

Wo sind sie denn alle?

Queere Repräsentation in Games

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Intro: Vorstellung

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- Dissertation zu Nostalgie & Retro-Games:

„Wie wird Games Culture anhand nostalgischer Retro-Gaming-Erfahrungen ausgehandelt?“

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Institut Spawnpoint

Institut für Spiel- und Medienkultur

- Medienpädagogische Modellprojekte
- Kunst- und Kulturveranstaltungen (u.v.m.)
- Forschung & Evaluation
- Jugend hackt Lab

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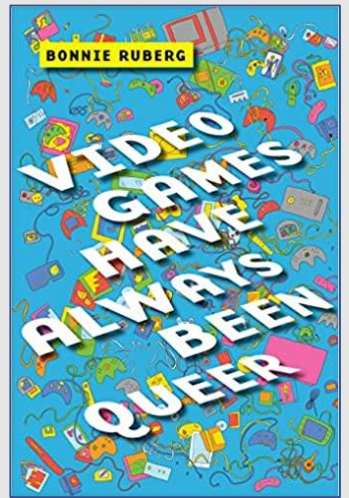


Intro: „Video Games have always been queer!“

„Queerness, at its heart, can be defined as the desire to live life otherwise, by questioning and living outside of normative boundaries.“

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Queer Game Studies

Blick auf queere Themen, Motive und Spielweisen in Games

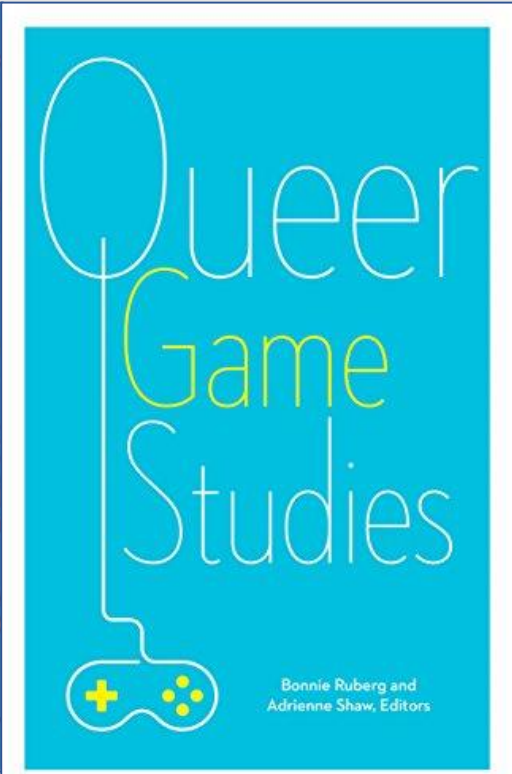
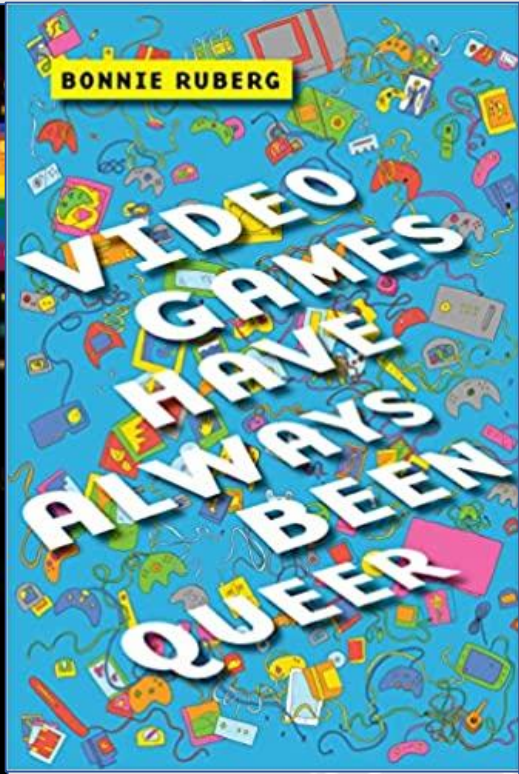
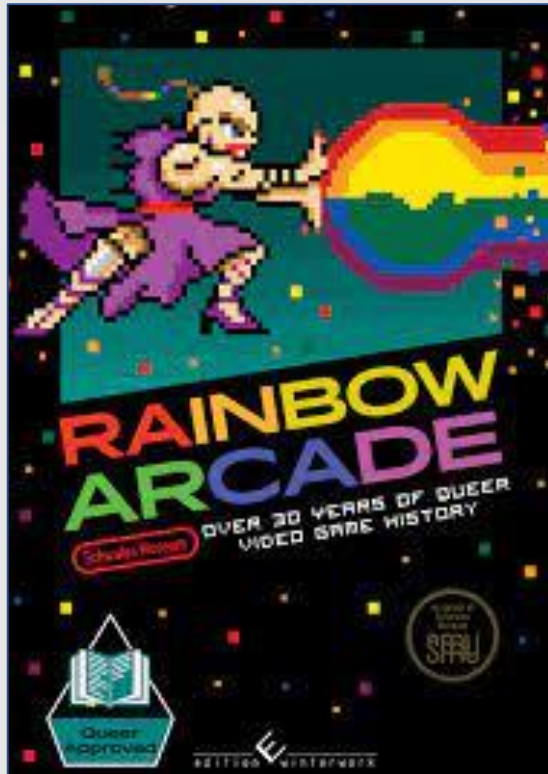
LGBTQIA*-Inhalte und Repräsentation

