÷ OrigiNal KATAKiS DocumentatiOn ÷

How it all began...

In another Universe beyond the imagination lies the planet Katakis,

the most central planet in the tri-solar system, Torian.

In the beginning the planet was a paradise for it's inhabitants.

Intelligence on the planet was flourishing with much research taking place.

At the beginning very simple genetic machines were developed.

This form of industry grew, however, much faster than any body

could previewsly have imagined. Simple constructions, which could do the

hard work, were at first sufficient but then more complex machines began to

interest the scientists... The machines became very specialised and

ultimately very intelligent. The people of Katakis had put all their

creative power into their new developments, but...

What happened...

...but the machines developed into independent beings. They turned against

their creators and began to devastate the Paradise.

Disastrous natural catastrophes were brought about by them.

The machines learnt how to increase and use their destructive powers.

Forest were destroyed with gases, lakes & rivers were polluted

with chemicals. Life on Katakis was unbearable. The despairing Katakians

knew that there was only one way to end this rein of terror...

use the atom bomb.

The whole surface of the planet Katakis was destroyed by the bomb.

Free life was now impossible, so a small group of survivors set up in

an underground stronghold. Here they were protected from the deadly

radiation - but they lived lives of misery in eternal darkness. On the

nuclear fires. They changed and mutated into totally grey life-forms, half machine, half organism. the agression of the machines was vented on the inhabits of Katakis. Systematically the whole planet was stripped of life. The machines built new machines, huge factories produced more advanced models.

The Power of the Will

Even 10 years after the beginning of the machines revolt, Katakis is still a scene of permanent attack on life. Without rest, day in, day out - without certain end. The survivors tried to build machines, without independent intelligence, to beat the destructive lifeforms, but these always failed. The Katakians knew that the only hope was to set up a base at a safe distance from the planet. This had until now, however, not been achieved. All who tried to reach the center of the Machine-City failed.

In one final try, the remaining Katakians put all their technical knowledge together to invent a space-glider that could be built very quickly.

Will this space glider survive its mission?

Will the weapons be enough?

Will it succeed in penetrating the center of the ruling machines?

Will the Katakians be free again?

Loading:

Turn on your computer! (Get rid of any viruses)

When the "Workbench" screen appears, insert the program disk into

disk drive df0. The program will start automatically. You will be

told by the programm when you should exchange disks.

If you wish to save highscores, the data disk should not be write

protected.

Beginning of the Game.

After loading the data you can choose the number of players with

the joystick or display the highscore list. (Kewl, eh?)

Extra Weapons:

Scatter-Shot:


```
.-----. Increases the fire-power of the player. Two, four or eight
|  O  | projectiles will be shot. This is dependent on the number of
| O O | symbols that have already been collected.
`-----'
```


Speed-Up:


```
.-----. Increases the flying speed of the player. BEWARE: A Fighter
| \ \ | that is flying to quickly can not be well navigated.
| / / |
`-----'
```


Blitz-Shot:


```
.-----. Special laser that is reflected off super-structures. It is
|/¯\ | therefore a very strong weapon.
|  \_|
```

```
`-----'
```

Object-Seeker:

```
.-----. An energy-ball that automatically attacks the strongest opponent.
|/\ /|
| \/ |
`-----'
```

Protection-Satelite:

```
.------. Joint-energy-ball that protects the player from an attackin shot.
| .--. | After one of these symbols has been collected, a joint-energy-ball
| `--' | follows the player from underneath. When two have been collected
`------' another follows the player from above.
```

Power-Shot:

```
.------. If the firebutton is pressed for a long time after the collection
|.----.| of one of these symbols, an energy-beam will be shot. This is a very
|`----'| effective weapon which temporarily blocks your normal shooting-
`------' power. In addition these weapons cannot be used together with the
        R-Ball.
```

R-Ball:

```
.------. A Plasma-Ball that can dock onto the players ship. By pressing the
| .-.- | fire button for a long time the ball can be shot away. However,
| `-'- | direct collision with an opponent reduces the ammount of energy
`------' and as a result opponents shots will not be absorbed. The R-Ball
        can not be used together with the Power-Shot.
```