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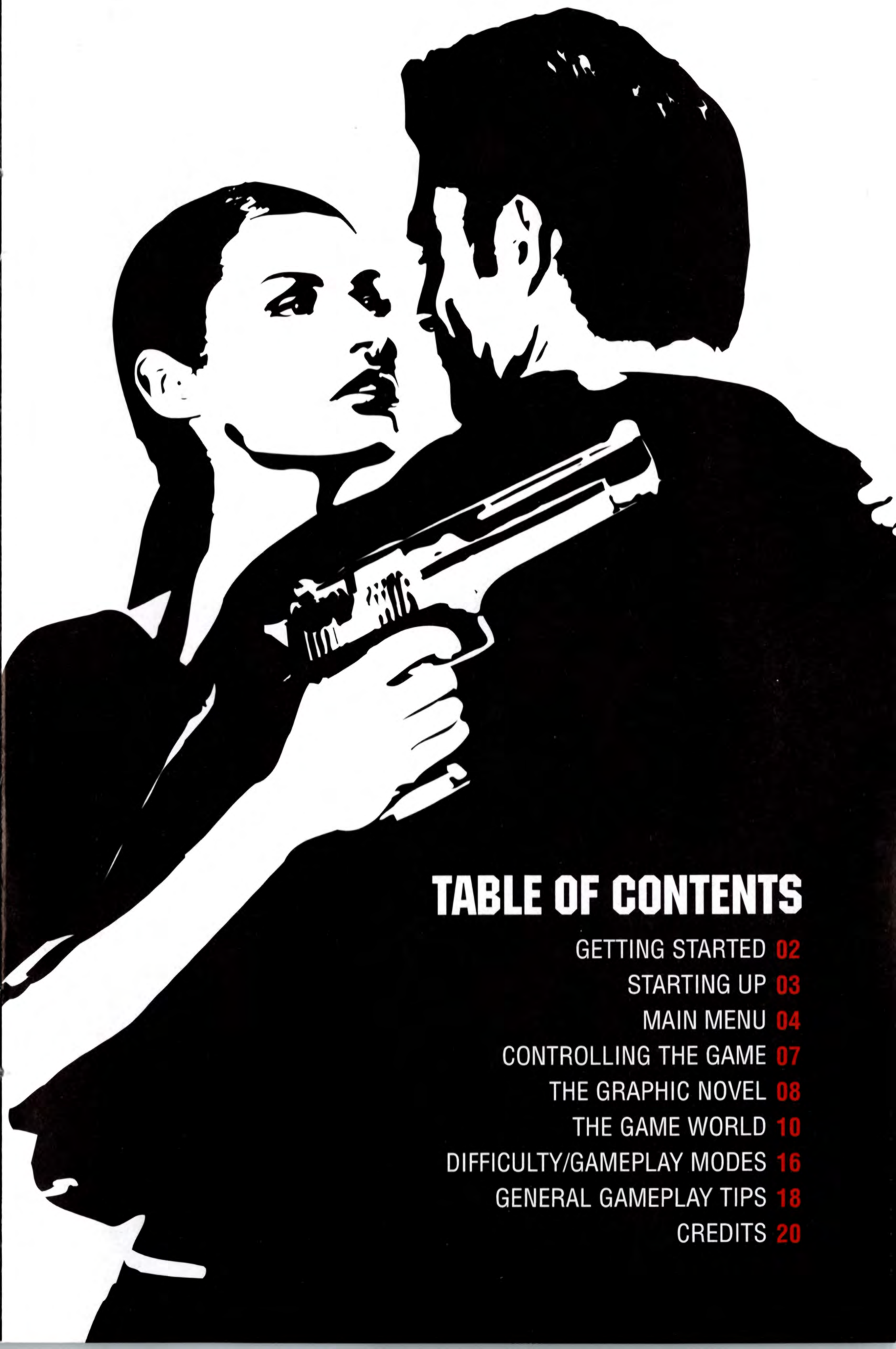
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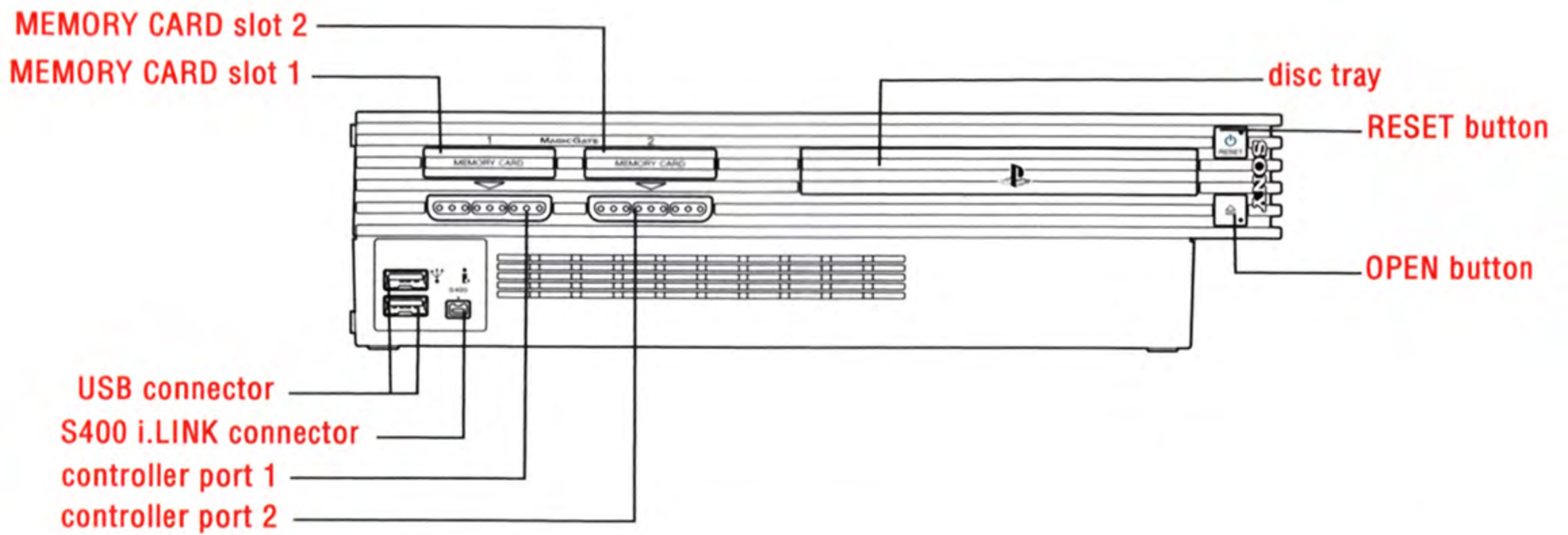