„Queer Playing“: Spielen um zu verlieren, zu schnell oder zu langsam

(Too-)Close reading: Bewusst "übertriebene" Analyse
-> „Theorycrafting“, aber mit sozialen, gesellschaftlichen Themen verknüpft

Intro: Quellen

Hauptquellen:



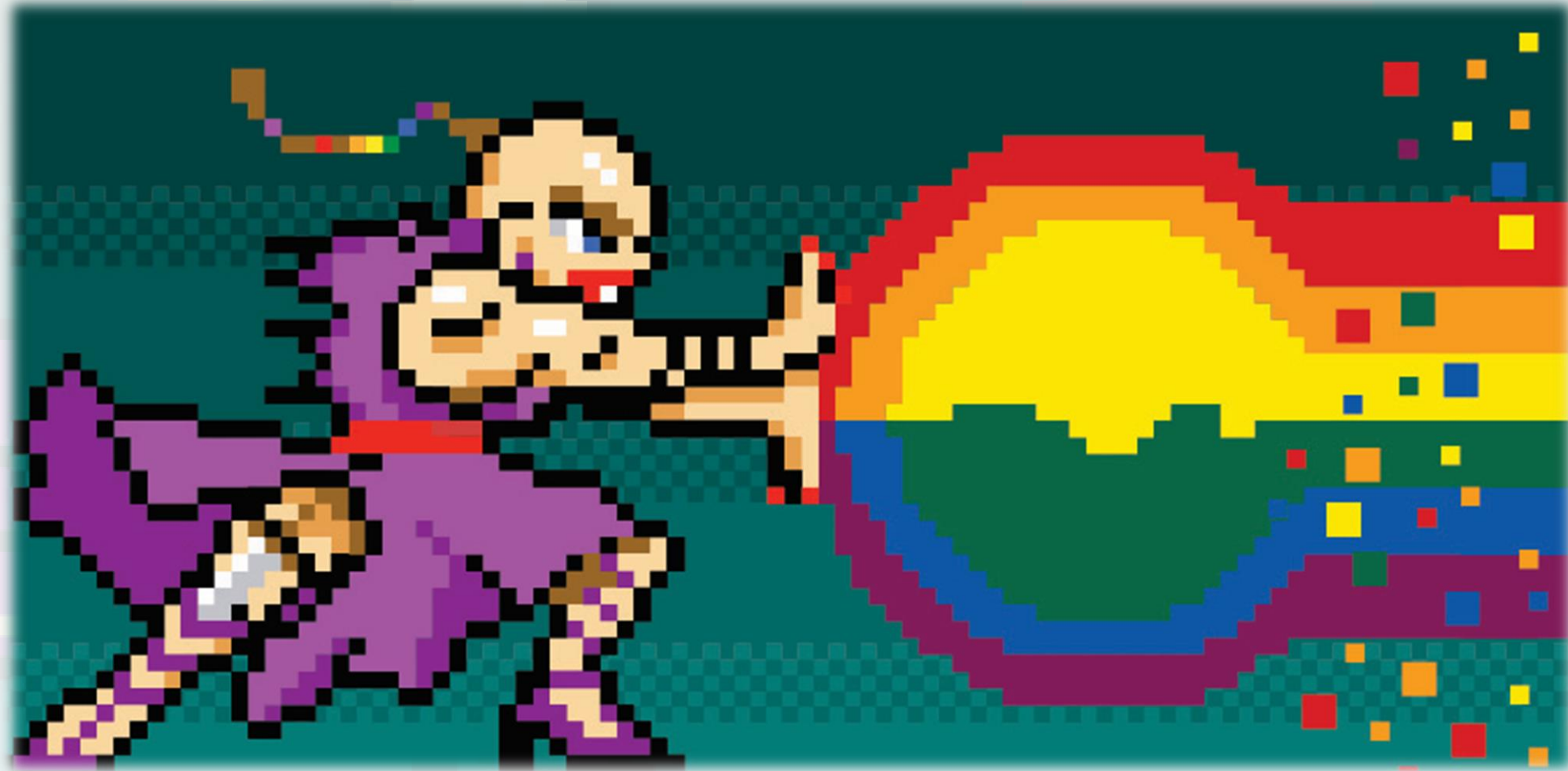
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LGBTQ Video Game Archive
<https://lgbtqgamearchive.com/>

Teil 1: Queere Retro-Games!



