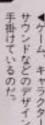


ークシステムワークスが、新たな超新作を発表!! 「GUILTY GEAR(ギルティギア)」。多彩な武器を持った戦士が激突する武器格闘ACTだ。この ゲームでは相手の体力がMAXでも、一撃のもとに斬り捨ててしまう新システムが目玉。超技と は別にこの一撃必殺技が全キャラにあるというのだ。もちろん詳しくは不明だけど、簡単に出せ るおではないだろうね。画面構成は、横画面で3Dタイプではないものの、バックステップ時や 2段ジャンプ(キャラによる)では、上下左右にスクロールし、もちろんズームもするぞ。 ャラクター別のテーマ曲にはヘビメタ、ハードロック、バンクなど、熱い闘いに拍車をかけるサ





ドが予定されているのだ。PSに新たな新風を巻き起こすハー



のために特別に提供して 31.

今から二千年もの先の地球が、このゲームの舞台だ。 頃、世界文明は高度を極め、科学を離れた超自然的な力(火・ 水・風など)を利用して、地球の環境を気づかっていた。し いくら文化システムが変わっても、人の争いは絶える ことがなく、やはり世界規模の戦争が起きてしまった。 際に人類は遺伝子操作による生物氏器を大量生産する。 は人の姿や何かの動物を型どったものなどがあり、それらは 「魔人」と呼ばれた。だがこの「魔人」の中に、強力な力と 共に目らの意思を持つものが現れた。故は「指導者」を名の 4)。全世界の「魔人」を配下にして人類に牙をむいた。魔人 兵団の誕生である。これに対し、人類は対策人組織「聖験士 団」を結成する。こうして人類対魔人の歴史「魔性大戦」が 幕を開けた。大戦は三十年の歳界を要し、聖騎士たちの縁利 に終わる。そして「指導者」は次元率へと封じ込められる。 これにより聖騎士団は一時解散したが、悪夢はその三年後に 再び起こりつつあった。「指導者」を封じた結界が囲まったの ただならぬ妖気が世界を包みこんだ。事態を重くみた国 理は「第二次聖職士団」を結成するため、武闘大会を開き強 力な戦士を集めることにした。その内容は、大会時における 殺人や罪人の出場を認め、優勝者には望みのもの……国でさ

非端CG 技術にc

左のキャラクター写真を見て、「ポリゴン」と思った人がいるかもしれないけ と、実はこれってボリゴンではないのだ。「シリコングラフィックス」というグラ フィック性能に優れたマシンを使って描かれたキャラクターだ。例えばSFC -パードンキーコング」を思い出してもらえればわかると思うけど、ポリゴ ンでもドット絵でもない、立体的で非常に美しいグラフィックを描くことができ る。PSでも「土器王紀」で使われているので、本誌を参考に見てほしい。この ゲームでは、その「シリコングラフィックス」で描いたキャラクターを取り込ん

で動かしていくのだ。もちろ んこの写真は、まだ開発中の もの。「もっとずっと格好良く なります」(石渡氏)という状 況なので、完成すればさらに 美しいキャラクターが見られ るぞ。また武器など動きが激 しいものには、部分的にポリ ゴンが使用され、今までにな い2Dバトルが展開されるの は間違いない!!



LTY GEAR

- シャンルノ結算ACT●メーカー/アークシステムワークス 角秀日/第年夏予定●世格/末定対応推进機器/末定●多人数プレイ/可(2人)







弱冠 1 6 才の時に、第一次聖騎士団のリーダ ーとして後期に活躍した若き天才剣士。 ソルが 験土団を脱退してからは、事実上団員の中では、 No. 1の実力者となり、団の宝剣「封雷剣」 とその奥義を授かった。今回の出場動機は、罪 人の出場も許し、そして殺人をも認めた大会の 真意を探ること。正義感が強く、きまじめな彼 には、この大会の開催が不審に思えたのだ。し

