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The best, the ugliest, the bloodiest and the doocest of Doom!

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**The
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Presents:**

The first ever issue of the DMW magazine!

A place to read about the great, the best, the worst and the exotic of the
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With a special article per issue and whole body dedicated to the holy WAD.

Full with screenshots and links!

Enjoy, master doomer.



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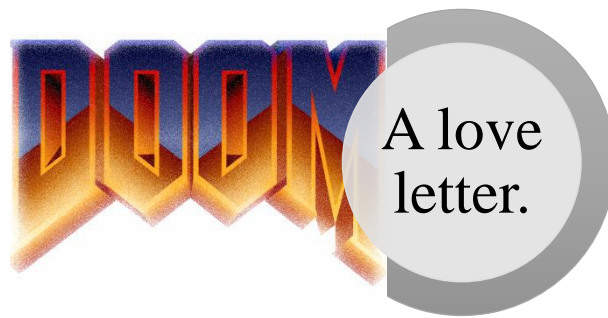
– Stuff: The whole first issue as a prototype and showcase.

If there were more, they would be here. For now, this was done like an incentive for future development of the next issues or projects.

And of course, a kind of test of what the magazine tries/hopes to create.

As a little disclaimer, I have to say that English is not my mother tongue, so I may not have the same ability as a native, but I will do my best to deliver a work that is understandable and enjoyable! So, sorry for that and let's get going.

DOOM, the game that never dies.



Hello, dear Doomer. If you're reading this, it's because, in one way or another, you've been connected to the wonderful game that is Doom. Whether it's because you've been a big, passionate fan since the game's release, or maybe you're a new player who wants to get inside the interesting and complex core of this work of art. Either way, I welcome you, because if you're here, it's for one reason, and that reason is that Doom never dies.

Doom was released on December 10th, 1993. Okey, did you get that? Let me put it this way: This game is over two decades old. This game is exactly 26 years old at the time this article was written. That's quite a long time, no doubt, but to say that is to lower the true value of the meaning of this peculiar concept. That the simple and delightful truth is that Doom, 26 years later, is still an active game. How many games can boast such pride? How many games have that incredible power, that ability to captivate your audience more than two decades later? Not many, of course, but Doom is not only old, it is more alive than ever.

How so? How is it that a game not only stays active for almost 30 years, but at the same time, it stays red hot with an active community 24/7 that develops constant projects every year, surpassing the expectations not only of the community, but even of the creators themselves? Romero himself didn't expect such a success, he didn't expect Doom to become a pillar of the history of videogames, moreover, of computer technology.



Pretend that you know nothing about Doom, would you believe me if I told you this game is still played to this day?

Well, the answer is as simple as it is fascinating. In this game there is a complex key that may seem alien to foreign eyes, but familiar to those who have searched the historical archives of this marvel.

Not that being a technological marvel was everything, of course, it was, but that's only partly why the game is still alive, but not all the reason, after all, 1993 vs. 2020 is a huge, huge difference. How much did a video game used to weigh during the 90s? 50mbs was considered a huge space, now we have 100gb games (which I hate because damn, my poor SSD.)

If not that, what is it? What is the secret medicine that has prolonged this old dog's life so much? What's the tricky trick that keeps him alive? How? How is it possible?

Drama aside, I'll give you the answer: *You*.

Doom is alive because Doom is great, Doom is still the game we love so much because Doom is everything and Doom is you. Doom is still Doom and we are Doom.

I feel quite happy and proud to be part of such a community, what do I base it on? Well, the simple fact that I can say that since 1993, there are people who still look at this game with the same eyes that when they saw it when it was released that cold Christmas night and got warmed up by the pits of Hell. Oh, yeah.



QuakeCon 96...

