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OVER THE HEDGE



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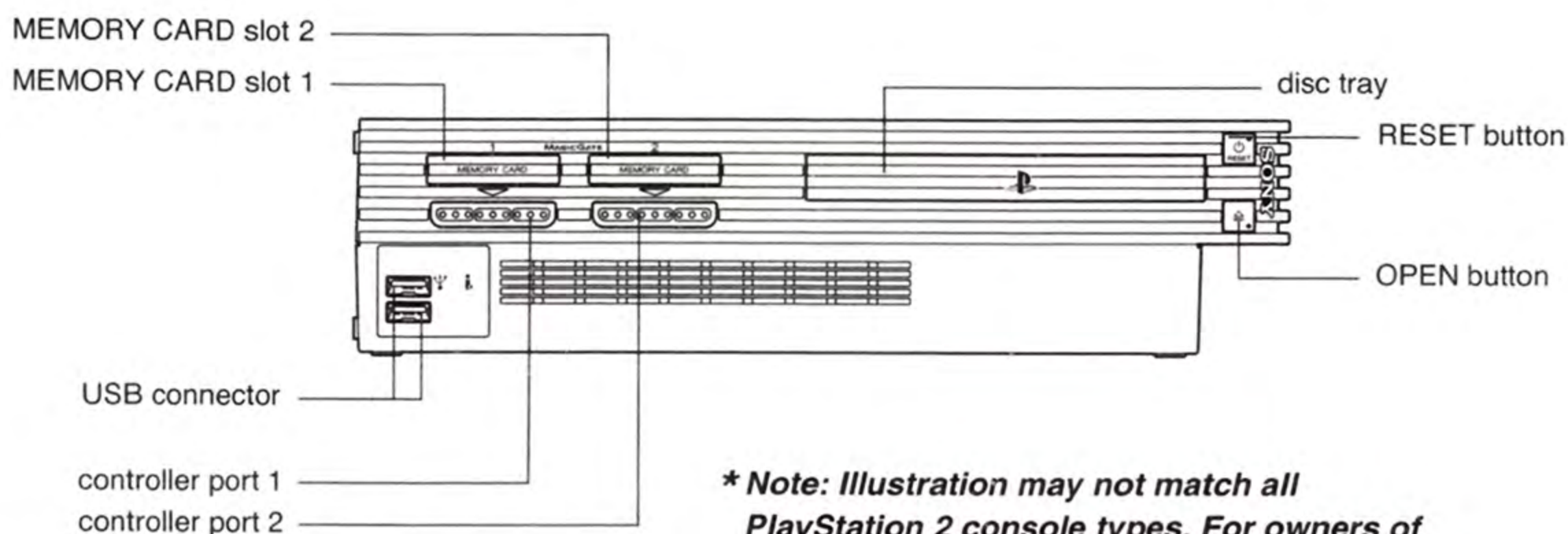
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Getting Started*



** Note: Illustration may not match all PlayStation 2 console types. For owners of SCPH-70000 series PlayStation 2 systems, refer to the setup instructions supplied with your system.*

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 **OVER THE HEDGE™** 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.