RAINBOW ARCADE
Key Visual Design:
Nicolas Simoneau
Schwules Museum Berlin

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Wir schreiben das Jahr

1989...

Game Boy – Die tragbare Action-Welt zum Mitnehmen! Action und Super-Spannung, egal wo Du bist!

1603 Game Boy mit TETRIS-Kassette, Stereo-Sound-Kopfhörer, VIDEO-LINK-Dialogkabel für Wettkämpfe! Batteriebetrieb. **DM 159,-**

1604 (o. Abb.) Batterieset mit Netzteil, wiederaufladbar. **DM 79,-**

Tolle Videospiele-Kassetten zum Auswechseln!

1605 Solar Striker. Nur du kannst die Galaxy beschützen. **DM 49,-**

1606 Super Mario Land **DM 49,-**

1607 Tennis. Wimbledon live! **DM 49,-**

1603

1605

1606

1607

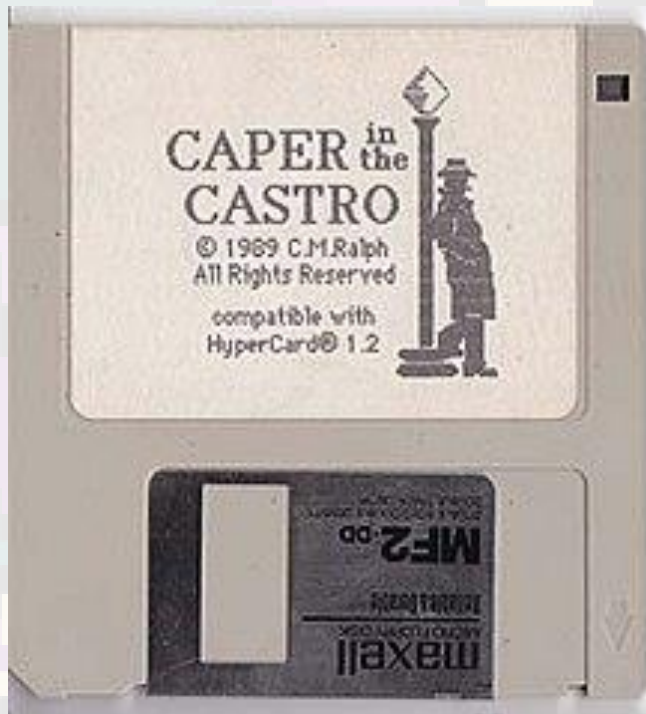
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Nintendo

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1989

Caper in the Castro von C.M. Ralph (she/her)



it's not just a game....

.... it's a Gayme!

CAPER in the
CASTRO
Version 1.0



(Click anywhere to go on)

About Game..

© 1989 C.M. Ralph All Rights Reserved

**A Gay and Lesbian Based
Adventure Mystery Game with Sound, Text & Graphics.**

Caution: This game includes scenes of violence and other material which may be inappropriate for persons under the age of 18. Please use discretion.

Disclaimer: This game is a work of fiction. Any resemblance to actual places, incidents or people (be they alive or dead) is entirely coincidental.

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1992

Gayblade von Ryan Best (he/him)

"Vaporize politicians! Zap skinheads!"
— USA TODAY

GayBlade™

For Macintosh® and PC computers!

GayBlade takes players into an ancient and dark dungeon on a terrifying Quest — to rescue Empress Nelda from the disgusting right-wing creatures inhabiting the dungeon.

Fortunately, the rescue party is made up of heroic Drag Queens, Queers, Lesbians and others who will stop at nothing to get their beloved Empress back to luxurious Castle GayKeep. But can they succeed when so many others have failed before them?


GayBlade is an exciting and addictive game which will keep you glued to your computer for hours as you explore the dungeon looking for weapons, gold and magic items while fending off the horrible homophobic creatures such as: TV Evangelists, Sleazy Publishers, Evil Politicians, Hell Crabs, and many more.

A game of both skill and luck, GayBlade has original full color graphics, digitized sound, and can be played for hours of excitement!

"GayBlade is easy to learn, fascinating to play...a definite must for your collection"
— Kentucky Gay & Lesbian Newspaper

"One of the most fun games ever created for [Macintosh & PC computers]"
— Chicago Windy City Times

"Neat audio, music and images ...with built in sense of humor."
— San Francisco Bay Area Reporter



World's wackiest gay & lesbian spoof on
dungeon fantasy computer games!

For Macintosh® & Windows® computers

Empress Nelda has been captured. You must rescue her!
So get your Apron out, grab your Gold Tiers, and
unleash the dreaded Turbo Blo Dryer.
You're going to war...

