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When a new platform character appears on the scene, there are a few things you want to know. **Is it fast? Is it tough? Is it cool? Could it have Sonic in a fight? Or Rayman for that matter? Bring in the gecko!**

Now, Gordon Gecko I know. He was the industrial magnate in the film Wall Street. You know, the guy played by Michael Douglas who says things like "greed is good". As regards the species known as the gecko, all I could tell you is they're lizards and that none of them speculate on the stock exchange. However, a little further research reveals that gecko's are lizards that favour tropical climates, that they have remarkable grip, coupled with a whip lash tongue, ideal for snapping at insects. Can you picture one yet? No? Ok, you know those old Flake adverts? Well, you know the one where the woman sat decadently scoffing her chocolate while the phone wouldn't stop ringing, that had a gecko in it. It was that small green thing that slithered over the dial in sleek reptilian fashion.

But all this is besides the point. Whether you are a gecko simpleton who wouldn't recognise one if

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it became your best mate and took Club 18-30 holidays to Benidorm with you, or a gecko expert who claims to have a knowledge of the species so deep and profound as to render you the omnipotent gecko god, what remains a mystery is how someone came up with the bright idea of turning the gecko into the latest platform hero. Why not Terrapin Dragoon or Cyber Newt Fighters? Who knows, maybe they just liked the sound of its name. But enough from the embittered games hack. Let's give this gecko a chance!

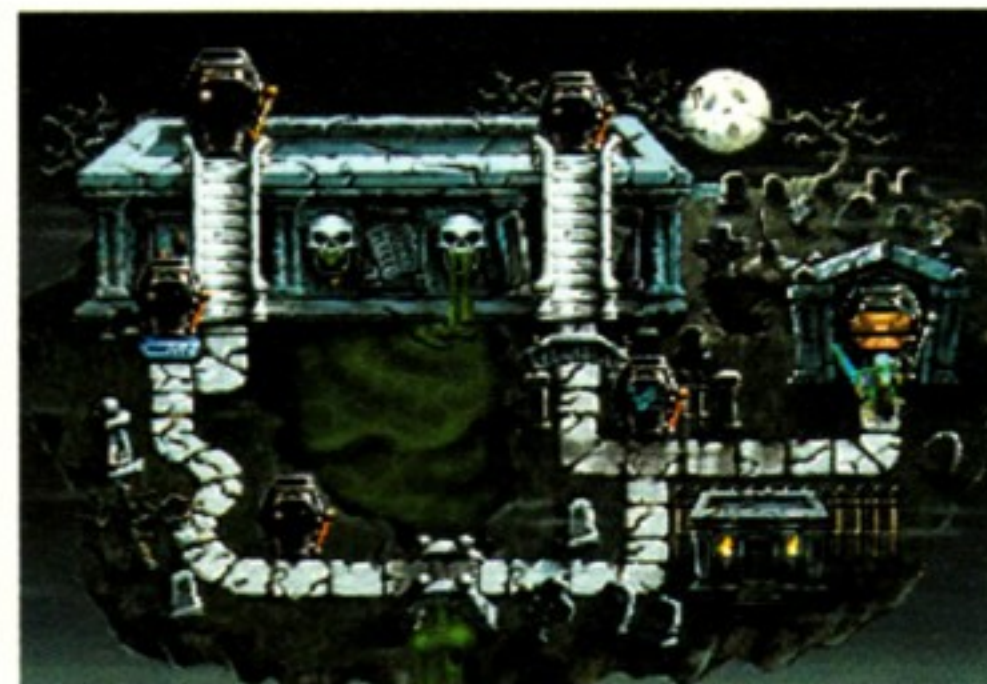
Gex as he's affectionately known seems to have departed his native environment and taken on some



nasty human habits like wearing naff shades and watching endless TV. Leading such a slack lifestyle, it was perhaps poetic justice when the mellow gecko found himself sucked into the TV screen by a mad insect inventor. And this insect inventor could no doubt point to the numberless victims of the gecko's brutal death-by-tongue executions to justify its malefaction. But plea bargaining aside, Gex is now stuck in a TV maze where his only chance of escape is to move through hostile television worlds searching for remote controls and video tapes. A spiritual inferno indeed for the squared-eyed reptile, and one which forces him to utilise his habitual talents like sticking to things, using his tail as a whip, and flicking out his tongue.

In true platform tradition there are no end of foes ready to extinguish Gex's tentative existence, be they zombies, killer tomatoes, cartoon characters, kung fu experts or jungle beasts. Lucky for him then that this platform tradition extends to the vast range of pick ups available, useful for replenishing energy and increasing power. Some of them even give him additional powers like the ability to spit fire and lightning bolts.