かし騎士団時代につけられなかっ たソルとの決着を果たすことも、 彼が出場する大きな目的だった。

石波氏のコメント

カイは正義にこだわる。い わば正統派のキャラクターで す。そのためデザインでは、 主人公のライバルとして対局 的な性格を出すのに苦労しま した。型騎士として組織に属 していたので、コート系のコ スチュームを着せ、彼のきま じめな性格を表現してみたの てすがいい。

●出身・・・・・・・ロシア●年齢・・・・・・21才 ●血液型 --------- A型●武器 -----「封雷剣」 主人公のソルがヒールとしての性格を持って いるのに対し、カイは正義感に厚いベイビーフ ェイスだ。若くして天才剣士と呼ばれ、ソルの ライバルとして登場するだけに、2人の聞いば 必ず熱いものになるだろう。

斧術の名門であるロシアのハン セン家に生まれた彼は、名斧「ド レッドノート」を自在に操れ るようになるため、ひたすら 体を鍛え続けた。だが、彼が

「ドレッドノート」を使いこなせるようになっ た頃、彼とまともに開えるファイターは身近に いなくなってしまった。そのことに不満を抱い

た彼は、大会に出場することを決 意するのだった……。

0年齢34才

●体重 -----123kg

●武器 ………「ドレッドノート」

> 愛国心あふれ るマッチョなフ

アイターだ。



大きなキャラクターなので、重々しい 「メージの中にも、男っぽいカッコよき を感じていただければ、うれしいですね。 わりと簡単にできたキャラですが(笑)。



アクセル=ロウは、過去の世界の人間である。 スラム街に置った彼は、その環境によってスト リートギャングになったが、人を殺すことを嫌 う性格なので格闘技によってナワバリを広げて いた。そんなある日、ふとしたことでこの時代 にタイムスリップしてしまった。 "優勝すればん 何でも望みをかなえてくれる"という 武開大会のことを知った彼は、元の時 代へ戻してもらうため、大会会場へと 向かうのだった。

●出身……イギリス (過去)

●年齢 ------26才

●身長 ------178cm ●体重 ------76kg

●武器……「鎖ガマのペティ」 石度氏が「最初に考えた」と いう鎖ガマの特殊な技に期待。

フロいのアサシ

一番思い入れのあるキャラで、 校も一番先に考えてしまいました。 量がマの表現を画面上でどう演出 するか、がカギですね。もちろん この2本の鎖ガマに左右される開 いになると思います。

両親を幼い頃に亡くした彼女的。アサシンのコン (一として暗殺組織に引きとられ、ナイフを使った 暗殺術をたたきこまれる。しかし組織のすてゴマと して使われた彼女は、ある暗殺計画のさなかに逃亡。 その後はカタギになることを誓い、一生遊んで暮ら せる逃亡資金を稼ぐために、大会へ出場する。

●出身 ………ブラジル●年齢 ………21才 ●身長 ------?

●血液型 ··········· A B型●武器 ···········ナイフ このゲームには2人の女性キャラが登場するが、 こちらはいわゆるタカビー・女王標・お姉様系のキ ャラクターだ。でも彼女自身は気の強さと弱さを持 った2重人格者。暗い過去とお気楽な出場理由が、

相反する不思議な魅力を放っている。

暗教者という設定上、最 初は思い服だったのですが 女王様ぼいところもあり、 ちょっと明るめにしました。 でも実は暗い過去を背負っ ているので、クラサがにじ み出たセリフがあるから。



フリフェアンダーリン

第一次聖騎士団の初期に団長として活躍した戦士。当時は一騎当千と呼ばれるほどの強者で、竜を一太刀のもとに斬り倒すと言われている宝剣「斬竜刀」を団からもらい受ける。今回の大会には、今もなお自分の力がまだ衰えていないことを

示すために出場する。

●体重 -------47kg ●血液型 ------0型

●武器 ………「斬竜刀」

開いに身をゆだねる温厚なパトル マニアという設定のクリフ。石渡氏 によると、新竜刀はもっと長い剣で あったが、彼には長すぎたため、体 格に合わせて柄の部分を途中で

> 切ったもの。また、その 年齢のためにダッシュな どのすばやい動きができ なくなっている点も、ジ ジイキャラならではの設 定といったところか。



ジジイが好きなブレイヤーのために、 作ったキャラクター です。ジジイだけに ダッシニやバックス テップができないの で、心ゆくまでジジ イなプレイを楽しん でください。





少年期にドラッグにハマった彼は、バイヤーとしてマフィアに属していた。しかし彼自身も麻薬におぼれ仕事ができなくなってしまう。組織は用済みになった彼を始末しようとしたが、ある忍者に助けられ、その忍者の元で修行することになる。そんなある日、師匠の忍者がマフィアに暗殺されてしまう。 怒りに震えた彼は、組織をつぶすべく、この大会で優勝し大

●出身 ······日本 (自称) ●年齢 ······22才

●身長 ········176cm

●体重 72kg ●瓜液型 A型

●武器 …「レスボール」

忍者らしからぬ外見(自称日本 人てのがアヤシイ、どう見ても外 人)をしているが、彼の技はやは り忍術がメインになりそう。

コメント

ヤンキーでジャンキー、しから自 株日本人を名のるアメリカン忍着と いう妙な設定です。ちなみに側近の 忍着は、「ユウジ」という名です。

Dunia has



ONE



勝して免罪を求めるらしい。 ●出身………スペイン●年齢………25才 ●身長 -------83kg

登場キャラの中では唯一、武器を持っていない 異質なキャラクター。しかし自在に操ることがで きる「影」により、技のパリエーションも多彩な ものになりそうだ。このゲームは武器による時代 劇のような爽快さが魅力の一つだが、「影は魔法み たいなもの』(石渡氏)というファンタジーの要素

も合わせ持っている。武器 格闘がメインの「ギルテ ィギア」の世界内で、彼の ような武器を持たないキャ ラは異質な存在だ。「影」が どんな動きを見せるの か楽しみ。

石波氏のコメント

「影」を操るキャラクターを作りたかっ たので、武器を持たせないようにしたの ですが、妖しいムードを表現するのに苦 労しました。でも結果的に、かなり気に いっているキャラクターですね。

かつては善良な心を持ち、世界最高とまで呼ばれるほど優秀な外科医 であった。しかしある日、盲腿にかかった一人の少女を誤って死なせて しまい、自分のミスが許せず気がふれてしまう。殺人鬼と化し人々を恐 れさせた彼は、犯行後まもなく捕まってしまうのだが、国連からなぜか

> 強制的に今大会への 出場を命じられてし まうのだった。



●年齢 ------32才 ●体重 ······52kg ●血液型 …………………… 0型 ●武器 -----「巨大メスの丸刈太」 昔は天才外科医と呼ばれた殺人鬼、と いう設定がヤバそう。 エンディングでは、 彼が出場した理由も 描かれるはず。

石波氏のコメント

スキンヘッドって、好 きなんですよ。 ハゲキャ ラか欧しくて、作ってみ たんですが、スキンヘッ ドとメスの組み合わせが ちょっとアブナイ感じで けっこう好きですね。性 格もキレてて、妙な笑い 声を上げます。

Translator: A quick note about the scans of this article: The images I had to work with were extremely compressed, likely scanned many years ago and compressed by countless computers since. I cleaned and translated them to the best of my ability and I apologize for any errors. This was the only article from this issue that were available to me and, as far as I am aware, scans of the rest of the issue do not exist.

Guilty Gear prototype article from Dengeki PlayStation F Vol. 10 October 13, 1995 (Japanese title: 電撃プレイステーション F Vol.10 1995年10月13日)

PAGE 01	
Top left corner:	
	Exclusive Scoop
Top text:	
	Developing The World To Come
Block of red text over Sol:	
	[Indecipherable: Potentially a summary of the following article.]
Kanji next to GUILTY GEAR logo in parenthesis:	
	Placeholder

PAGE 02

Text at the top:

Hardcore Battles To Be Fought!!

Text in purple burst & surrounding text:

A fighting game for the PlayStation with a One-Hit Kill System¹!!