PC Version 2.5f
(requires Windows 2.1)

RI Best, Inc. • 5214F Diamond Heights Blvd., Suite 701 • San Francisco, CA 94131 • (415) 252-6464

GayBlade 2.0



[1 Angry Fundie] Maggie's turn

[1 FBI Probe] Maggie turn

Players	
Quill	DEAD
Maggie	15/4
Lilith	15/9
Gorlon	3/1

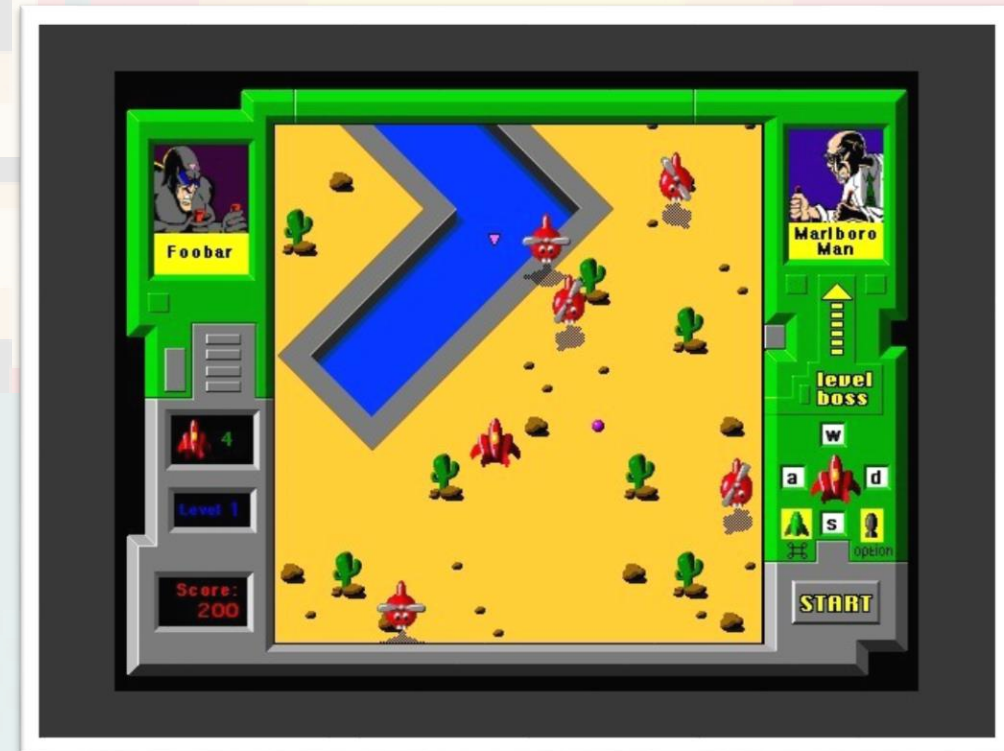
- Apron
- Mace
- Lighter
- Lighter



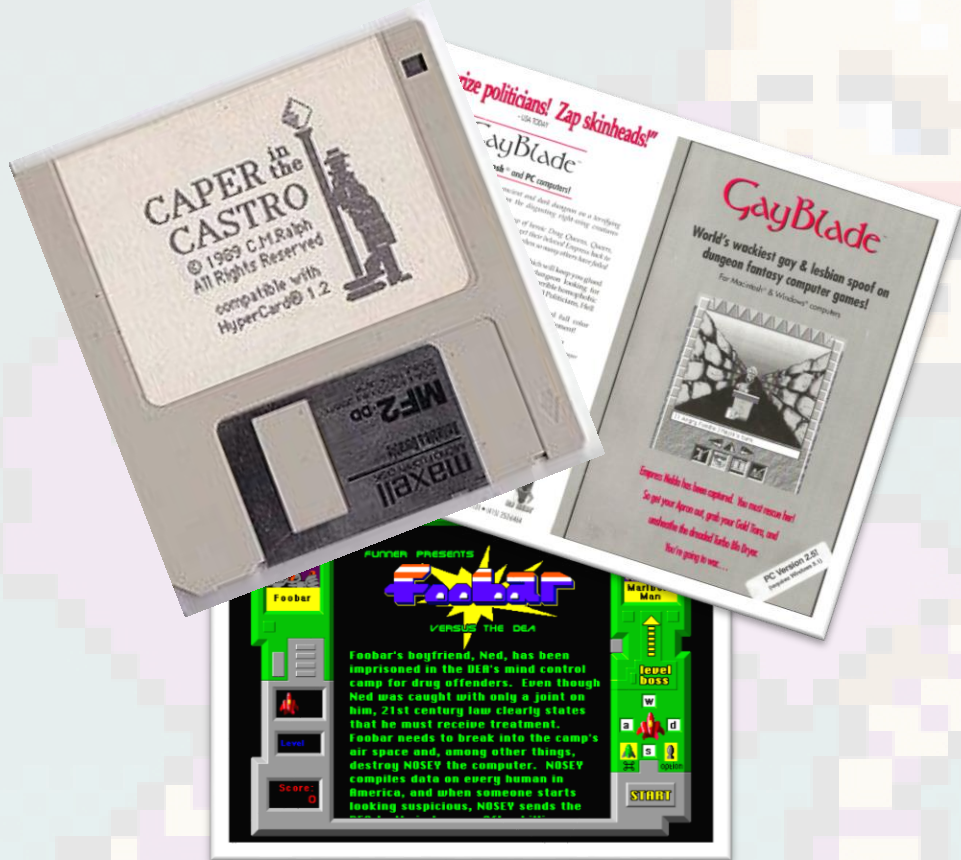
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1996