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# GETTING STARTED



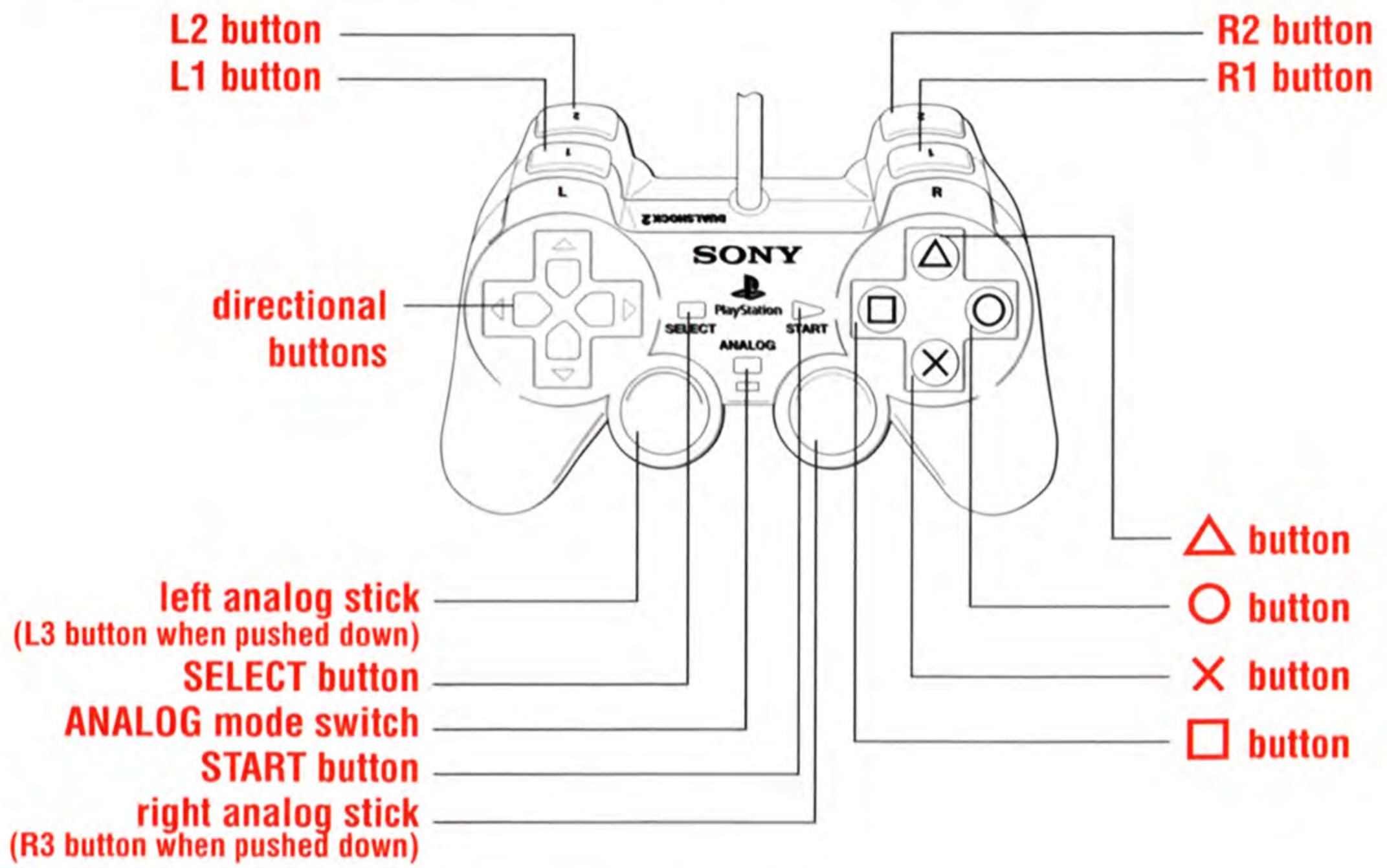
Set up your PlayStation®2 computer entertainment system according to the instructions in its Instruction Manual. Make sure the MAIN POWER switch (located on the back of the console) is turned on. Press the RESET button. When the power indicator lights up, press the open button and the disc tray will open. Place the Max Payne®2 disc on the disc tray with the label side facing up. Press the open button again and the disc tray will close. Attach game controllers and other peripherals, as appropriate. Follow on-screen instructions and refer to this manual for information on using the software.





# STARTING UP

## DUALSHOCK®2 ANALOG CONTROLLER CONFIGURATIONS



See page 7 for default Max Payne 2 controls list.