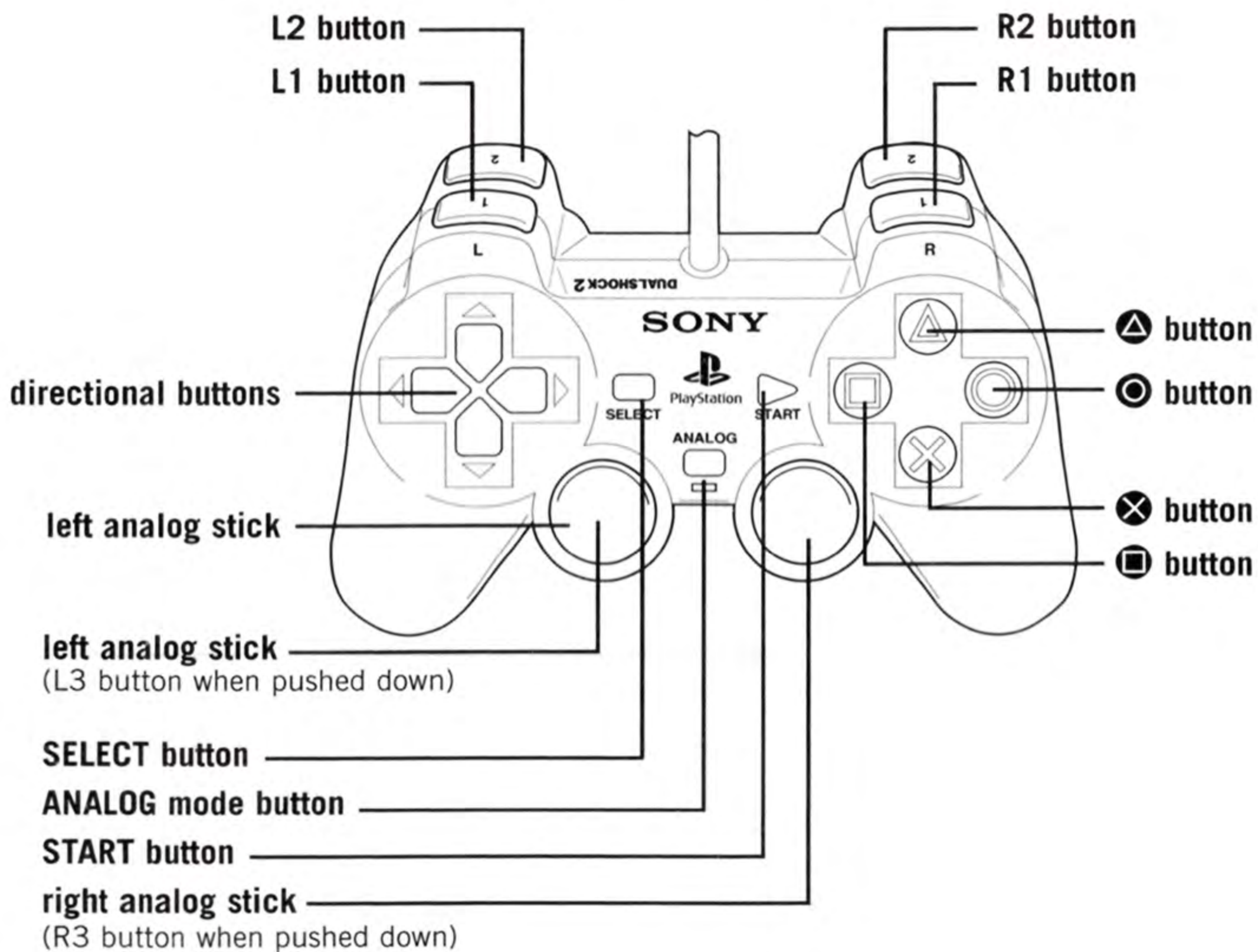
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Starting Up

DUALSHOCK®2 ANALOG CONTROLLER CONFIGURATIONS



To select menu options, use the **↑** and **↓** directional buttons to navigate. Highlight the desired option and press the **×** button to accept. To select a menu option, follow the on-screen button prompts and press the **×** button to accept and the **△** button to go back. *Over the Hedge™* supports the DUALSHOCK®2 analog controller. When Analog mode is on, the left analog stick works the same as the directional buttons.

Over the Hedge™ The Game

Verne, a protective turtle, and his family of woodland creatures have spent a long winter hibernating. They awaken to find a mysterious green leafy wall along the edge of their home—the hedge! Just as the animals are pondering their next move, out pops RJ, a charming raccoon who's lived with humans for years. RJ is eager to help...almost too eager.

RJ takes them over the hedge and introduces them to Rancho Camelot Estates—the food, the humans, the food, the gadgets...and did we mention the food? Verne, ever cautious, is skeptical of RJ at first, but the wafting aroma of tasty treats proves too strong for the critters to resist. Together they begin raiding suburbia for its treasures of cookies, pizza and various gizmos.

Not long after their adventures begin, Gladys Sharpe hires Dwayne, an exterminator. Gladys is the president of the Rancho Camelot Homeowners Association, and she takes this “vermin infestation” very seriously. Dwayne specializes in camouflaged traps, and he begins placing them throughout the neighborhood.

Navigating the backyards has never been tougher. The animals have to dodge traps and avoid obstacles. If that's not enough, after his first traps backfire, Dwayne raises the stakes by inventing a control cap that pits animal against animal!

The stakes are high! Can you help our woodland friends in their suburban adventure? In your quest, play by yourself or with a friend as Verne the turtle, RJ the raccoon, Hammy the squirrel or Stella the skunk; they're the best the animal world has to offer!