Foobar versus the DEA von Richard Cross & Tom Cruse



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- Geprägt durch Ereignisse ihrer Zeit - Games sind und waren politisch!
- „Verlorene“ Spiele - Queer History & Games History
- Queere Games Geschichte ist nicht „linear“!

Teil 2: Queer & Indie!

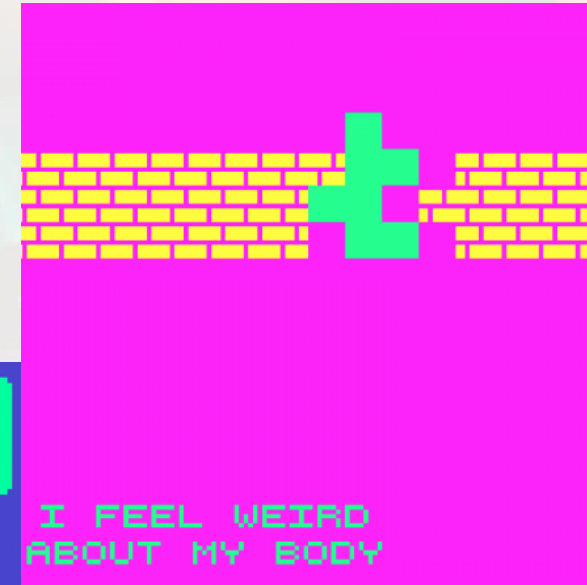
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2012

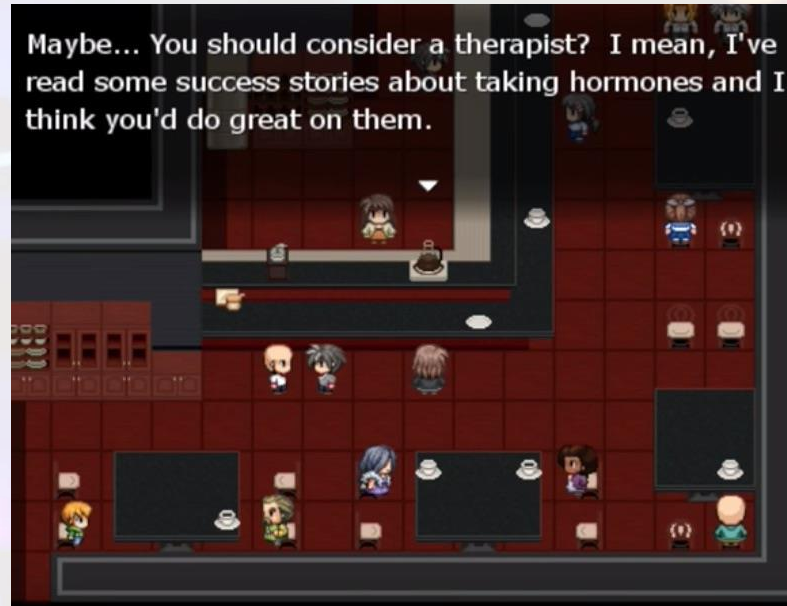
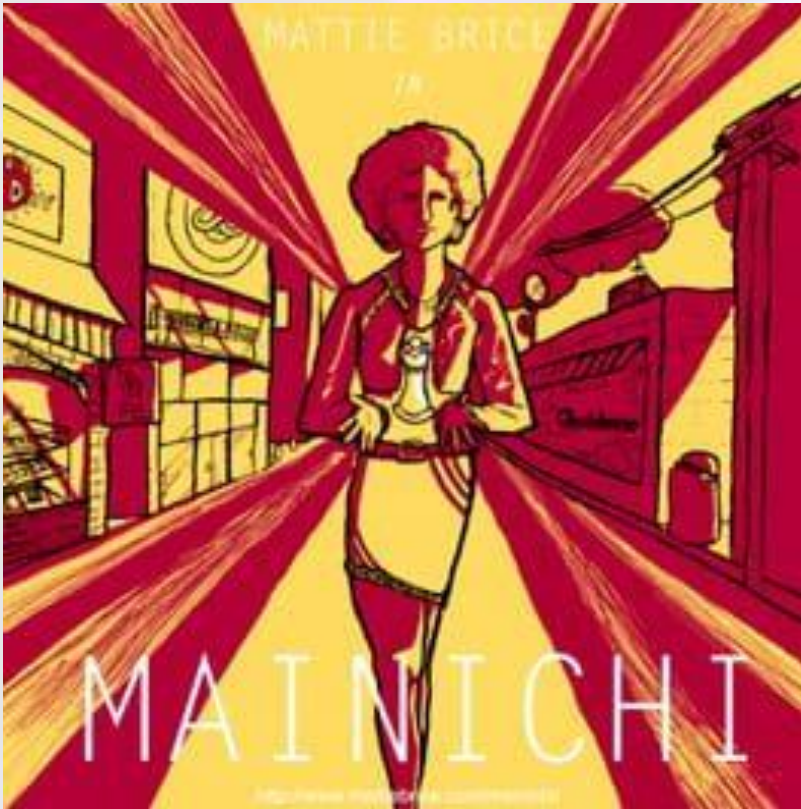
Dys4ia von Anna Anthropy (she/her)