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How to Play  
Resume Game  
New Game  
Load  
Save  
Previously  
Options  
Credits



### MAIN MENU:

**How To Play:** Displays a screen showing the default control configuration for players to quickly jump into the action.

**Resume Game:** Resume your on-going game session.

**New Game:** Starts a new game session. Select "New Game", then select gameplay mode. Different gameplay modes (Detective, Hard-Boiled, Dead on Arrival, Dead Man Walking and New York Minute) are explained later in the manual.

The Jump to Chapter option is unlocked once you've completed Detective mode for the first time.

**Load:** Opens the Load Game menu screen.

**Save:** Opens the Save Game menu screen.

**Previously:** Displays a summary of the previous events leading to Max Payne 2: The Fall of Max Payne.

**Options:** Opens the Options menu screen.

**Credits:** View the credits for Max Payne 2.

During gameplay, you can always return to the Main Menu by pressing the SELECT button (Press **▲** button to return to game).



## SAVE GAME MENU:

Select one of 6 available save game slots to save the current gameplay situation. The Save Game option is only available during a running gameplay session. Press the SELECT button to return to the main menu and select Save Game. Highlight one of the slots and press the **X** button to save.



## LOAD GAME MENU:

Select any saved game from the Load Game menu and press the **X** button to load.

## OPTIONS MENU:

**Controls:** Reconfigure Movement and Combat Controls.

**Select Crosshair:** Choose different types of crosshairs. This option also allows you to turn off crosshair.





The Game menu contains the following settings:

**Enable Auto Aiming:** By default, Max Payne 2 assists the player to aim more accurately. Disable this feature as your skill level increases.

**Enable Auto Lock:** When this option is enabled, Max will target an enemy who passes through the center of the screen, and remain "locked" on this target until another enemy passes through the target area.

**Invert Aiming:** Selecting this option will reverse controller response to the Y (up/down) axis when aiming.

**Enable Vibration:** Turn vibration effects on/off.

**Auto Weapon Change:** Auto Weapon Change will make Max automatically switch to a more powerful weapon when acquired.

**Enable Bullet Time Aid:** This helps you to conserve as much Bullet Time as possible by switching it off in certain gameplay situations. Selecting this is recommended, but more experienced players may want full control of Bullet Time and opt to keep this off.

**Enable Subtitles:** Turn on subtitles to read what characters are saying in-game and in the cut scenes.

**Back:** Return to the previous menu.

The Video menu contains the following options:

**Widescreen Support:** Turns widescreen mode on/off.

The Audio menu contains the following settings:

**Music Volume:** Changes music volume.

**Effects Volume:** Changes sound effects volume.

**Enable Stereo Sound:** Sets game audio to Stereo mode, when available.

**Enable Mono Sound:** Sets game audio to Mono mode.

**Restore Defaults:** Resets default music and sound effects volumes.

**Back:** Return to the previous menu.



# CONTROLLING THE GAME

The controls in Max Payne 2 are customizable. Default movement and combat controls are as follows:

ACTION	CONTROLS
MOVE/STRAFE	LEFT ANALOG STICK
AIM	RIGHT ANALOG STICK
RELOAD	△ BUTTON
PAINKILLERS	○ BUTTON
JUMP	× BUTTON
USE/ZOOM	□ BUTTON
SHOOT	R1 BUTTON
SECONDARY ATTACK	R2 BUTTON
AIM FAST	R3 BUTTON
SHOOTDODGE™	L1 BUTTON
BULLET TIME	L2 BUTTON
CROUCH	L3 BUTTON
WEAPONS MENU	DIRECTIONAL BUTTONS
MAIN MENU	SELECT BUTTON
PAUSE MENU	START BUTTON

## Pausing the Game (START button):

Press the START button to pause animation.

## Using Items:

Max Payne 2 requires frequent interaction with the environment. Press the □ button in the proximity of a usable item to make Max perform the subsequent action. Max turns on faucets, opens cabinets, answers phones, pushes elevator door buttons and much more. Search the area to discover what Max finds interesting then press the □ button to engage that item.

Hit the □ button and talk to other in-game characters. This is essential to learning information that helps you progress.

## Secondary Attack (R2 button):

Press the R2 button to use your gun as a melee weapon, throw a Molotov cocktail, or throw a grenade depending on which you have selected. Choose a new Secondary Attack in the first row of your weapons inventory with the directional buttons.



# THE GRAPHIC NOVEL



The Graphic Novel tells much of the story of Max Payne 2: The Fall of Max Payne. It is wise to pay attention to the Graphic Novel sequences. They reveal plot twists, characters, environments, and other elements key to progressing through the game.

**Play Mode:** After encountering a new page of the Graphic Novel, the story will advance automatically page by page with no user intervention required ('Play Mode'). Gameplay resumes as soon as the Graphic Novel section is completed.

Press the **X** button to skip to the next screen. Press the **△** button to skip the entire Graphic Novel section. Press the left/right directional buttons to scroll through the pages of the Graphic Novel.









