Thruster, you must first be on solid ground. Hold the D-Pad down, and press **C**.



X-Ray Specs

Wear these to see hidden headblocks.



Bomb

Extra powerful. They need to be dropped to work.

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Other Pickups

Weight — Makes Pond very heavy.

Heart — Extra life.

Teeth — Can be thrown at enemies. Finnius Frog can use the teeth to help him pickup objects easier. Press **C** to have Finnius pick up the teeth and put them in his mouth.

Cheese — Can be thrown at enemies.

Boot — Can be thrown at enemies

Rock — Can be thrown at enemies, shatter after lots of use.

Fuel — Fills up thruster.

T.V. — Can be thrown at enemies, very fragile. If you throw the T.V. down four times, it breaks and a ghost appears. Pick up the broken T.V. and jump continually on the ghost's head to reach a higher area.

Poison — Hurts Pond, but not Finnius.

Red Herring — Invulnerability.

Bonuses

Coin — 25,000pts

Trophy — 50,000pts

Crown — 100,000pts

Moons — 50pts, 1000 moons gives an extra life.

Tea Cups — 4 are hidden on each level for an extra bonus.

Star — One fish/frog of energy.

F.I.S.H. Personnel Files

Name: Finnius Frog

Position: Agent in training

Age: 15 leap years

Current Address: FI5H HQ

Likes: Amphibious maneuvers

Dislikes: Dr Maybe, any JAWS operatives

Personal Data: Following successful completion of basic training, Finnius Frog has been assigned to Operation Starfi5h. He is to track James Pond's movements in order to pick up operational tips and advice.

Finnius Frog is slower than James Pond, but due to immensely powerful back legs, he can leap higher. Being smaller than Pond, he can also squeeze through small gaps or spaces.

Name: Admiral 'Half' Nelson

Position: Founder of F.I.5.H.

Age: Not known

Current Address: Secret underwater headquarters

Likes: Favorite joke - I was flounder of F.I.5.H.

Dislikes: Dastardly Doctors, land lubbers

Personal Data: An ex-wrestler who wears an eye-patch and pins his sleeve to his jacket. He is in fact perfectly healthy.

A crusty old sea salt, the Admiral talks in nautical terms such as 'Batten down the hatches' whenever appropriate.



Name: Classified : Known only as F

Position: Chief of FISH Operations world wide



History: Information on F is highly classified. His identity is never revealed. He keeps his face in the shadow at all times, but can be identified by the ring on his finger with the distinctive TOP SECRET imprint.

F's Offices are inside an aquarium and the walls are lined with fish tanks. F briefs all agents for their missions and also supplies them with any special equipment. He is quiet, calm and incredibly effISHient.

J.A.W.S. Personnel Files

Dr Maybe selected the most feared gangsters in the galaxy to join forces with him to form J.A.W.S. (JUNTA AGAINST WORLD SAFETY).

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Headed by Maybe, Pond's greatest enemy, JAWS aims are simple: to destroy FISH and to take over the world for it's own gain.

Shown below are our current intelligence on Dr Maybe and his underlings:

Name: Dr Maybe

Age: Unknown

Address: Currently - the moon

Likes: Attempting to take over the world

Dislikes: James Pond and all F.I.L.S.H. agents

Personal data: Dr Maybe is one of the most dangerous criminals at large and is the arch enemy of James Pond.

The monocled, mad-cap scientist is the founder and chairmad-man of JAWS. He has already masterminded two attempts to take over the world. Both were foiled by Pond. He has a grudge against the world which laughed at his inventions (see illustration of egg peeler - consisting of mallet suspended over an egg).

His fondest wish is to turn James Pond into FISH fingers.

WARNING: This man is dangerous.



Name: Mervin and Melvin Rat

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Age: 15

Current Address: The moon. Previously lived at No 12 The Sewers, Outfall Pipes Nos 1 - 23 and at Wotawhiff Waste Tip.

Likes: Cheese, anything they can get their teeth into.

Dislikes: Fish, Pied Pipers, squealers.

Personal Data: Mervin and Melvin are Dr Maybe's personal hench-rats. They are constantly hungry and always squabbling amongst themselves. These rats enjoy wearing Maybe's monocle and ordering everyone else about.

Mervin and Melvin are direct descendants of an infamous criminal clan. Their most notorious forefather is the medieval black rat, Verminus, who is believed to have brought the Black Death to Europe, wiping out half the population of England.

Name: Space Yob

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Age: 25

Current Address: The moon, precise location on the planet unknown

Likes: Dr Maybe, yogurt

Dislikes: James Pond, toys, small children

Personal Data: Despite much speculation and surveillance, Space Yob's precise role in Dr Maybe's plans is unclear. The current theory is that he is being trained to be Maybe's evil office junior. But, Dr Maybe is so busy with his schemes to take over the world that Space Yob is left to his own pathetic devices. As a result, this near redundant blob is left to wander the moon in search of something to do.

Artist Bio

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Hints

Here are some interesting points and hints about James Pond III:

- There are three possible endings.
- Pond has more than one objective!
- There are over 100 full levels. Exactly how many, even we aren't sure!
- There are MANY secret routes.
- There are countless ways of getting secret bonuses.
- Despite appearances, Pond hasn't actually grown feet, his anti-grav boots fit cleverly around the bottoms of his fins.

- Punching exits at the right time gives you extra points — you could even try bouncing on them.
- Finnius, being a young frog has yet to grow teeth, but this is the only thing holding back his voracious appetite!
- If you come to what seems like a dead-end, look around for hidden blocks.
- Watch out for chain-reactions!
- Some enemies may seem indestructible but careful use of explosives may prove effective.
- Not every level need be completed to reach Dr Maybe's lair.
- Pond's rocket's proximity scanner gives you an idea how close to Maybe's base you are.
- Pond's girlfriend, Angel Fish is one of the three missing agents.
- Collecting moons can offer worthwhile rewards!
- Certain items can be used in ways you might not expect!
- There are a number of interesting cheats!

Some facts about James Pond III's development:

- The cartridge size was originally intended to be 4Mbit and was increased to 8Mbit and finally 16Mbit to account for the game's size (thankyou E.A.!).
- Work on Pond III continued around the clock in the final months!
- The finished program consists of 130,893 lines of assembly language and includes data from 633 files. This makes it more than four times as complex as James Pond II!
- The hero's ground detection was a programming nightmare!
- James Pond was first created with the name 'Guppy'.
- The passwords may seem complicated but a lot of time and effort was spent making them as short and easy to use as possible, there's simply a lot of data to store!

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