



# keen

Commander Keen and Keening © 1992 Id Software, Inc. All rights reserved.

## in the bekeening.

It was a quiet fall night in 1990 when Keen was born. Three of the original founders of Id—John Carmack, John Romero, and Tom Hall—had sent a PC version of Super Mario Bros. 3 to Nintendo, where the R&D guys loved it. Nintendo bigwigs, however, did not want to enter the PC entertainment market at that time. John, John, and Tom were disheartened. Then they decided to write their own game.

"How about a kid that saves the galaxy or something?" said Carmack.

"I'll be right back," said Tom.

About fifteen minutes later, Tom returned and read this paragraph in a Walter Winchell voice. It is very close to the final version found in the original *Invasion of the Vorticons* trilogy:

Billy Blaze, eight year-old genius, working diligently in his backyard clubhouse has created an interstellar starship from old soup cans, rubber cement, and plastic tubing. While his folks are out on the town and the baby sitter has fallen asleep, Billy travels into his backyard workshop, dons his brother's football helmet and transforms into...

**COMMANDER KEEN—defender of Earth!**

In his ship, the Bean-with-Bacon Mega-rocket, Keen dispenses galactic justice with an iron hand!

The three Id-sters immediately began work on the first Keen trilogy, with Adrian joining the team two months into the three-month project. And thus a legend was born.



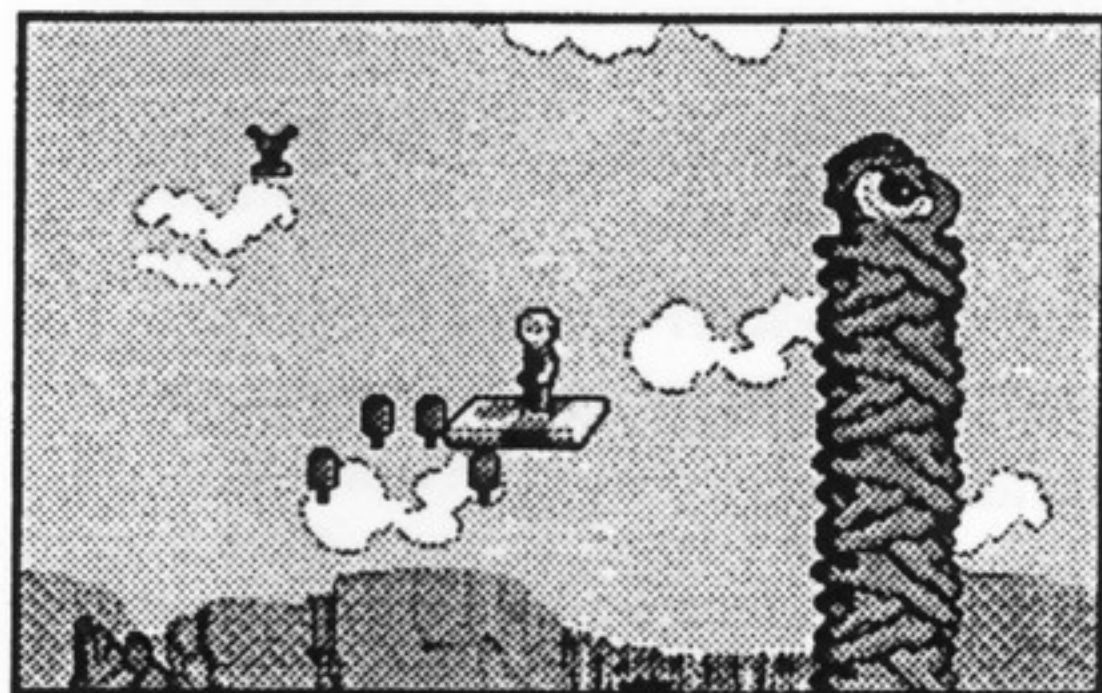
keenig

# coloring keen

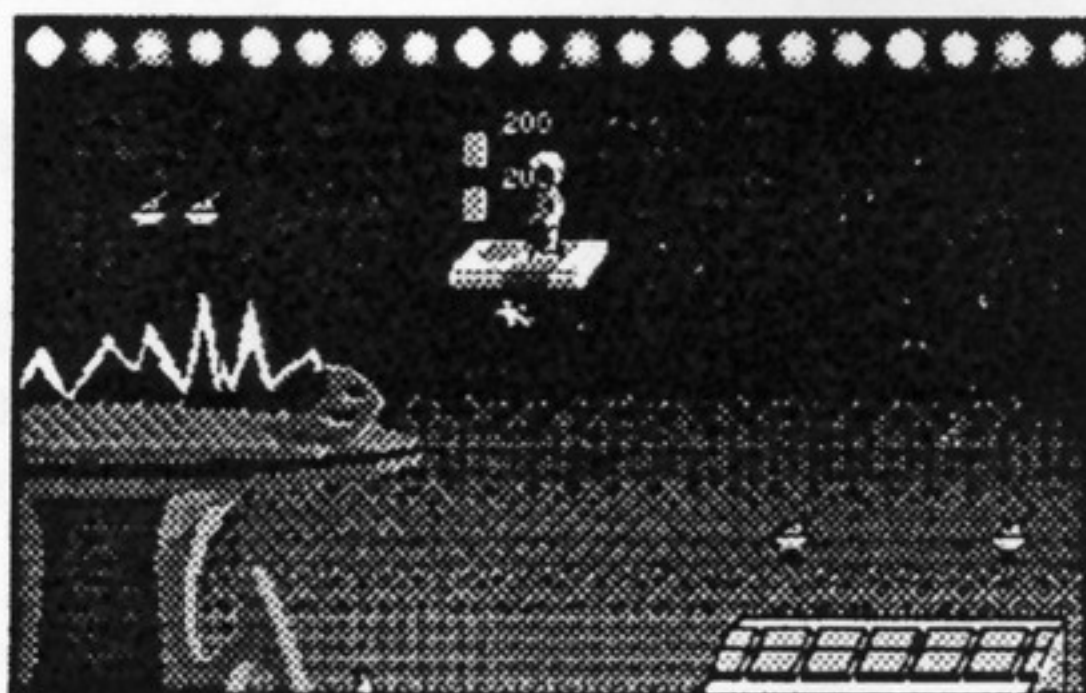
Here's some aliens that appear in *Aliens Ate My Baby Sitter!* Color them in! Copy them and cut them out! Stick them on your face! Have fun!



