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It's about this time each year that a horrific ritual takes place. A ritual steeped in tradition that harks back centuries. But a ritual terribly out of step with the needs of a civilised society. I'm referring to the annual NMS Reader Cull. Sadly, as you are reading this, hordes of Seals, spiked baseball clubs in their sweaty flippers, are boarding small fishing vessels and heading for the reader breeding grounds, the taste of blood on their be-whiskered lips. Of course I should use these pages to condemn such barbaric activities, but what the heck! The world won't miss a few readers, and they deplete our fish stocks too. Besides all that, they takes so good (with fava beans and a nice little chianti). If you're lucky and my fel-low Seals pass you by, why not write in telling me of your, no doubt, horrific experi-ences to. I WAS SUCKERED BY THE SEAL SQUADS AND SURVIVED, MAILBAG, NMS Priory Court, 30-32 Farringdon Lane, London FC1R 3AII

## **OCEAN LETTER OF THE MONTH!**

I am mad! Mad, you hear! Very mad indeed! But not in the wibble-gonk-pipple-dee-dot way. I am angry! Why? Because of a stupid thing Nintendo have done. And i mean reeeally stupid! I am talking king-thick-of-braindead-land-edly stupid! I'm talking don't-bring-out-the-Ultra 64-in-Europe-til-1996-while-itcomes-out-in-Japan-and-the-states-in-september-ly stupid! I mean what the heck do Nintendo think they're playing at? Why not have a worldwide release date? Maybe because Nintendo reckon the Ultra 6 won't sell very well over here. Well that's the monkey's reproductive organs, I'm afraid. Anyone whose played or even seen Killer Instinct or Cruis n' USA in the arcades will definitely want an Ultra 64 - especially since the games are going to (allegedly) be better than their arcade counterparts. Another problem that is bound to raise its head with the release of the Ultra 64 is cost. Being a bit of a video gaming maniac I would gladly pay up to £250 for the machine, although any more would be pushing it, even for the richest of rich people.

There we are. I've said my piece and I'm still very annoyed at Nintendo as are many others, I'd imagine. Although by the time this is printed Nintendo may have changed their minds.

Rob Jenkins, Barry

SEAL: There are in excess of a million Super NES owners in the UK and, game-wise, there's never been a better time to own the machine. There is a solid library of high-quality titles currently available and loads more in the pipeline (Starwing 2, Diddy's Adventures, Comanche etc...). With that in mind it's pretty easy to see why Nintendo are keen not to spoil this lucrative market by releasing the Ultra 64 too early. At least by the time it arrives on our shores the machine will have a reasonable range of titles ready. There are more potential flies in the ointment too. How are Nintendo going to convince anyone to buy the Virtual Boy, also due for release next spring, when they can have an Ultra 64 for only a few guid more? Tricky! I can't comment on the price. All I have to go on is Nintendo's commitment to sell it for around \$250. All that said and, as you so rightly point out, Nintendo are wont to change their strategies (anyone remember Super NES's early arrival?) and they may decide to go for a worldwide release after all. Phew! I think that deserves letter of the month.

## THIS KIRBY KRAZINESS KANNOT KONTINUE

DEAR SEAL

I am the great Kirby King. News has come to me of a man that works for you called Paul Davies. I have heard that he praises my son Prince Kirby, back in issue 21 a certain David Barr wrote in about how much he disliked Kirby, but Paul replied "Lissen right, if you've got anything against Kirby you can just shurrup cos he's bril-

liant. Heee iissss right. And I'll have anyone who says he's not. I have since dealt with David Barr. he is now chained up in my dungeons being forced to watch endless episodes of Power Rangers. This will happen to anyone who dislikes any part of my family. You have been warned. All that I ask is that Paul Davies marries my daughter, Princess Kirbweena, and comes to live with my family in Kirbyland where he will be treated with respect. Do not in your reply make any cocky remarks.