# THE GAME WORLD

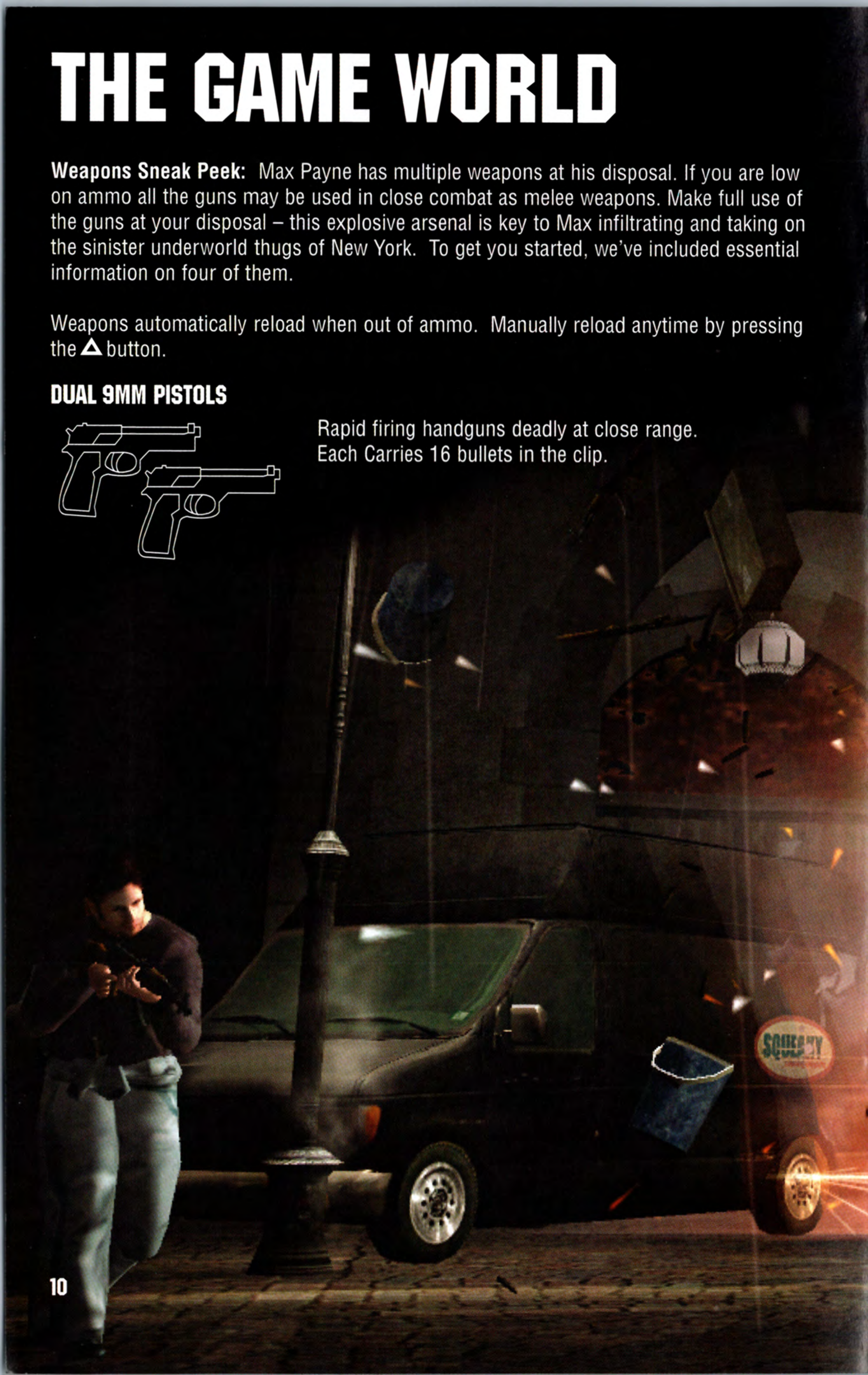
**Weapons Sneak Peek:** Max Payne has multiple weapons at his disposal. If you are low on ammo all the guns may be used in close combat as melee weapons. Make full use of the guns at your disposal – this explosive arsenal is key to Max infiltrating and taking on the sinister underworld thugs of New York. To get you started, we've included essential information on four of them.

Weapons automatically reload when out of ammo. Manually reload anytime by pressing the **△** button.

## DUAL 9MM PISTOLS

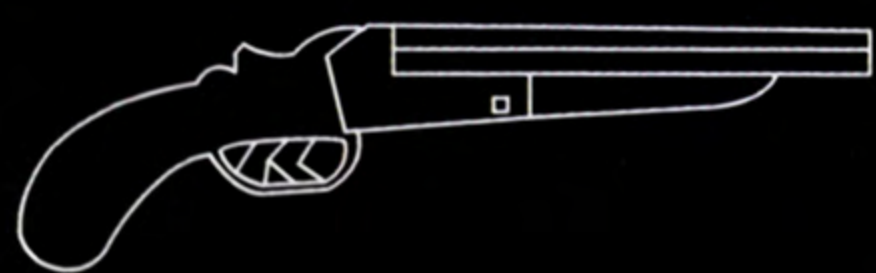


Rapid firing handguns deadly at close range. Each Carries 16 bullets in the clip.





## SAWED OFF SHOTGUN



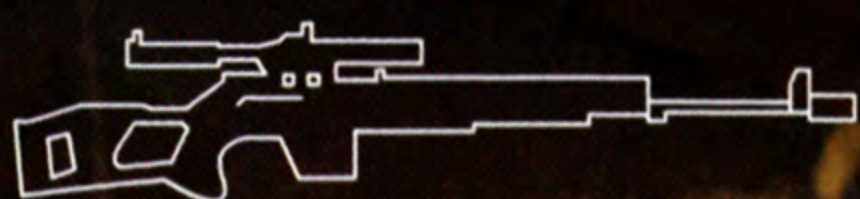
Not a legal police issue weapon. When discarded by the enemy, Max uses it to the fullest potential. While inaccurate over longer distances this is absolutely deadly at close range.

## MP5



High-powered automatic weapon with a blistering rate of fire. Scope allows for long distance blasting. Press the  button to use the scope.