## secret screens



Have you been here...*in level one?*



Bloog Management District: say, where did that little guy come from?



# sugar search

O L O L I T A O L F R E E B T O O R E G O N O A T  
M I C H I G A N R A G U S O G A B B Y H A Y E S I  
T A M P A L A S S O D A Y S A A R P O P I L L O L  
A N D Y O R P Y R R E K A E R B W A J E L P L U P  
R A Z Z Y L O G A R G I L E I N A E M E U L B Z S  
T O O Z F R O G Z Z A P P H I M O M A D E L I Z A  
S N K A E I R O P A Z Z A G U H B O D E I D R A N  
T A N K S C A T S I L L Y E M U G I D A K I H S A  
I M A G E E B E T E D S E T E O N I O N O R I B N  
N C E R T C Y A N A L A I E I G H T T W O E L X A  
O R N P A R D O L O O T Z I T T O B A R C O N I B  
P P A I N E N I C E C R U Z D I S A R T O L I T A  
E R C Z O A A R T G R A Y P I G S A T G S I S S L  
T O Y Z D M C R O U S P L O O P O B S R A V I T O  
O I D Z U B T N I M R E P P E P T O T O A T R R C  
O T N Z O A T R A I L S H I K A D I S O D T H A A  
B L A A Z R Z U U Z S W O L L A M H S R A M S T T  
A R C Z Z K E E N Y Z S U G A R S T O O P I E S R  
D A U P P O S A D O S I D A K I H S A Z Z E P P O  
Y D N A C N O T T O C K L I M E T A L O C O H C V  
S L I C E C R E A M O N A D V T U N H G U O D D A

One thing's for sure—Commander Keen likes sugar. Find these tasty treats in the grid above:

Lollipop	Soda	Ice cream	Pizza
Candy bar	Vorta Cola™*	Cake	Cone
Zitto Bar™	Gum	Doughnut	Jawbreaker
Shikadi Soda™	Shikadi Gum™	Tart Stix™	Chocolate milk
Bloog Soda™	Marshmallow	Bag o' Sugar™	Sugar Stoopies™
Pudding	Ice cream bar	Banana split	Root beer float
Peppermint	Cookie	Candy cane	Cotton candy

(There are no completely overlapping words, like "Soda" found in "Shikadi Soda™.")

\* Food product names are trademarks of VitaCorp, Inc., makers of the Omegamatic™.



keening

# keen quiz

You may have played *Invasion of the Vorticons*. You may have played *Goodbye, Galaxy!* You most certainly have played *Aliens Ate My Baby Sitter!* But if you think you know everything about Keen, you may be surprised. Test your knowledge in the following quiz:

1. What's the name of the "Lost Episode" of Keen?

- a. *Keen 7: It Remains to Be Keen*
- b. *Keen Dreams*
- c. *Keen-o*
- d. *Keen vs. the Fruit Monsters (or Peachy Keen)*
- e. *Keeny and Cecil*
- f. *Keen in The Gargantutube*
- g. *Keen 3-D*
- h. *Commander Gein*
- i. *The Incredible Sugar Mystery*
- j. *The Lost Episode of Keen*
- k. *Mortimer Kills Keen*
- l. *Keen Does Nothing Interesting or Fun for Screen After Endless Screen (CGA, PCjr required)*

2. Which Keen characters are named after fans that wrote Id?

- a. Bobba
- b. Ed
- c. Berkeloid
- d. Garg
- e. Princess Lindsey
- f. Dopefish
- g. Boobus Tuber

3. How long did it take to write *Aliens Ate My Baby Sitter*?

- a. 10 days
- b. four long agonizing years of unrelenting pain and torture
- c. a month longer than it should have

d. two long agonizing months of unrelenting pain and torture

4. Keen's maps were edited with John Romero's map tool, named:

- a. *Wacky Maps for Humans*
- b. IDTOOL00.EXE
- c. TED5.EXE
- d. *Large Logs!*
- e. JRISCOOL.EXE
- f. *Bolivar*

5. Id's favorite paint program is:

- a. *DeluxePaint II Enhanced*
- b. *Mario Paint*
- c. *Paint by Numbers*
- d. *Ol' Paint*
- e. *PaintStaking*
- f. *Digital Glidden*

6. Where did the term "keening" come from?

- a. it means "a wail or lamentation," which players usually do when they try to get dangerous bonus goodies and bounce off the screen
- b. it's a term coined by Mike Callahan (Dr. File Finder) and means "playing Keen"
- c. from my keening lady

7. What's the toughest Keen enemy ever?

- a. the Bip
- b. Robo Red
- c. the rare yellow Yorp
- d. Keen's evil twin, Neek

8. Which question didn't quite fit on the

Answers: 1-b. 2-c(Ryan Berke), e (Lindsey Velez). 3-d, but it felt like b, and it was really c. 4-c, but the next one was going to be f. 5-a. 6-b. 7-b. 8-m.

Keening was  
produced by  
Tom Hall of:



for inclusion in:



as sold by the:

