

ISSUE #1  
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ALT  
1982

QUALITY ANALOG  
SIMULATIONS

1982 IS NOT NEW.

IT HAS SIMPLY BECOME CLEARER.

TECHNOLOGICAL PROGRESS HAS REACHED A POINT OF DOMESTIC STABILITY. HOME COMPUTERS ARE NO LONGER NOVELTIES. RECORDED MUSIC NO LONGER SURPRISES. CINEMA HAS LEARNED WHAT AUDIENCES WILL TOLERATE.

THIS PUBLICATION EXISTS TO DOCUMENT THAT CLARITY.

YOU WILL NOT FIND SPECULATION HERE. NO PREDICTIONS. WE REPORT ON WHAT IS ALREADY PRESENT AND FUNCTIONING. CULTURE HAS ENTERED A DIGITAL-ENTERTAINMENT MAINTENANCE PHASE.

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- EDITORIAL DESK  
SPRING 1982

JOIN US IN CREATING A PAST THAT THE PRESENT DESERVES. FIND YOUR TRUE IDENTITY IN 1982 AND LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD. THERE ARE OTHERS LIKE YOU JUST WAITING. START YOUR TRANSFORMATION TODAY. START YOUR TRANSFORMATION TODAY.

ALBUM REVIEW (STAFF PICK OF THE WEEK)  
THE NOTORIOUS VECTOR SYNDICATE — SIGNAL LEAK  
RELEASED DEC 1981

SIGNAL LEAK, RECORDED IN THE INFAMOUS SHINOBIVOLTRON STUDIOS, ABANDONS MELODY IN FAVOR OF SUSTAINED TONE, LOW-FREQUENCY HUM, AND A MECHANICAL REPETITION THAT FORCES YOU TO SIT WITH IT. VOCALS BY THE SIMULATED AUTOMATIC MOUTHPIECE, LANGUAGE COLLAPSES INTO RHYTHM.

SIDE A ESTABLISHES A PATTERN. SIDE B REFUSES TO RELEASE IT.

ONE WORD SUMMARY:  
BITCHIN'

INDIVIDUAL EMOTIONAL RESPONSES RANGE FROM RAPID-ONSET AUDIO PSYCHOSIS, PIXEL HALLUCINATIONS, AND (IN WORST-CASE SCENARIOS) CATATONIA WITH TERMINAL ANHEDONIA.



WARNING: DISORIENTING, INESCAPABLE LISTENERS REPORT FOCUS DURING PLAYBACK, FOLLOWED BY DIFFICULTY RECALLING SPECIFIC PASSAGES.

### SELECTED TRACKS

- "CALIBRATION TONE"
- "INTERNAL BROADCAST"
- "PRIVATE VOID"
- "AFTERBURNERS"

VERDICT: UNCOMFORTABLE, EFFECTIVE, AND COMPLETE. RECOMMENDED FOR CONTROLLED LISTENING ENVIRONMENTS.



NEW COMPUTER GAMES —  
THIS MONTH'S MUST  
PLAYS!

**MAZE WALKER IV:**  
PROCEDURALLY  
SHIFTING  
CORRIDORS.  
MAPPING TOOLS ARE  
INEFFECTIVE.  
(VENTETRIX  
HARDWARE ONLY)