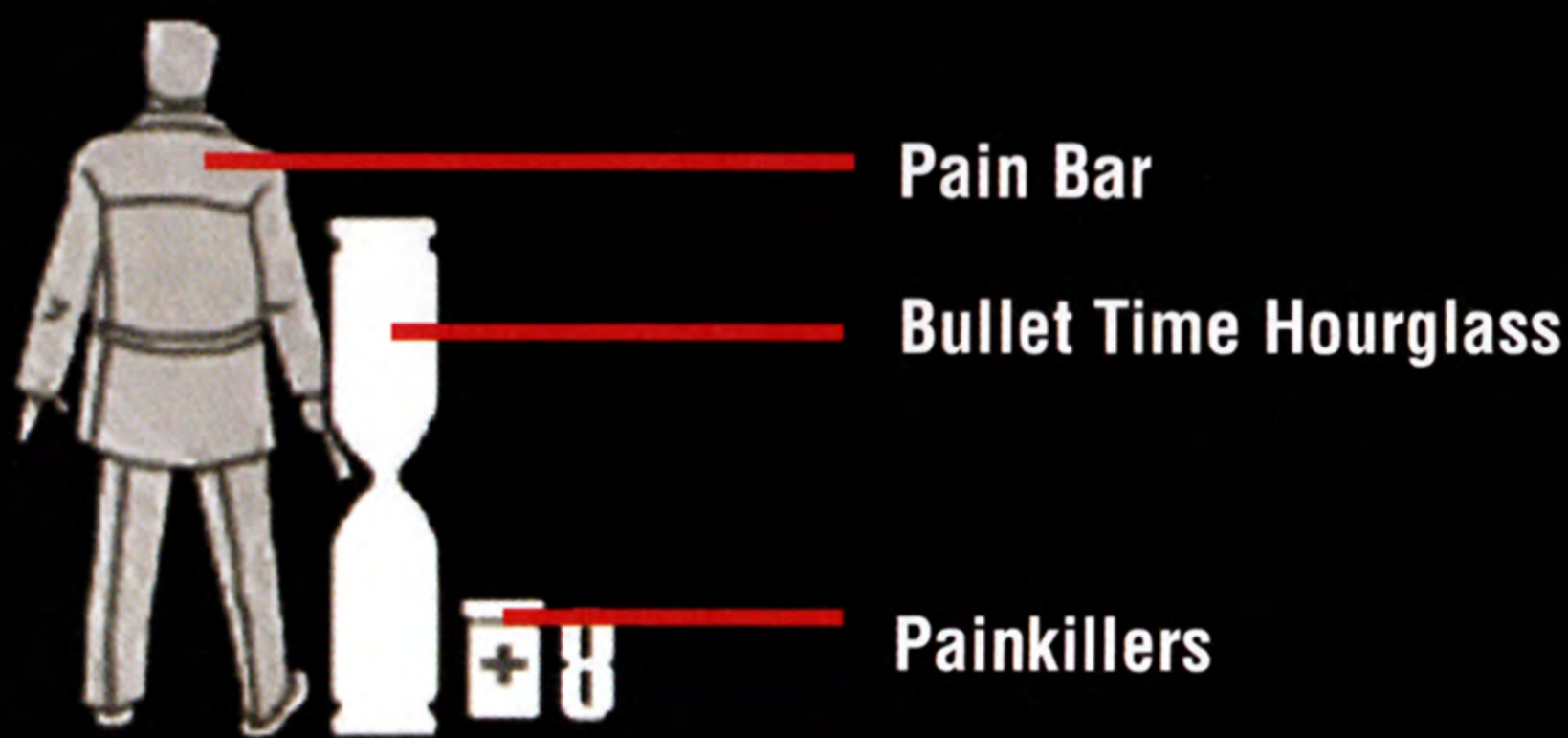
## DRAGUNOV



Pinpoint sniper rifle with a very technical scope to take out thugs with precision. Quick tip: Enable Bullet Time when an enemy is well hidden, wait for his head to show then quickly pop him with a focused shot. Again, press the  button to use the scope.







## MAX'S HEALTH

The Pain Bar, in the form of a silhouette of Max Payne, resides in the lower left hand side of the screen, indicating the level of damage/pain Max Payne is experiencing during the game. In some sequences of the game, two Pain Bars may be visible to indicate the health of another key character. When the pain bar is full, Max will die. But, like movie action heroes Max never stays down. Even when badly hurt, he slowly regains health and will quickly be ready to dive back into the action.

Reduce pain by eating painkillers found in various locations in the game. Find painkillers left behind by dead enemies or in medicine cabinets and boxes. Carry a maximum of 8 painkillers at once. Painkillers only heal a fraction of Max's total health and they take a few seconds to take full effect, indicated by a faded red color in the Pain Bar. This faded red color shows the real health status of Max.



Further damage will be added on top of the faded red, not the solid red. Choose to take painkillers and let them take full effect before entering further combat against the enemies.

## **BULLET TIME**

(L2 button)

Bullet Time allows Max to slow down time. When Bullet Time is activated, gameplay slows but Max can still aim weapons in real-time.

Bullet Time is a limited resource and drains over time as indicated by the hourglass in the lower left of the screen. Toggle Bullet Time on and off by pressing the the L2 button. For every enemy Max takes out, he will gain a little more Bullet Time and it will also regenerate slowly.

Take multiple enemies out quickly and the hourglass will turn different shades of yellow. When this is activated, Max goes even deeper into “the zone”. Enemies are slower, but Max’s movements and speed remain the same. When in Bullet Time, a deeper shade of yellow indicates Max has an even greater edge over enemies.





## SHOOTDODGING™

(left, right, forward or back + L1 button)

In addition to normal dodges and Bullet Time, Max can also Shootdodge.