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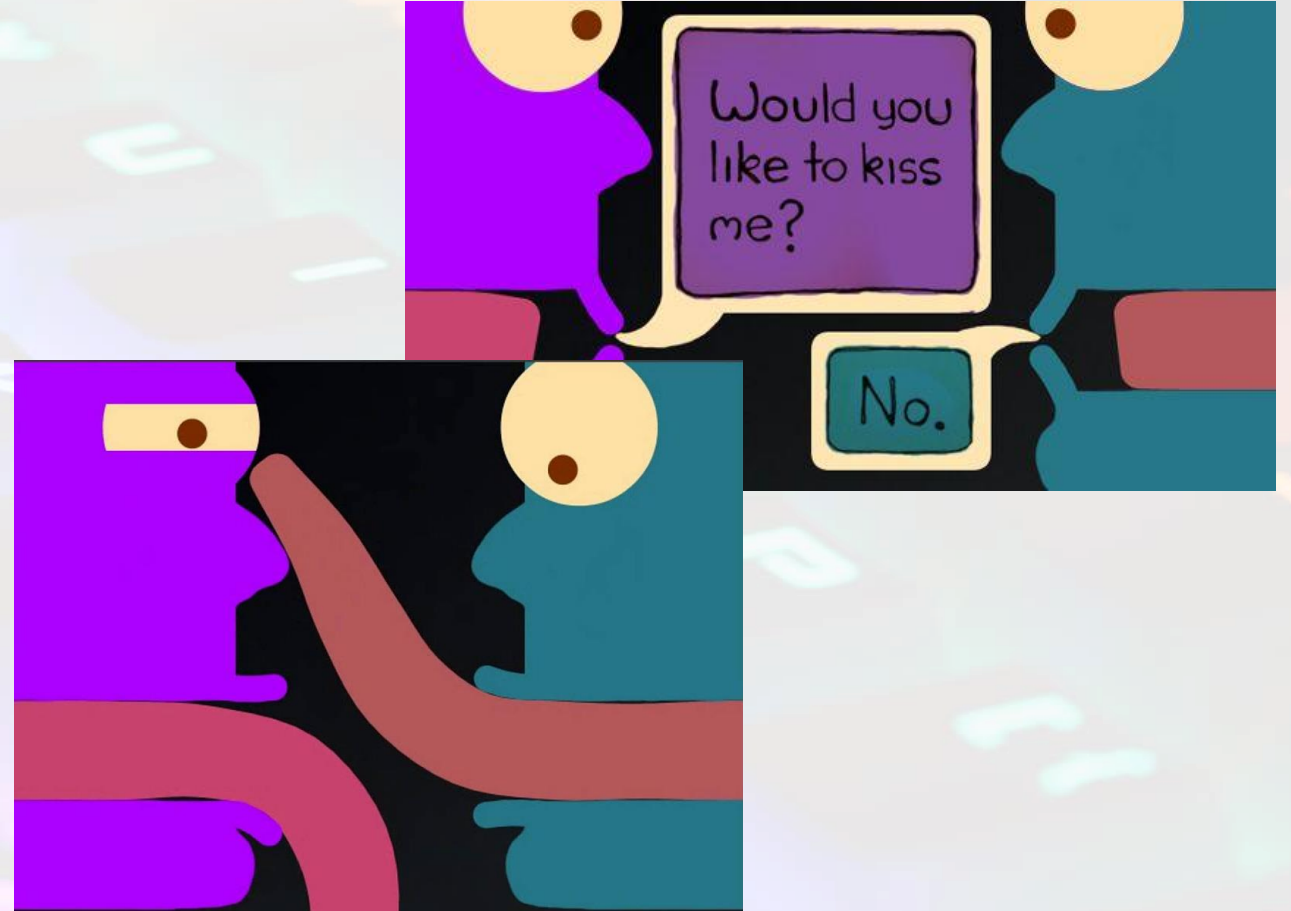
Mainichi von Mattie Brice (she/her)