Paragraph under purple text:

Arc System Works, the developer of *Wizard's Harmony*², has announced a

brand new title: GUILTY GEAR. It's a fast paced fighting game in which combatants with diverse

weapons clash. Even if the opponent's health is at maximum, they can be slain with a single blow in this

game. In addition to super moves, all characters have access to this one-hit special move. Of course,

further details about this technique aren't known yet, but it's certainly not something that can be easily

performed. Although the arena itself is not a 3D type, it can scroll in four directions and zooms when a

character backsteps or double jumps (depending on the character's movement abilities). The theme

tracks for each character will be inspired by heavy metal, hard rock, punk, and other genres to spark up

a heated brawl. Expect hardcore battles that will bring new life to the PlayStation!

Black lozenge above Daisuke:

Director: Mr. Ishiwatari

Caption, right of Daisuke:

Designer of the game, character sounds, and more.

Caption, right of b&w concept sketch:

Rough sketch of the game's display configuration. This image was provided

especially for this article, though what could those gauges at the bottom of the screen be?

Red title, purple box:

A Unique Universe!

Purple box:

The setting of Guilty Gear takes place 2,000 years in the future. In that time, the world's civilizations were advanced and cared for the earth's environment by utilizing supernatural forces (fire, water, and wind, magic, etc.) that were beyond the reach of science. However, no matter how much civilization and culture changed, conflicts amongst humans never ceased and wars still broke out on a global scale. During that time of war, humanity mass-produced biological weapons through genetic manipulation. These vile weapons were called "Majin" and took the shapes of humans and other animals. However, among these Majin, there emerged one who possessed both incredible power and independent will. Calling himself "The Leader," he took all the Majin in the world under his command and turned on mankind. This was the birth of the Majin army. In response, mankind formed the Sacred Order of Holy Knights, an organization specialized in fighting Majin. Thus began The Great Demon Wars. The war waged for 30 years and at last ended in victory for the Holy Order, with the "Leader" being sealed away in a dimensional prison. The Holy Order was temporarily disbanded after the war, but the nightmare began again three years later when the prison that sealed the "Leader" weakened, and an uncanny miasma of evil enveloped the world. After deeply investigating the situation, the United Nations decided to organize a martial arts tournament to gather powerful warriors and form the Second Sacred Order of Holy Knights. The plan was to allow murderers and other criminals to participate in the tournament, and to give the winner whatever they wanted... even their own country.

Red text left of May:

This character does work!

Purple title text under purple box:

New Characters Created Using Cutting-Edge CG technology

Text under purple title section:

The photo of the character on the left might make you think of polygons, but in fact this character isn't made of polygons at all. These characters were drawn using machines by Silicon Graphics³, which have incredible graphical processing power. For example, if you remember the [Super Nintendo⁴] game, [Donkey Kong Country⁵], you can see that these graphics computer workstations can generate beautiful three-dimensional works that are made of neither polygons nor dots. Dokioki [±器王紀]⁶ also includes graphics like these, so please refer to the article about that game in this issue for more information. In *Guilty Gear*, the characters rendered with Silicon Graphics' workstations are imported into the game and animated. Of course, these graphics are still under development. Mr. Ishiwatari says, "It will look much cooler as development continues," so you can expect to see even more beautiful characters when the game is completed. Additionally, weapons and other objects that move rapidly will be partially made of polygons, which will surely create an unprecedented 2D battle experience!!

Caption right of Sol image:

Scary~. But this is just a prototype, and there is no way this will be used as it

is (this screenshot is also under development).

GUILTY GEAR game specs box under Sol image:

Guilty Gear (placeholder)

•Genre: Action Fighter

•Developer: Arc System Works

•Release Date: Summer '96 (estimate) •Price: TBD

• Supported Peripherals: Undecided

Multiplayer: 2-player

PAGE 03

White text in black burst: Ten Characters!

Red text: SOL BADGUY

Red text w/black border, top right: The Drifter Protagonist With A Wicked Aura

Big block of text under red text w/border:

Formerly a lone wolf bounty hunter, Sol joined the First Sacred Order of

Holy Knights (an organization formed during the Great Demon Wars, a battle between humans and the

demonic Majin) in the latter stages of its existence. However, he could not conform to the strict rules

and discipline of the Order and soon left. At that time, he absconded with the organization's treasured

sword, the "Fireseal."