Game Controls

Adventure Controls

Button	Action
left analog stick	Move character/Target golf attack
⊗ button	Jump
⊗ button + ⊗ button	Double jump
◻ button	Melee attack, throw item you are carrying
Press + hold ◻ button + Release	Lunge attack
△ button	Energy attack
△ button + hold	Spinning energy attack
⊙ button	Interact with, pick up or activate objects, drop object you are carrying
Press + hold ⊙ button, left analog stick + release	Ranged attack
START	Pause
Hold R1 button	Sneak
R2 button	Switch character (single-player mode only)
L1 button	Switch weapon
⊗ button on Controller 2	Enter game for multiplayer

Driving Controls


Button	Action
left analog stick	Steering
⊗ button	Accelerate
◻ button	Brake/Reverse
R1 button	Boost
L1 button	Boost
START	Pause




Note: Multiplayer driving games must be launched from the corkboard in the woods. The second player must enter the game before launching a driving mini-game.







The Woods


Choose a Level to Play – To explore a new area in the neighborhood, go to the corkboard and press the  button to access the Game Mode selection menu. Use the directional pad or left analog stick to move and highlight the Game Mode you want to play. Press the  button to play a new mission or a mini-game. Press the  and  buttons and scroll through the pages of levels that you have unlocked. Press the  button to exit the corkboard and return to the woods.


Choose a Character – To change the characters you're using, get near the playable character of your choice and press the  button.

Examine your Loot – Items you've found in the neighborhood will appear in the woods. All looted items will activate when you get close to them. Wear a collected hat by moving to the Hat Rack Tree and pressing the  button to view your hats. Highlight the desired hat using the directional buttons and press the  button to wear a hat. Press the  button to leave the Hat Rack Tree with your desired hat.

Menu Controls

, , ,  – Navigate menus.

 button – Press button to accept.

 button – Press button to go back to previous menu or cancel.

Main Menu Components

Continue – Lets you play a previously saved game.

New – Start a new game.

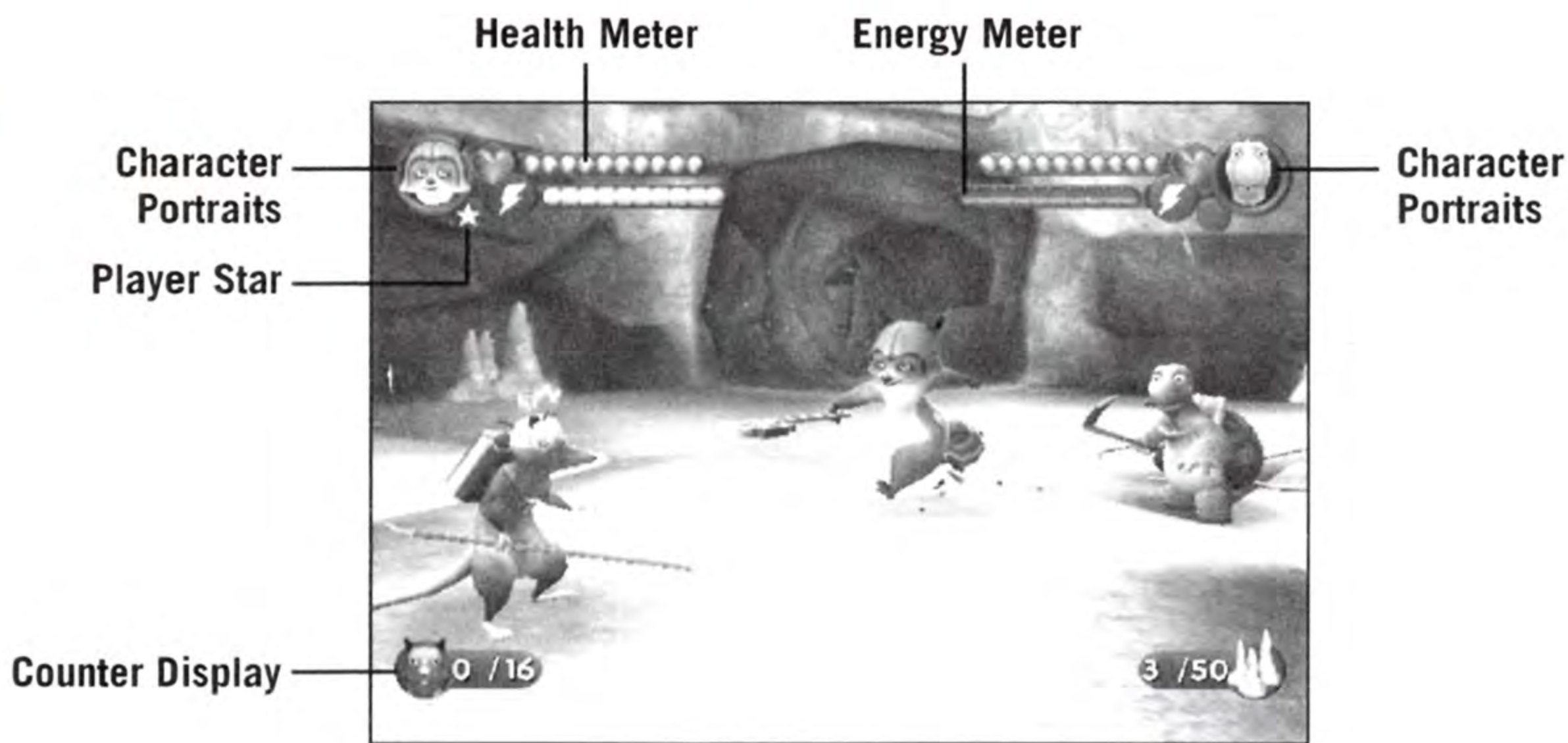
Options – Adjust audio, video and other game options.