Press left, right, forward or back and Shootdodge (L1 button) to perform a slow motion Shootdodge dive. A Shootdodge doesn't use up any Bullet Time, but provides an incredible edge during combat gameplay.

Press Bullet Time toggle (L2 button) to place Max into Bullet Time without performing a Shootdodge.

Remember, Shootdodging slows down the action around Max, but he can still aim in real-time. Use this to your advantage. After a Shootdodge, Max can continue to fire while prone by holding down the Shoot button as long as he has ammo in the clip.

**Bullet Time Combo** (unassigned by default):

Set a Bullet Time Combo button to both toggle Bullet Time and Shootdodge from one button. Press the Bullet Time Combo button while standing still to toggle Bullet Time, or press it while moving to Shootdodge in that direction.

**Dodging** (left, right or back + X button):

Dodge is an effective defensive move performed in any direction. Select a direction (left, right or back) and press Jump (X button) simultaneously.





## CINEMATIC SHOTS

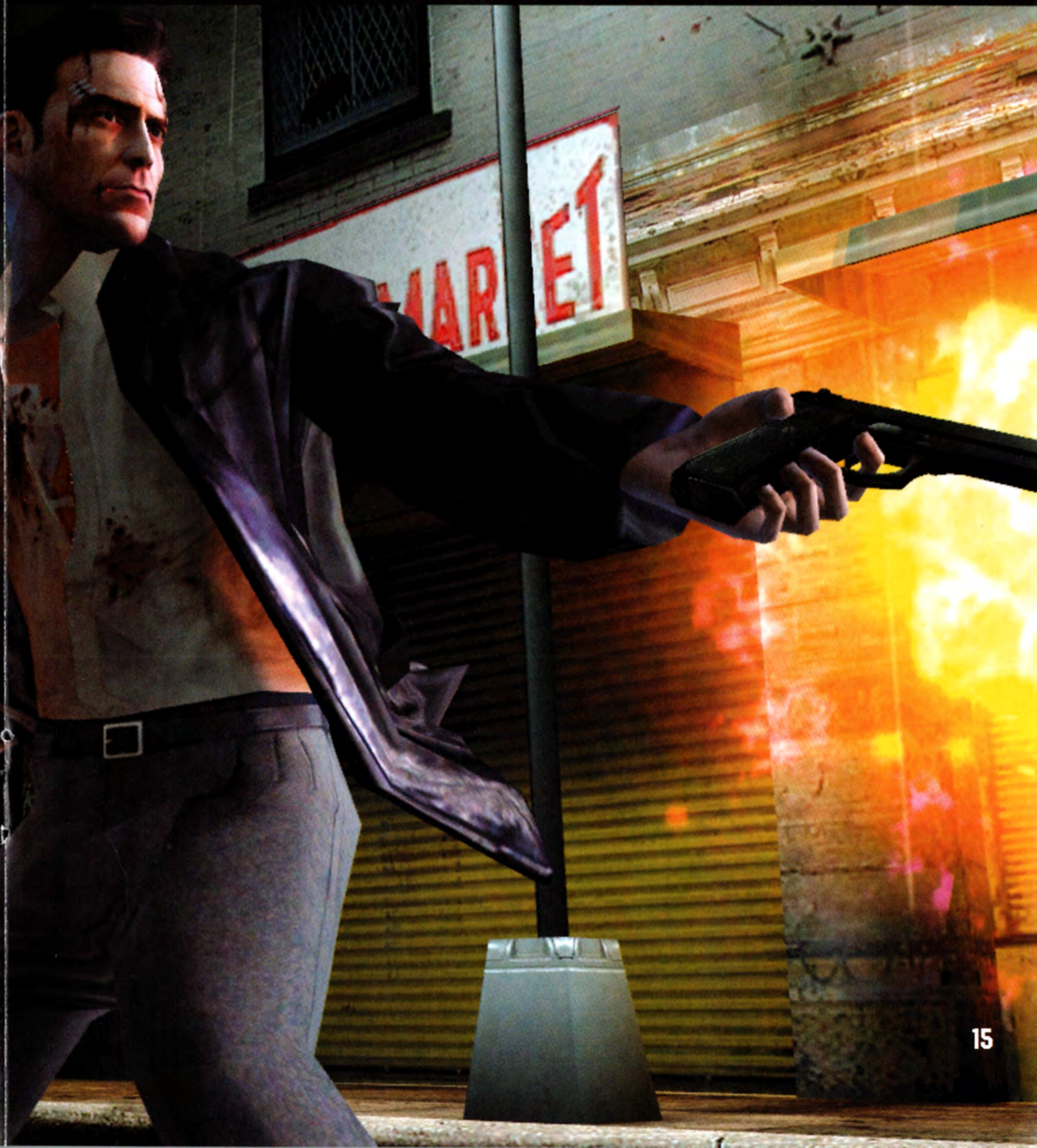
During combat, Cinematic Shots occur when the camera moves to highlight action (enemies flying backwards in slow-motion, etc).

“Bullet Cam” occurs sometimes when the sniper rifle is used. This is helpful in aiming and gives a cool perspective of the action.

Part of the story is also told in cinematic form.

You may interrupt cinematic shots by pressing the **X** button.

When in Bullet Time and Max is deep “in the zone” actions such as reloading may trigger a special move accompanied by a camera pan.





# DIFFICULTY AND ADDITIONAL GAMEPLAY MODES

## DETECTIVE

Detective mode is the only mode available when first playing Max Payne 2. In Detective mode, gameplay is altered by a self-adjusting skill level system. Enemies adjust their behavior and performance according to Max's progress through the game. If the player encounters difficulty, gameplay adjusts the behavior and reactions of the enemies in your favor. If the gameplay is a breeze, enemies will rise to the challenge.