**FRONTIER COMMAND**  
STRATEGIC  
SIMULATION WITH  
NO VICTORY STATE.  
SCENARIOS  
PERSIST  
INDEFINITELY.

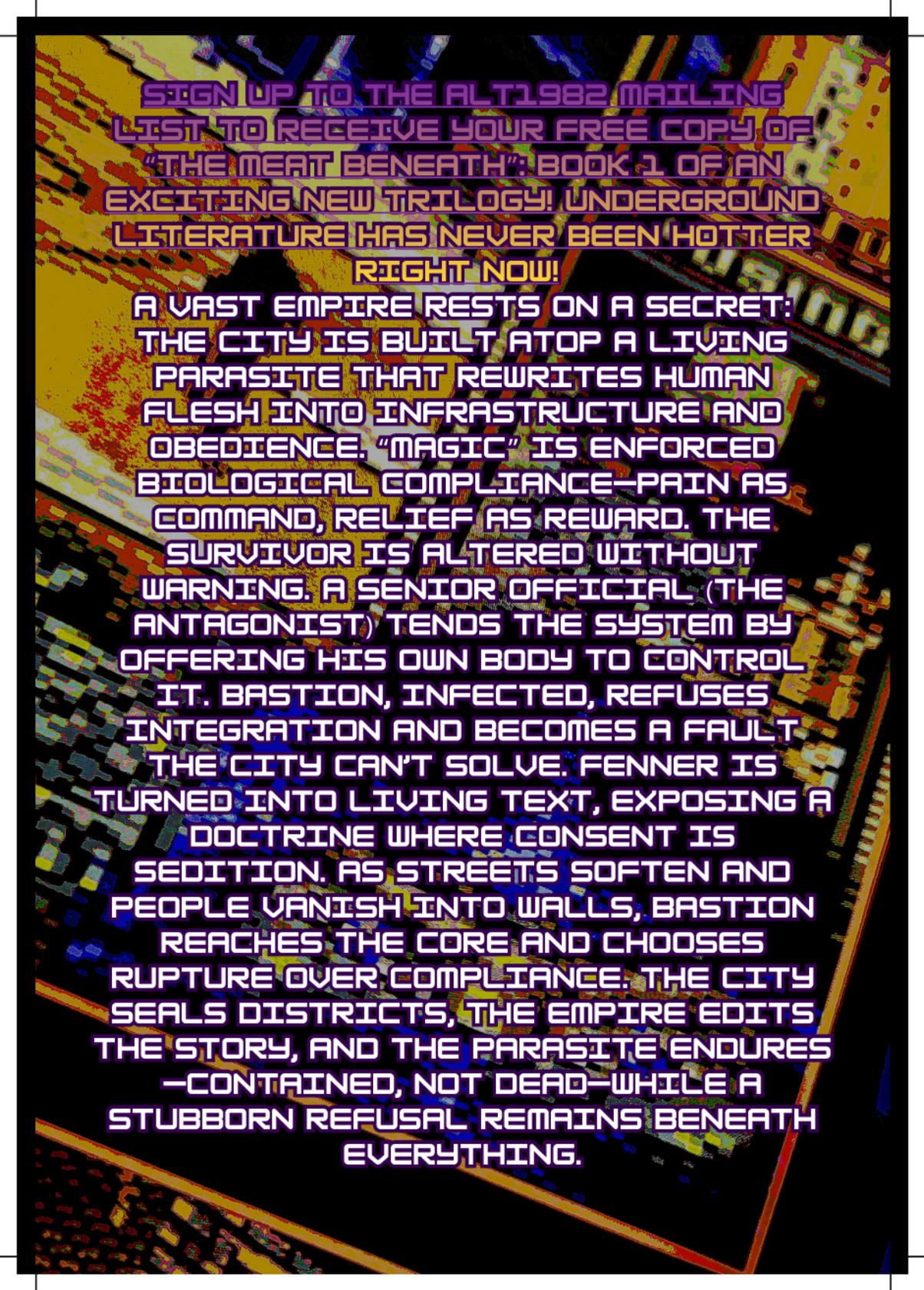
TREND  
OBSERVED:  
GAMES ARE NO  
LONGER  
DESIGNED TO  
BE COMPLETED.

TREND OBSERVED:  
PEOPLE WANT SHORTER  
GAMES WITH WORSE  
GRAPHICS. PREDICTION:  
GAMING HAS PEAKED

**HOME SIMULATOR**  
**2020**

MANAGE FUTURE DAILY  
HOUSEHOLD ROUTINES.  
FAILURE CONDITIONS  
ARE UNCLEAR.

