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 GAMES. I'M ARCANE AND
 IN THE COMING MONTHS
 WE'LL FEATURE THE LATEST
 AND HOTTEST ARCADE HITS
 FROM COMPANIES SUCH AS
 NAMCO, SEGA AND MANY
 OTHERS. BUT THIS TIME WE
 CHECK OUT KILLER ETs
 AND A KIDNAPPED
 AMERICAN ROCK BAND...**

Alien Vs Predator

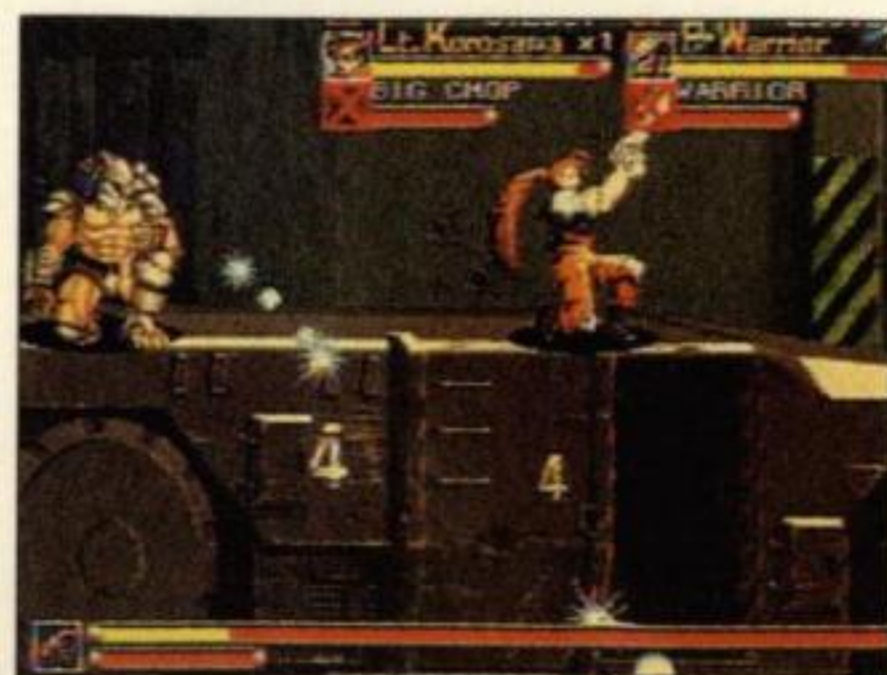
1-4 players

One of the hottest comic book licenses around is the Alien Vs. Predator Mythos. Basically it tells that the Predators have bred the Aliens for a long time for hunting purposes. Us humans (except for Arnie) were easy prey. For the Predators, the aliens were tough and could be bred fairly easily, at the expense of some planets species.

Anyway, the Queen Bitch Alien, as well as pumping eggs, produces a substance called royal jelly. This stuff is highly sought after and is very expensive. To cut costs, the Earth based company Weyland-Yutani decided to get their own queen alien! Nice idea guys. Not so nice is the fact that the Queen escaped and has started laying eggs by the dozen. Soon enough there are more aliens than the world can handle, and that's where the Predators, and you, come in.

In this game you can choose from four characters, each with their own special attacks. There's the token babe - Lt. Lynn Kurosawa, the token hunk - Major "Dutch" Schaeffer and the token butt-uglys - two Predators; a hunter and warrior. Once you have chosen your character, it's time to kick some butt. The rules are simple, if it moves kill it. Now that's my kind of game! Each character has their own special attacks. It is kind of like a vertical scrolling Street Fighter at times. And of course there are baked dinners lying around for energy and treasure for points.

The story is great, and there are loads of plot twists as you go along through the levels. And there is enough action even for the most ardent freak! Alien Vs. Predator looks great, plays great, sounds great but surprisingly doesn't taste very good at all.



Revolution X

1 - 3 players

Doh!! What have those zany Aerosmith kids got themselves into this time! It's not really their fault though, it's the most evil organisation on Earth, the "New Order Nation" (NON) who are out to put a stop to all the things the world's youth hold dear. Things like Video games (Gasp!!), television (arggh!!), music (hurrr!!!) and magazines (eeeeek!!) - these are all things that have been taken away by force.

So what happens when you and your mates head down to Club X (no, not the porn shop) to catch Aerosmith live only to see them snatched away? You grab your trusty super-rifle, with CD shooting capabilities and put an end to NON and their hordes of henchmen for good. What else did you expect?

Starting at Club X you move your campaign of destruction and anarchy to every venue in the city until you reach NON headquarters. Along the way you get to choose which path you want to take as you set out on your mission, by shooting at arrows along the way. The action doesn't just sit on one screen, you move around constantly, through the levels and you'll find that you can shoot just about anything to get a result (ie. getting a bonus).

A fun few minutes for those into shooting Aerosmith...er, that should be shooting and Aerosmith.