Extras – View additional content that you can unlock by locating the hidden items throughout the game. Extras include comic strips, movie clips, concept art and game music.

Credits – View the names of the people who worked on the *Over the Hedge*™ video game.




On-Screen Display



Character Portraits – Character portraits are in upper left and right corners of the screen.

Health Meter – The health meter shows the current health of the character. Each time a character takes damage, a dot disappears from the meter. When a character runs out of dots, stars appear over their head and they're "knocked out." Pizza and nacho chips add dots of health back to the health meter.

Energy Meter – The energy meter shows a character's current energy level. When you perform special attacks with the  button, you drain energy from this meter. If you don't have enough energy for certain special attacks, you cannot perform them. Soda and candies add energy back to the energy meter.

Player Star – Below the character portraits is a small star. In single-player mode, this star indicates which character is player 1 (human controlled) and which character is player 2 (computer controlled).

Counter Display – When you pick up certain items, or when items are required for objectives, the counter display appears along the left side of the screen to let you know what to do next.

Options Menu Components

Audio – Modify effect, music, movie volume and sound mode.

Video – Subtitles.

Game – Modify controller vibration and difficulty.

Pause Menu Components

Options – Lets you adjust audio, video and other game options, as listed in Option Menu Components.

Restart – Restarts game from the beginning of the current level.

Exit to Main Menu – Lets you exit to the main menu.


Return to Woods – Lets you exit back into the Woods.

Saving a Game

Saving will occur automatically at the end of each level sequence. The save will include the current level, pick-ups collected and all unlocked mini-games.

Game Modes

Adventure


Explore the 'burbs by yourself or with a friend. It's a treacherous journey littered with traps and hazards. Armed with golf clubs, hockey sticks, ping-pong ball launchers and your desire for partially hydrogenated anything, you'll take on new obstacles to complete your missions. While on your missions, look out for interactive objects you can pick up and use; you will recognize them by the blue glow around the object. When you're close enough to an item, the  button will appear over it, telling you that the object is ready for use.

Single Player

This mode allows you to navigate and enjoy the game at your own pace. With the added help of a computer-controlled buddy, you'll be able to explore and conquer things on both sides of the hedge.



Multiplayer

Get a friend to participate for exciting two-player action! The game automatically detects installed controllers so an additional player can join a game in progress by inserting a controller and pressing the  button, or exit the game through the Pause Menu. Together you can gang up on enemies and show them who rules the hedge!

Note: Two-player driving games need to be launched from the woods.

Characters



Verne the Turtle – Caring, selfless and hard-working, Verne is also neurotic and insecure. As the leader of our animal community, Verne wants to protect his “family” at all costs. To him, this means maintaining the status quo. But as RJ’s cool charisma slowly wins over the other animals, Verne begins to question himself and what’s truly best for his family.