After completing Max Payne 2 for the first time, the following additional gameplay modes are unlocked:

## HARD BOILED

For more of a challenge, the Hard Boiled mode is like Detective difficulty without the benefit of the self-adjusting skill system. Enemies are always set to their toughest level.

## DEAD ON ARRIVAL

The ultimate challenge! The enemies are just as deadly as in Hard Boiled mode, but now the player also has a limited number of save games available per level. This mode is unlocked only after completing Hard Boiled.





## **NEW YORK MINUTE**

A hectic mode for speed-running. Each map starts out with a timer ticking. Take out enemies to reduce the time, Graphic Novels and cinematics stop the timer from progressing, Bullet Time reduces the timers progression to correspond to the slowdown. The times are saved and you can review your record runs – the faster you are, the better. This gameplay mode is unlocked once you've completed Detective Mode for the first time.

## **DEAD MAN WALKING**

Death is inevitable, the question is how long you can keep going. Stay alive as long as possible in this fast paced deathmatch. When you start playing Dead Man Walking the map has a single enemy, and as time progresses more and more enemies are spawned into the map. When the enemies die, they get resurrected after a five second delay. The longer you stay alive the better your score. Taking out enemies gives the player an extra two seconds per kill. Like New York Minute, Dead Man Walking mode is unlocked once you've completed Detective Mode for the first time.





# GENERAL GAMEPLAY TIPS

Most importantly, make full use of Shootdodging and Bullet Time to get the drop on bad guys, aim more easily and take less damage. Max Payne 2 can be very difficult without using these modes.

Never forget to search each level thoroughly. Painkillers and weapons are hidden throughout the levels in some very unexpected places.

Use explosive objects to your advantage. Take out multiple enemies at once by shooting a single explosive barrel or ammo crate.

When a character offers to fight alongside Max Payne, take them up on the offer! Don't run ahead of them – watch their actions and use them to your advantage.

Talk to any characters encountered along the way. They may reveal important information or provide weapons and painkillers.

When Max crouches (press L3 button) during a gunfight, he presents a smaller target and is less likely to get hit. Crouching behind obstacles in combat provides the required second or two to reload a weapon before diving back into the action. Crouching will also steady the sniper rifle.

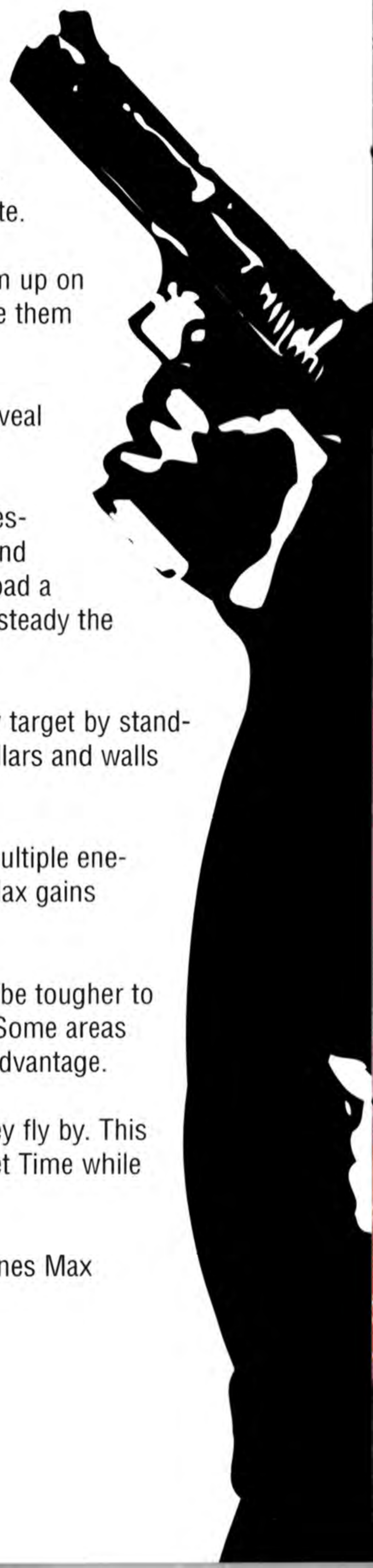
A good tactic in gun fights is to keep moving – don't be an easy target by standing still! Move side-to-side, do evasive rolls, and hide behind pillars and walls when reloading.

Sometimes offense is the best defense – when confronted by multiple enemies, don't retreat. By pushing ahead and taking out enemies Max gains more Bullet Time and the tables can be turned.

All enemies are not alike – some more prominent enemies may be tougher to beat. Some enemy types have body armor covering the torso. Some areas of enemies are more vulnerable than others – use this to your advantage.

In Bullet Time, pay very close attention and dodge bullets as they fly by. This is a good way of avoiding damage in hectic gunfights. Use Bullet Time while sniping to help improve aim.

Don't pass up interesting items, TV shows, or answering machines Max finds during gameplay.