Those people created the first steps in the long, great history of this game. The first WADs, Origwad, the first fan-made level for Doom and probably one of the first pieces of what would be the huge puzzle of the mod and mapping community. Then came the big creations, the big modifications that paved the way for a world of greatness. Total conversions that turned Doom into something different, almost new; I can imagine more than one child discovering the power of mods and thinking "I can have all the games I want in one game!", at least I thought so when I discovered the power of mods and TCs.

And the tools didn't stop there, no sir. Innovation was of a constant pace, creativity was of unexplored limits, the hearts of the fans asked for more and in their hands was the power to satisfy such a poetic need.

Why poetic? Well, I like the sound of it and I think it goes pretty well with the Doom story. Poetry is... passion, and what the fans have proven to be able to do for this game is not far from a work of art, a work of poetry. After all, no one can deny that both within the creative circles and within the enthusiast circles there has been an amount of passion as exciting as it is unparalleled.

Remember Memento Mori? 1995, one of the first of its kind, a big step for the community. Aliens TC? The first of its kind, and a fascinating work from the historical context to the present day.

Requiem? It brought with it never before seen tricks and fascinating innovations in the field of mappers.

Alien Vendetta? Oh yeah, this is where the big leagues would start.

Mordeth? A partial conversion that echoes in the form of a Cacoward nomination.

The rise of the source-ports? You sure do, you use one of those to play Doom now.

There's so much, so much, so much more to mention, hey, 25 years of history summed up in a couple of pages is no easy task, but actually, I'm not here to sum it up, I'm here to explain why Doom has lasted so long.

I am here to tell you in the most romantic and almost embarrassing way, to say in a few words what I already said. Doom was made with love and Doom is still alive because of that love. The quality of life that this game has enjoyed is one full of bumps and also of difficulties, hard moments that have stained the name and almost stagnated his life. Sad events as well as unfair events. Life's misfortunes or simply the abandonment by modern development hands. We go through everything, feel everything, enjoy everything and suffer everything. Since The Ultime Doom, through the radical Doom 3 and to the frenetic Doom Eternal, we have been through everything. You could say that we have a relationship with this game and that because of that this game has managed to endure, why? Because we are faithful, because we are passionate and because what is cared for, lasts.



... and QuakeCon 2019 and forever. We are eternal.

The future of Doom

There's always a lot of uncertainty when it comes to the longevity of a video game. It's becoming increasingly rare to see video games that manage to stay up for more than a

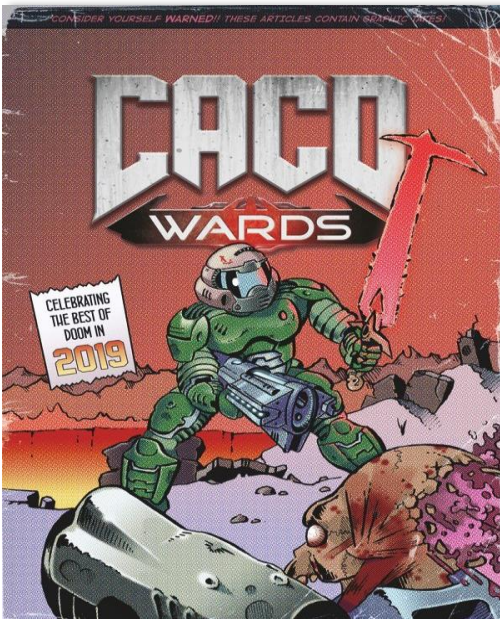
decade, let alone two. We can talk about the activity of a game, sure, there are still a good handful of games that are played by its fans, but as soon as we look at Doom, we see something that goes beyond just playing it. This game has not been kept alive just by being played; it lives by being improved, by being changed, by being evolved, by simply being a game that offers so many capabilities in an engine so old but so elegant that if you want to put wings on it you can.



Eviternity, created in 2018, is a shiny example of how the fans can and will always kick ass.

I have to say that I'm very excited about Doom's future. With the release of the latest games being total successes, launching the Doom name once again on the throne that it deserves, it seems that the life of this game does nothing but to prosper, but better than that, prosper in a quality that very few manage to achieve, a quality that will not only echo for the future of the history of video games and computers, but is a history that has created a legacy impossible to erase as well as people impossible to forget.

I want to quote a great sentence that inspire me to do this:



Theres 16 total Cacowards with the 26th installment (dont ask what happened to the other 10.) And you bet your ass theres going to be lots more to come.

So the old question remains: what is even Doom anymore? Fellow Doomers, I believe it is whatever you want it to be. You'll never find another game that offers a single person the artistic flexibility or the decades of accumulated design knowledge that this one does—and you can still bring something unique to the table. Go forth and create!

– Not Jabba

Doom is the canvas and the colors; you are the artist.

And guess what? Art is eternal, the endurance is for life and the work is never forgotten. The legacy is, without a doubt, unforgettable. Doom is alive because in the massive and saturated ocean that is the video game industry, especially FPS, Doom is a gem, the raw material, the rough diamond that gave birth to all. And as such quality of primordial, it cannot be ignored.

So, I want to thank you, dear Doomer, because the number one reason this game is still alive is and will always be: you.

Thank you for sharing this passion with everyone.

THE WAD CORNER #1

Welcome to the main body of the magazine! As this is the first edition, I feel it is appropriate to give a little introduction to exactly what this section will be. First of all, it is about nothing more than simple recommendations from WADs to players, but with the main objective of giving a succulent review as well as giving light to WADs, according to the writer's criteria. It doesn't matter what kind of WAD it is; be it old, new, vanilla, a megawad, an episode wad or a single map, etc. What matters are the words! This is made to find new things and have fun with them, so with that explained, let's get into the Wadzone.



Memento Mori: By Denis and Thomas Möller and other 19 authors. (1995)

You want to start the day with a trip to the past? Go back to the historical moments where it all began? How about a historical look at one of the first classic megawads of all time? Memento Mori has all your vanilla cravings fulfilled in one package.

Yes, it's 1995, yes, it's quite old, and yes, very outdated compared to recent work or any work from 2010 onwards. But this is where the real flavor of being able to enjoy this megawad lies. Despite being quite old (older than me) Memento Mori fulfills the simple premise of being fun and vanilla. It is not a great innovative work nor a technical marvel, but it is an important pillar to be able to analyze with a better retrospective how far the authors have come to give us such spectacular maps. You may have already played it at this point, especially if you're one of the veteran OGs, but if you haven't, or if you're new to the community and want to go down a path where you can appreciate both the past and present, Memento Mori is a good road to cross.

The maps are so 90s that it makes you want to turn on a walkman and put on your Nike Air and play it properly. Sure, that's an exaggeration, but not too far from the truth. These are pure vanilla maps, almost raw. They offer excellent quality for the standard that was 1995, but they may look a bit dull by 2020. That doesn't mean they are bad maps, for the simple reason that a bad map means a boring map and Memento Mori is not boring. There are small and easy maps as well as big and scary maps and a few maps with a few tricks up their sleeves. An odyssey through many designs that were so innovative in their early days that we now take them for granted. If you haven't tried it, do it. Nothing like improving your perspective on Doom mapping and feeling a little old in the process.



Japanese Community Project: By the Doom Japanese community. (2016)

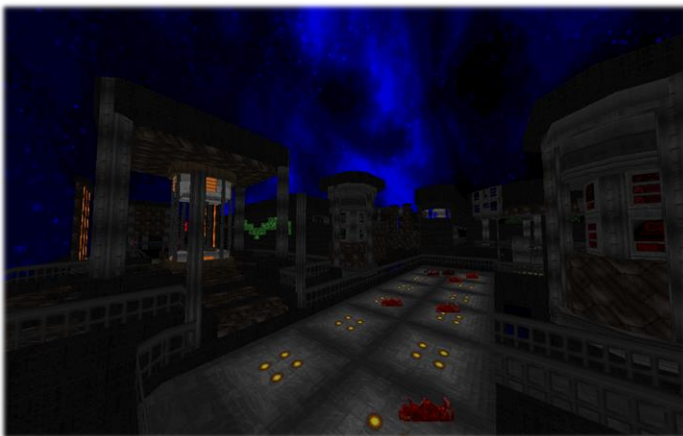


A megawad so great and so stylized that became a winner of a Cacoward in 2016, one that has been written about and done with great elegance in the main article of the 23rd Cacowards.