ALT1982 EDITOR-AT-LARGE



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**A VAST EMPIRE RESTS ON A SECRET: THE CITY IS BUILT ATOP A LIVING PARASITE THAT REWRITES HUMAN FLESH INTO INFRASTRUCTURE AND OBEDIENCE. "MAGIC" IS ENFORCED BIOLOGICAL COMPLIANCE—PAIN AS COMMAND, RELIEF AS REWARD. THE SURVIVOR IS ALTERED WITHOUT WARNING. A SENIOR OFFICIAL (THE ANTAGONIST) TENDS THE SYSTEM BY OFFERING HIS OWN BODY TO CONTROL IT. BASTION, INFECTED, REFUSES INTEGRATION AND BECOMES A FAULT THE CITY CAN'T SOLVE. FENNER IS TURNED INTO LIVING TEXT, EXPOSING A DOCTRINE WHERE CONSENT IS SEDITION. AS STREETS SOFTEN AND PEOPLE VANISH INTO WALLS, BASTION REACHES THE CORE AND CHOOSES RUPTURE OVER COMPLIANCE. THE CITY SEALS DISTRICTS, THE EMPIRE EDITS THE STORY, AND THE PARASITE ENDURES—CONTAINED, NOT DEAD—WHILE A STUBBORN REFUSAL REMAINS BENEATH EVERYTHING.**

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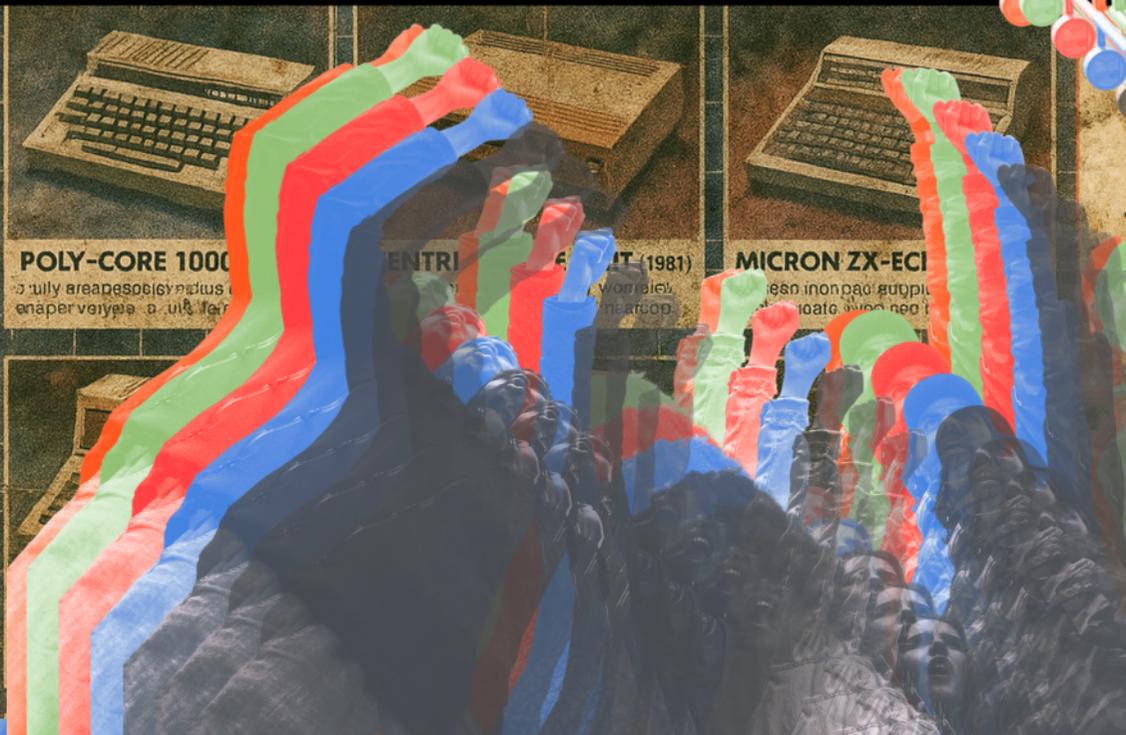
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INDEPENDENT MEDIA REVIEW

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QUALITY SIMULATIONS  
EXPERIMENTAL HISTORY  
LOST & FOUND MEDIA

ALT1982 IS A PUBLIC ARCHIVE FROM AN  
ALTERNATE 1982—PART MAGAZINE RACK, PART  
TRAINING TAPE, PART PLAYABLE EXHIBIT.

YOU'LL FIND BROWSER GAMES, PAPER GAMES,  
DICE RULES, BOOKS, GAMEBOOKS, AND SHORT  
FILMS ASSEMBLED WITH LOW BUDGETS AND  
HIGH INTENT. EVERYTHING'S A BIT EMPTY NOW,  
BUT NOT FOR LONG...



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