RJ the Raccoon – A charming small-time scavenger, RJ takes life – and everything else – as it comes. But when he takes a little too much, his carefree life is threatened. To get out of this mess, he has to make the haul of a lifetime, conning a truly lovable bunch of animals in the process. Can he really break their hearts to save his own hide?



Hammy the Squirrel – Hammy’s childlike innocence comes with a full dose of childlike hyperactivity and a bracing way of innocently speaking the truth. Hammy practically vibrates with enthusiastic energy. Not the brightest bulb, but charming and sweetly naive.



Stella the Skunk – Stella feels that nature dealt her a lousy hand. After all, her talent is that she stinks. It’s given her a cynical outlook on the world. Stella tolerates no fools, but she’s especially hard on herself. Although, when given the chance to save her animal friends and home, Stella truly struts her stuff!





Vincent – Vincent the bear can be pretty grumpy when someone wakes him up from hibernation. RJ finds this out the hard way and has a lot of explaining to do. One thing is for certain, mess with a bear's food and he won't forget it!



Gladys – Gladys is the president of the Rancho Camelot Estates Homeowners Association. She rules with an iron fist and isn't about to let a bunch of filthy vermin overrun her home. She enlists Dwayne the Exterminator to do her bidding, to once and for all rid Camelot Estates of the animal invasion.



Dwayne the Exterminator – With a single-minded goal of eliminating all vermin from the human world, Dwayne won't rest until his work is done! Traps, lasers, motion detectors and turrets are only a few of his methods. Even more dangerous, he's now fit many critters with mind-control caps that force them to do Dwayne's bidding and attack any member of Verne's animal family.

Mini-Games

RC Racers

Race RC cars on assorted tracks by yourself or with a friend. First one over the finish line wins!

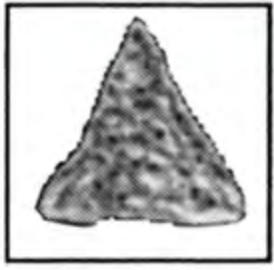
Bumper Carts

The woodland creatures seem to be adapting to suburban life, so much so they've even learned to drive golf carts. Play by yourself or with a friend, smashing and ramming each other's cart until there's only one left running.

Range Driver

It's time to test your mad golfing skills! Play by yourself or with a friend in timed golf target-shooting challenges.

Pick-Ups & Collectibles



Nacho Chip – Replenishes one dot on your health meter.



Pizza – Replenishes the entire health meter.



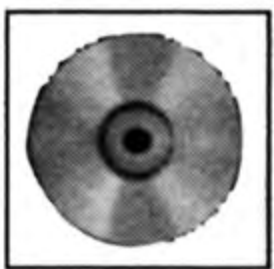
Candy – Replenishes one dot on your energy meter.



Soda – Replenishes the entire energy meter.



Hats – Protects from five dots of damage.



DVDs – Each disc unlocks an extra in the Extras menu.
Find them all!



Can of Chips – Adds a permanent extra dot of health when you collect 20.



Box of Cookies – Adds a permanent extra dot of energy when you collect 20.



Weapons



Ping-Pong Launcher – Fast-firing and powerful.



Ice Launcher – Stops enemies in their tracks.



Fire Launcher – Gives your enemy a hot foot they won't soon forget!



Bubble Launcher – Blow rapid-fire gas bubbles at your foes.

Locations



The Woods – This is home for all the woodland creatures. Throughout the game you'll return here to see all the goodies you've taken, select levels/mini-games and change characters.



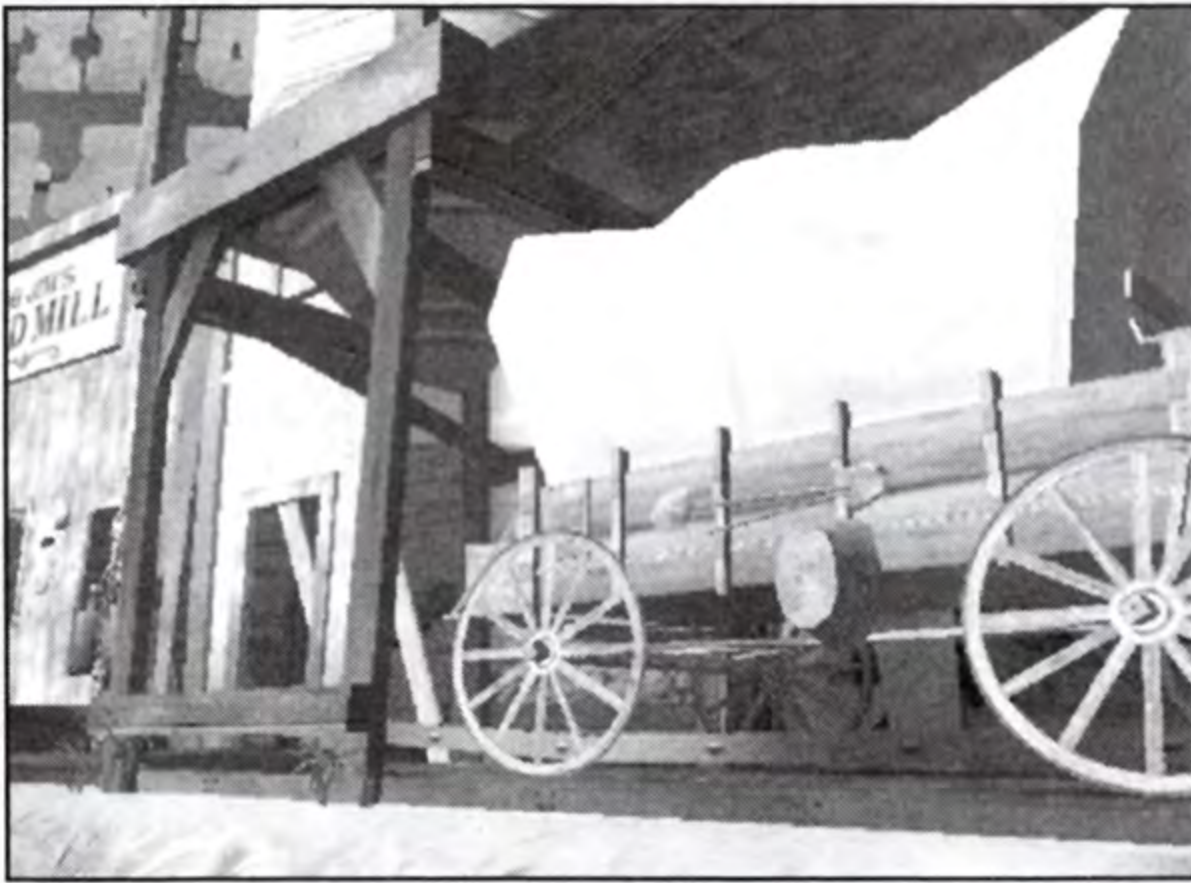
The Hedge – The ominous hedge: this is what separates the forest from Rancho Camelot Estates.





Rancho Camelot Estates –

Rancho Camelot is the human community that has taken over your forest home. It's also where all the yummy snacks are stored. Tread lightly because if Gladys sees you, she'll call Dwayne the Exterminator!



Western Theme Park –

The animals venture even further away from their forest home when they enter this zany theme park. Avoid the park owner, the guard dog and crazy traps, and fight your way through the shooting gallery, a mini-golf course, and a final battle against the theme park owner to score the ultimate food prize!




VermTech – This is where Dwayne the Exterminator devises his evil plans and creates the latest hi-tech artillery for his war on vermin. Your survival skills will truly be put to the test in this ultimate battle!







Vincent's Cave – Vincent the bear lives here. If Vincent sees you, watch out! You'll have to be quick on your paws to avoid his craving for forest critters.

Gameplay Hints

Revive – As characters are knocked out, there are two ways to return them to the action: you can “nudge” them awake with your melee weapon, or you can simply keep on going and they’ll rejoin you shortly.


Attack Timing and Combos – Different melee attack moves can be executed by varying the timing of the inputs. Holding the  button down (melee attack) and releasing can result in a stronger attack.

Golfing/Ranged Attack – Quickly pressing the  button will result in a quick golf shot or ranged attack. Holding the  button down will allow you to aim the shot for better accuracy.

Carry and Toss – Characters can pick up and throw many objects. The  button will throw an item, while the  button will drop the item at the character’s feet. In some cases, carrying items can help you block enemy-ranged attacks.

Timed Sequences – Platform jumping and hazard avoidance sections of the game require good timing to complete. Taking a moment to judge the timing of these areas should help you navigate them successfully.