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2014

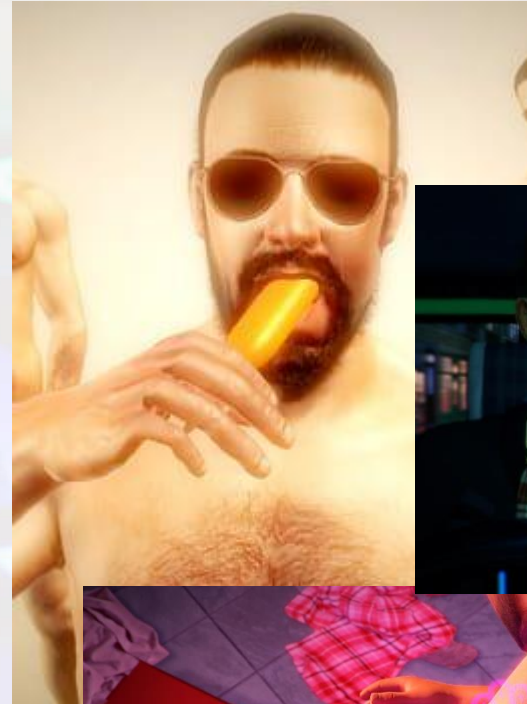
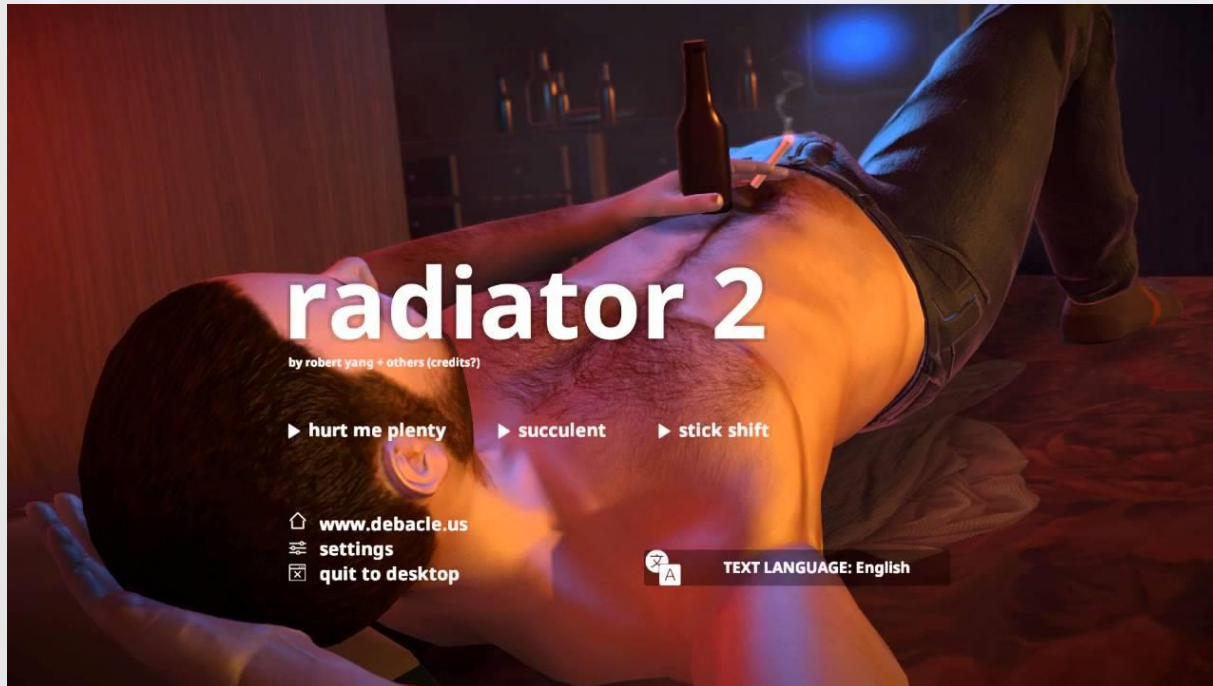
Realistic Kissing Simulator von Jimmy Andrews & Loren Schmid



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2016

Radiator 2 von Robert Yang (he/him)



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2016

Elixir von Zoyander Street (They/Them)
(via Twine)

You reply:

Bah! Egux?

Ti? Ne.

Aidemusa?

Silence



The nurse has tired **eyes** and remarkably long **fingers**. They take your blood pressure and ask you to step onto a weighing scale. After writing down some numbers, the nurse frowns.

"Ti cardimusa!"