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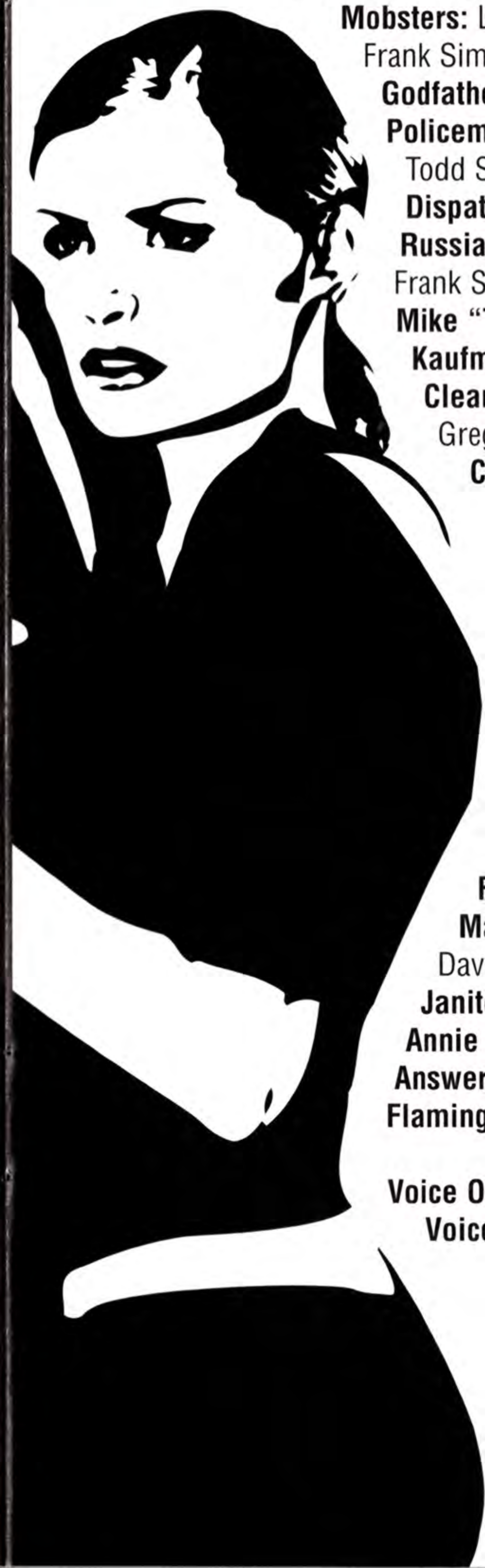
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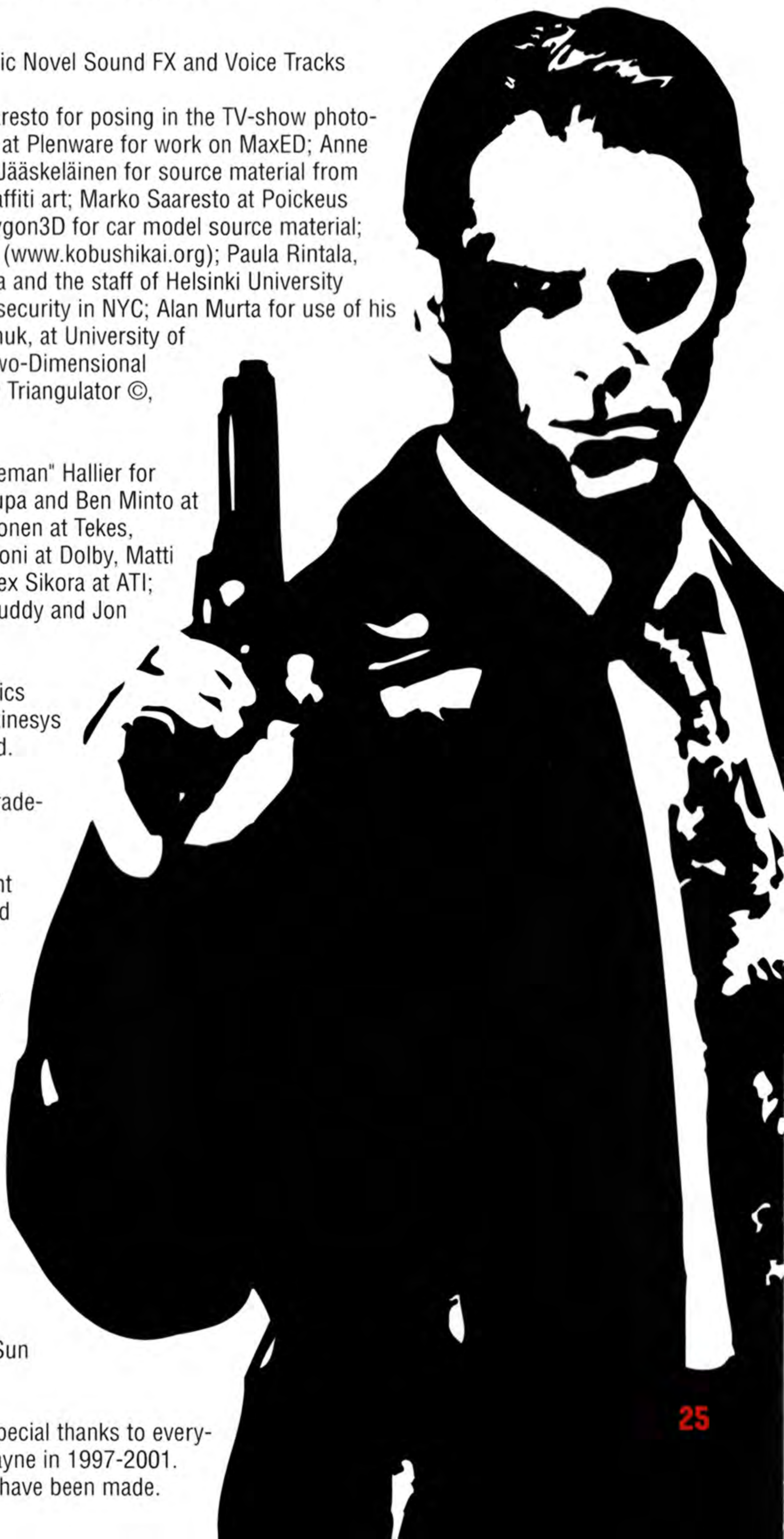
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