Origin - America

Age - 24

Height - 177cm (5'8")

Weight - 67kg (148lb)

•Blood Type- B

•Weapon - "Fireseal"

He's a super cool guy that never pretends to be righteous. Although he's the

main character, he's also a heel⁷, a dirty antihero what a habit of saying, "That's heavy!!"

White text in black title bar of red box, lower right: Mr. Ishiwatari's Comments

Text in red box under black title bar:

Of course he has a headband, as the protagonist. In Sol's case it's made of

steel, and the great thing about headbands is that it makes a character look like a hero. But with him,

there is a secret behind that steel band which will be revealed in the ending. I hope you look forward to

it.

PAGE 04

Red text, top: MAY

Red text, vertical, left of May: A Girl That Lives For Love

White text in black vertical label on orange box: Mr. Ishiwatari's Comments

Text in orange box w/black label:

May was designed as a young woman with a strong personality. I also added

an axe to emphasize her masculine side, but what do you think about it? However, she is actually a

single-minded girl who is devoted to one man (Johnny). In this respect, I kept the exposure modest.

Big block of text, bottom right:

When she was eight years old, her parents died and she had no other relatives. At first she

was reluctant to go with Johnny, but as she traveled with him she noticed his inner kindness and

gradually became attracted to him and grew to love him. One day, however, Johnny was suddenly

arrested by the police. May decided to enter the tournament in order to win and get Johnny released.

Origin - Unknown

Age - 18

Height - 154cm (5'0")

Weight - 47kg (104lb)

•Blood Type- B

•Weapon - "Bohemian"

May only cares about Johnny, and she is also one of the most powerful

characters in the series. She is truly a fool for love!! The anticipation of waiting to see what kind of skills

she has while wielding her ax, Bohemian, is exciting. And just what on Earth could that lucky bastard

Johnny be like?

PAGE 05

Blue title text: KYKISKE

Two columns of black text under blue title:

At the age of 16, Ky became the leader of the First Sacred Order of Holy Knights in the latter years of its existence. Ky became the top swordsman in the Holy Order after Sol left it, and was given the Order's treasured sword, the Thunderseal, as well as its inner secrets. Ky's initial motive for participating in the tournament is to find out the true meaning behind it, and why it allows criminals—even murderers—to participate. His strong sense of justice and his earnest personality made him naturally suspicious of the tournament. However, his true main purpose was to settle the score with Sol, which he had not been able to during his time as a knight.

- Origin Russia
- •Age 21
- •Height 174cm (5'7")
- •Weight 64kg (141lb)
- •Blood Type- A
- •Weapon "Thunderseal"

While the main character, Sol, is a heel, Ky is a "babyface⁸" with a strong sense of justice. Ky was called a genius swordsman at a young age, and since he appears as Sol's rival, the fight between the two will surely be a heated one.

Title of blue box left of Ky RIDE IT illustration: Mr. Ishiwatari's Comments

Text inside of blue box:

Ky is an orthodox character, so to speak, who is committed to justice.

Therefore, in the design process, I had a hard time creating a character that fit as a rival to the main character, Sol. Since he belonged to an organization as a holy knight, I tried to express his serious character by making him wear a coat-type costume.

Red text over full body Ky illustration: A Genius Swordsman That Once Served As A Holy Knight

Block of text right of Potemkin:

Born into the Hansen family in Russia, a family of great axemen, he trained

himself to be able to use the famous "Dreadnought" axe with ease. However, by the time he had

mastered the Dreadnought, there were no fighters around that were strong enough to compete with him.

Frustrated by this, he decided to enter the tournament...

Origin - Russia

Age - 34

Height - 197cm (6'5")

Weight - 123kg (271lb)

•Blood Type- B

•Weapon - "Dreadnought"

Potemkin is a patriotic and powerful fighter.

Red text over full body Potemkin illustration: A Powerhouse Fighter

White text in black field under Potemkin portrait: Mr. Ishiwatari's Comments

Text in orange box under Potemkin portrait:

I would be happy if you could sense the masculine coolness in the heavy

weight of this large character. Potemkin was rather easy to create (laughs).

Red text at the bottom of the page: POTEMKIN

PAGE 06

Text right of Axl portrait:

Axl Low is a man from the past. Growing up in a slum, he became a street

gangster in order to survive his environment. However, he hates killing people so he expanded his

territory through non-lethal fighting techniques. Then one day he suddenly slips through time to the far

future. When Axl learns of the martial arts tournament and its prize that grants its winner anything they

want, he heads to the tournament venue with the hope of winning and having his life restored to the way

it was in the past.

Origin

- England (in the past)

Age

- 26

Height

- 178cm (5'8")

Weight

- 76kg (168lb)

•Blood Type- B

•Weapon - His kusarigama (chained sickles), "Betty"

We look forward to seeing Axl's special techniques with his kusarigama,

which Mr. Ishiwatari said he, "designed first."

Blue text under Axl portrait: AXL LOW

Title of green box next to AXL LOW text: Mr. Ishiwatari's Comments

Text in green box:

Axl is the character I have the most emotional attachment to, and his combat

technique was the first I thought up. The key, then, is how to produce effective movements of the

kusarigama on the screen. Of course, I think the fight will depend on how those two sickles are

controlled.

Text over full body Axl illustration: Dual Kusarigama Style

Green text right of Millia full body illustration: MILLIA RAGE

Red text left of Millia full body illustration: Knife-Wielding Assassin

Text under MILLIA RAGE title:

Millia's parents died when she was very young, and she was taken in by an

assassin organization that trained her in the art of knife assassination. However, she was used as a

sacrificial pawn by the organization, and in the midst of an assassination plot, she escaped and vowed to

become a criminal afterwards. She entered the tournament to earn enough money to live off of for the

rest of her life.

Origin

- Brazil

Age

- 21

Height

- 169cm (5'5")

Weight

- Unknown

•Blood Type- AB

•Weapon - Knives

Title of green box left of Millia portrait: Mr. Ishiwatari's Comments

Text in green box:

Her design started out mostly black because she was to be an assassin, but I

decided to go a little brighter because of the queenly aspect of Millia's character. Though, she has a

dark past so some of her dialog oozes bitter sorrow.

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Red text top of page: KLIFF UNDRSEN

Text under red title text:

A warrior who served as the leader of the First Sacred Order of Holy

Knights in its early days. He was so strong during his time in the Order that he was known as "The

Mightiest Warrior⁹," and was given the treasured sword, "Dragonslayer," which is said to be able to

slay a dragon in a single strike. Kliff's motivation for participating in the tournament is to show that his

power has not waned yet.

- Switzerland Origin

Age - 68

Height - 157cm (5'2")

- 47kg (104lb) Weight

•Blood Type- O

•Weapon - "Dragonslayer"

Kliff is portrayed as a gentle man that devotes himself fully to a fight.

According to Mr. Ishiwatari, the Dragonslayer was originally a longer sword, but it was too long for him

and the handle was cut off in the middle to fit his physique. Kliff is also unable to dash or make other

quick movements due to his age. This is characteristic of an elderly character.

Daisuke comment box text: Mr. Ishiwatari's Comments

Orange Daisuke comment box:

This character was made for players that like old geezers. Gramps is the only

one that can't backstep or dash, so please have fun playing him to your heart's content.

Red text over full body Kliff: The Warrior Of Old Is Strong Even Now!

Blue title text: CHIPP ZANUFF

Text under blue CHIPP ZANUFF:

Addicted to drugs as a youth, he joined the Mafia as a drug dealer.

Eventually, he himself became overly addicted to drugs and could no longer do his job. The Mafia tried

to get rid of him, but he was rescued by a ninja and trained under him. One day, Chipp's ninja master

was assassinated by the Mafia. Furious, he swore to win the tournament and become president in order

to destroy the Mafia.

Origin

- Japan (self-proclaimed)

Age

- 22

Height

- 176cm (5'8")

Weight

- 72kg (159lb)

•Blood Type- A

•Weapon - "Les Paul"

Although his outward appearance isn't very ninja-like (and why does he call himself

Japanese, he's a foreigner), it's likely that his main skill will be ninjutsu.

Daisuke comment box text: Mr. Ishiwatari's Comments

Blue comment box text:

He's a delinquent, a junkie, and an American ninja that calls himself Japanese.

By the way, his ninja master's name is Yuuji.

Red text over Chipp: Junkie Ninja Who Mastered Ninjustsu

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Black title text at the top: ZATO=ONE

Main text body, left of Zato portrait:

Zato is the leader of the Assassins and uses a forbidden spell that allows him to

manipulate shadows at the cost of losing his vision. Even though he's blind, Zato has such keen senses

that he can detect the movement of things by changes in the surrounding atmosphere. Nevertheless, one

of his assassination attempts was foiled when he was betrayed by a fellow assassin. As a result, he was

arrested and sent to prison. When he found out that he was allowed to compete in the tournament, he

became determined to win and seek exoneration.

Origin - Spain

Age - 25

Height - 182cm (5'10")

Weight - 83kg (183lb)

•Blood Type- AB

•Weapon - "Shadows"

Zato is the only character in the series that does not fight with a weapon.

Although, his "shadow," which he can manipulate at will, seems likely to allow him to use a wide variety

of combat techniques. The exhilaration of the period drama-like atmosphere of this game's weapons is

one of its charms, but it also has a fantasy element, as Mr. Ishiwatari explains: "The shadows are like

magic." In the world of Guilty Gear, where weapon-based fighting is a mainstay of the game, a character

like Zato who doesn't carry a weapon is a unique presence. We can't wait to see how these "shadows"

will move.

Daisuke comment box: Mr. Ishiwatari's Comments

Text in comment box:

I wanted to create a character who could manipulate shadows, so I decided

not to give Zato a weapon, but I had a hard time designing a fitting "mysterious" feeling for him. In the

end, however, I'm quite pleased with the character.

Red text over Zato full body: An Assassin Manipulating Shadows

Green title text under Zato: DR. BALDHEAD

Text under green title text:

Dr. Baldhead was once a good-hearted and brilliant surgeon, even called the

best in the world. One day, however, he accidentally caused the death of a young girl suffering

appendicitis, and he has since been driven mad by his inability to forgive his mistake. His madness turns

him into a killer and spreads fear amongst the population. Soon after the crime he gets caught and the United Nations somehow forces him to participate in the tournament.

•Origin - China

●Age - 32

◆Height - 199cm (6'5")◆Weight - 52kg (115lb)

•Blood Type- O

• Weapon - "Magnificently Sharp Giant Scalpel"

The setup of a killer that used to be called a genius surgeon sounds scary.

Hopefully the ending of the game shows the reason why he was forced to participate in the tournament.

Red text right of Baldhead: Mad Genius Surgeon

Daisuke comment box: Mr. Ishiwatari's Comments

Text in green Daisuke box:

I like shaved heads, and I wanted a bald character so I made one. The combination of a bald head and a sharp scalpel is appealing, it looks a bit dangerous. His lifestyle is also very tense and he has an unusual laugh.



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 1 The kanji here were not the ones used in the instant kill system implemented in the official release, 殺界発生. Instead it used 一擊必殺

 $^{^2}$ An adventure/simulation game that released December 1995 on the PlayStation, two months after this issue was published.

³ Silicon Graphics Inc., was an American high-perfomance computing manufacturer that specialized in machines that could generate high quality 3D graphics.

⁴ Super Famicom in Japan.

⁵ Super Donkey Kong in Japan.

⁶ A 3D adventure game released in 1995. It never had an English title translation so I only romanized it.

 $^{^{7}}$ In professional wrestling, a "heel" is the antagonist or a bad/antihero-type character that breaks rules and fights dirty.

 $^{^{8}}$ Another professional wrestling term. A "babyface" is the opposite of a heel in that they follow the rules and fight clean.

 $^{^9}$ This is a word difficult to translate into English, 「一騎当千」(Ikkitousen). I used the same translation in the Dengeki PS April '96 prototype Missing Link article as I did here for consistency.