You reply:

"Ne"

"Drithe"

with laughter

with silence

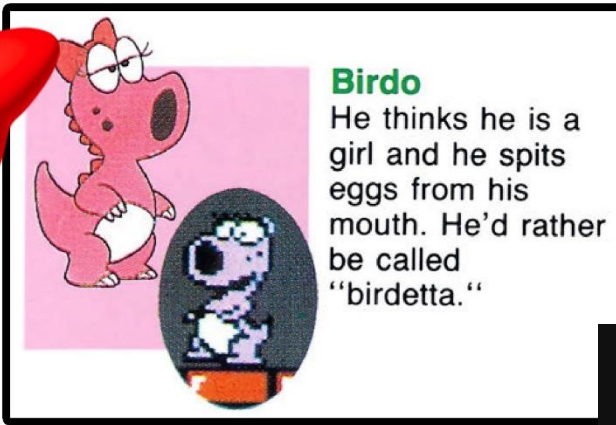
You are cold.

You are volatile.

You are dark.

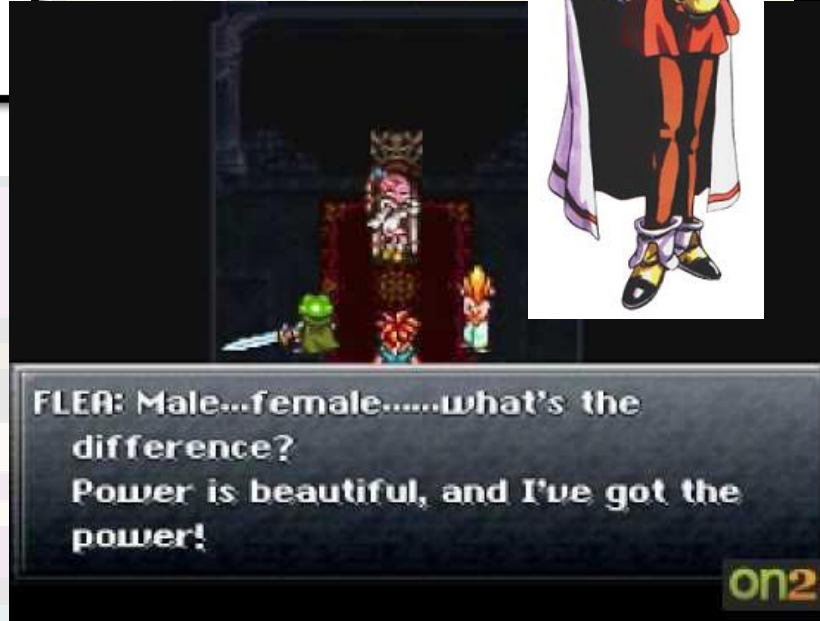
You have not ascended to your true form.

Teil 3: Queere Repräsentation in (Mainstream) Games



Super Mario Bros 2 Manual Scan

Die „Anfänge“:
Lost in Translation,
Stereotype,
Bösewichte und
Nebencharaktere...



Oh, I get it, you want
to learn to play the

Teil 4: Queere Repräsentation in (Mainstream) Games



**Selbsta Ausdruck und
Spielfreiheit:**
Queere Optionen in den
2000ern

**Who is your favorite
Dragon Age
romance option?**

DRAGON AGE DAY

A promotional graphic for Dragon Age Day. It features a 3x6 grid of character portraits from the game, including Morrigan, Leliana, Alistair, Isabela, Wynne, and others. The text "Who is your favorite Dragon Age romance option?" is at the top. At the bottom, there are two rows of hearts and the "DRAGON AGE DAY" logo with a sword icon.

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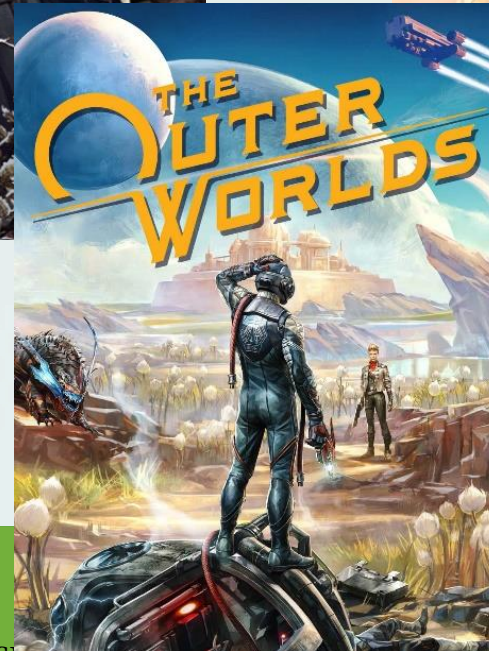


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Teil 4: Queere Repräsentation in (Mainstream) Games

Triple-A-Erfolg:
Breitere Repräsentation in
großen Produktionen
(+ Backlash der Community)



Apex: Legends (Respawn
Entertainment, 2019)
Overwatch (Blizzard, 2016)



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Lev, Dina & Ellie aus
The Last of Us Part II
(Naughty Dog, 2020)



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Marvel's Spider-Man Remastered (Insomniac, 2022)



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Vielen Dank für Ihre Aufmerksamkeit!