While Gex doesn't appear to be carrying any particularly original ideas in it, it does look both fast and polished, and there is enough happening to keep the player more than occupied with gecko heroics. Look out for our cold blooded review next month.



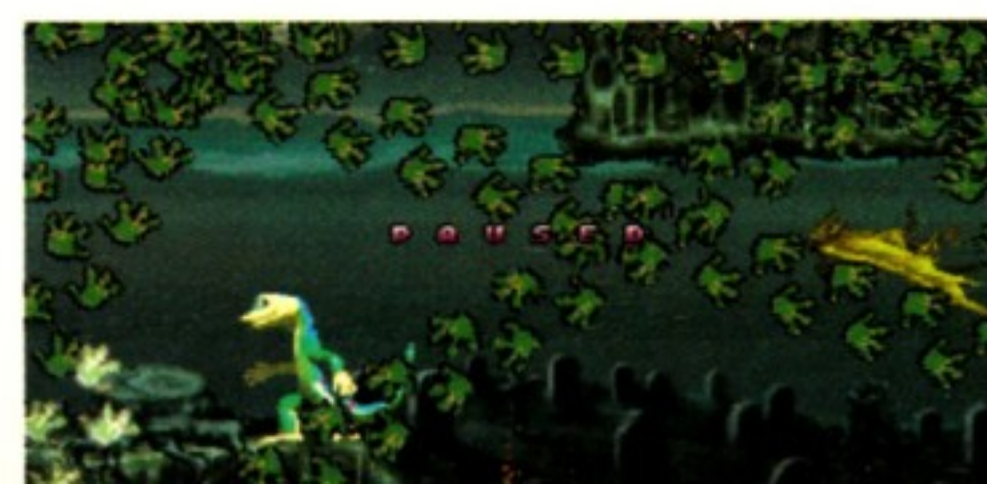
When he gets to the end of a level, Gex disappears through the tube. Don't forget that remote control though.



Gex finds himself in this predicament by watching too much TV! Let that be a lesson to us all!



Gex demonstrates one of the useful things he can do with his elastic tongue. If he collects a hundred golden flies he earns himself an extra life.





*He's a lizard. He's lethargic.
He's BMG's new platform hero!*

Television, drug of the nation. Breeding ignorance and feeding radiation. So said The Disposable Heroes of Hiphoprisy. Gex would no doubt disagree, being as he is a dedicated square eyes. His TV knowledge is such in fact that he happily reels off quotes from movies or cartoons as he wanders about the platforms, occasionally throwing in a quip of his own for good measure. Expect to hear quotes from just about anything, be it Scooby Doo or Rocky. What a wacky Gecko this Gex is eh?



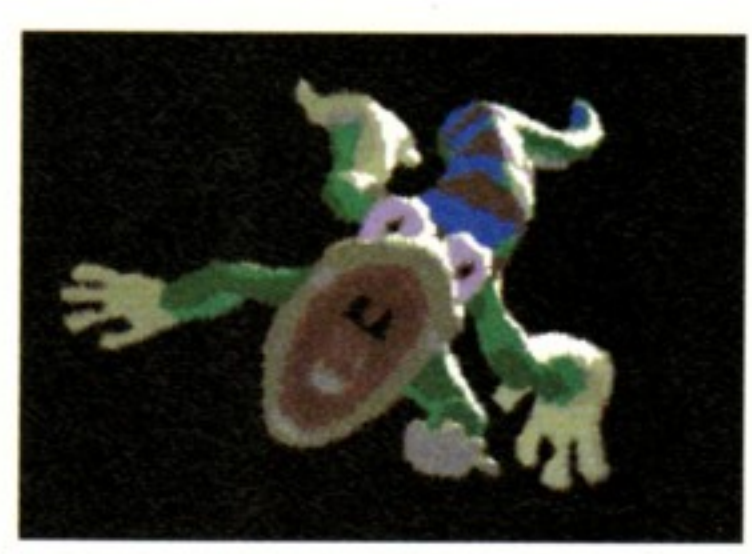
The Dome where Gex chooses which world to visit next. There are four in all.



For years there's been speculation but now, at last, proof of gecko zombies!



When Gex flicks a question mark with his tail or tongue, a hint or tip is revealed, helping the slimy chap to utilise all of the skills and opportunities at his disposal. It might even point to bonus levels where he can gain some valuable extra points.



The old gecko saying goes, 'if there's a wall, we'll stick to it' and Gex is happy to maintain the great tradition of all-terrain grappling that the agile reptile is famous for. Go Gex go!