Hats – Throughout the game, you’ll find various hats the characters can wear. In addition to being a lot of fun, you’ll also find these hats give the character added health bonuses.

Multiplayer (how to enter, how to leave) – At any time during a single-player game, a second player may enter the action simply by pressing the  button on the second controller. The second player may leave the game by pressing **START** and selecting Exit Two Player from the menu.



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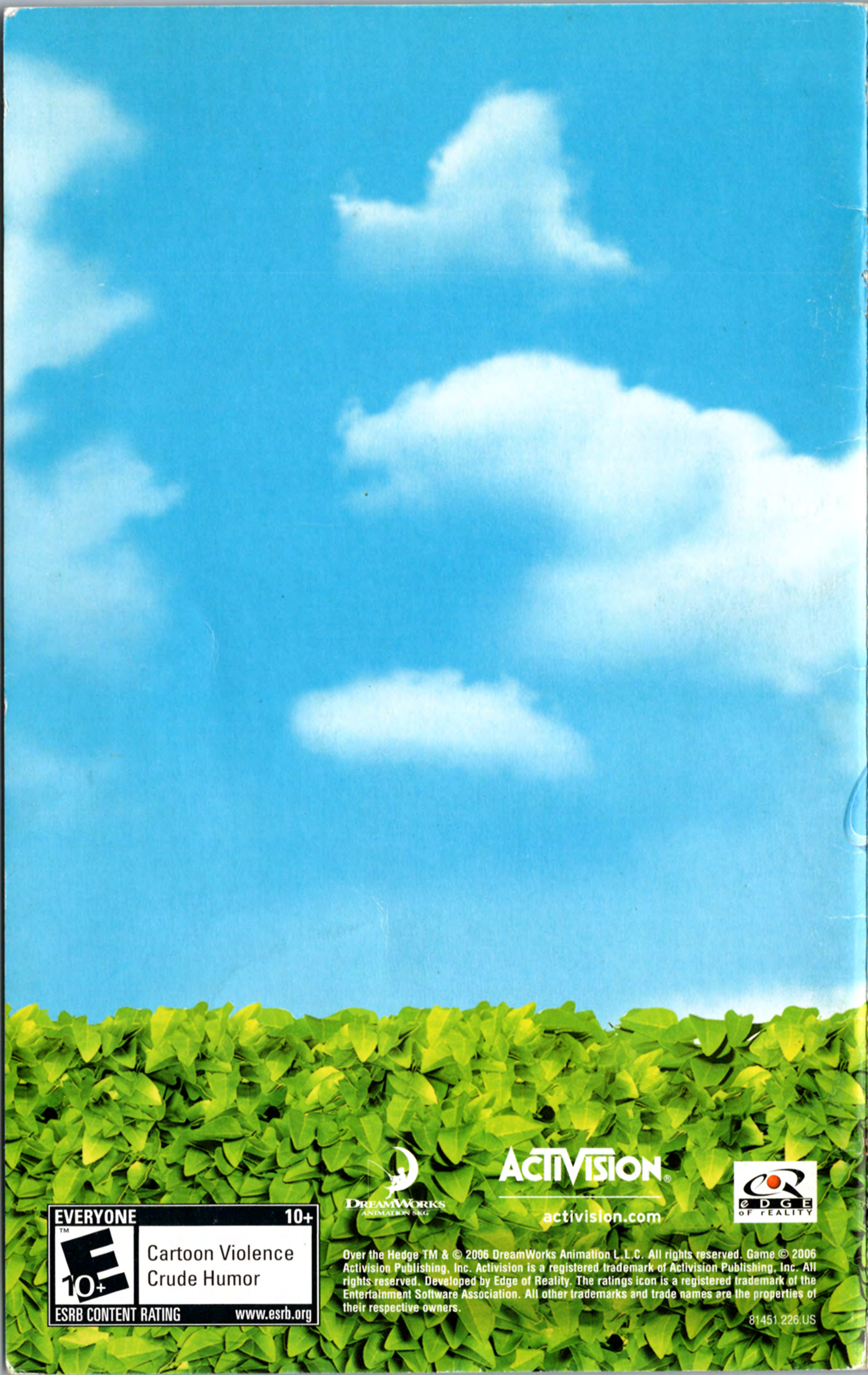
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