Everything I can say has already been said, and the truth is that this megawad is one that is usually quite recognized in the community, so why do I mention it again? The truth is that it's simply a great megawad that shows us the scope of our favorite game. The Doom

community is mostly English-speaking, as you'd expect from a game created in the US (duh), but the arms of demons and the power of the megasphere go far beyond the border. Just as many other communities have been formed on different continents, especially Europe, we must not forget the Asian branch in our beloved country #1 in home appliances and animated entertainment, Japan.

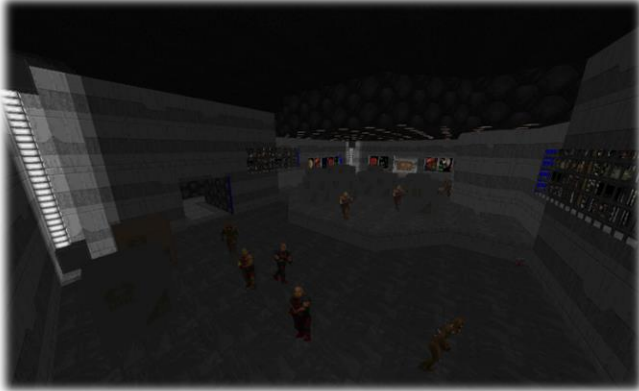
Playing this megawad is for those fans who want to see the painting from a different nationality, from a different place than they are used to. The sensation while playing it creates the idea of "foreignness", not so much because of its design (since the megawads don't have the flag of their creator on every texture), but because of the fact that we can feel a spirit in every detail and in every design; the initial maps are a fun and of intelligent manufacture, but I must warn that the last ten maps raise the difficulty to a quite brutal setting. It does NOT forgive your mistakes. Still, check it out, both for the cultural valor and the amazing quality that our samurai friends gave us.



A map even makes use of a peculiar way to advance the level, but I'll let you discover that with your own experience.

You will find that some of the maps have so much detail that they are worthy of particular mention, especially Map 29 and Map 27, which are a unique visual experience. The look of the level is an important factor in every megawad, and here I can have some mixed opinions. As I said above, the megawad becomes incredibly difficult in its last maps, but the difficulty lies not only in the fact of transforming into quasi-slaughtermaps, but also for having such massive maps that it can become somewhat difficult to explore and have dynamic progress.

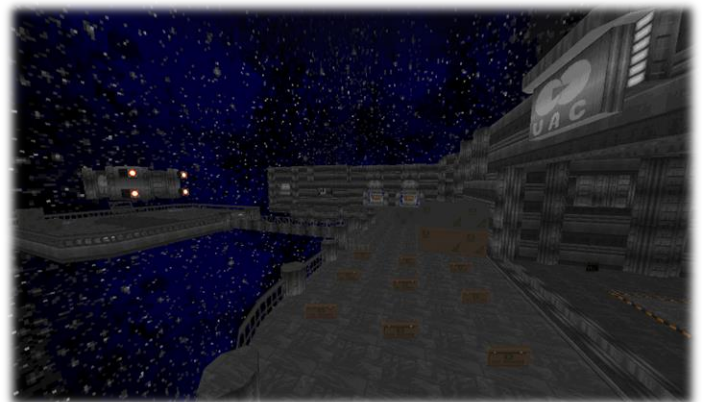
Vrack 1, 2 and 3: By Fredrik Johansson. (2000, 2001 and 2005.)

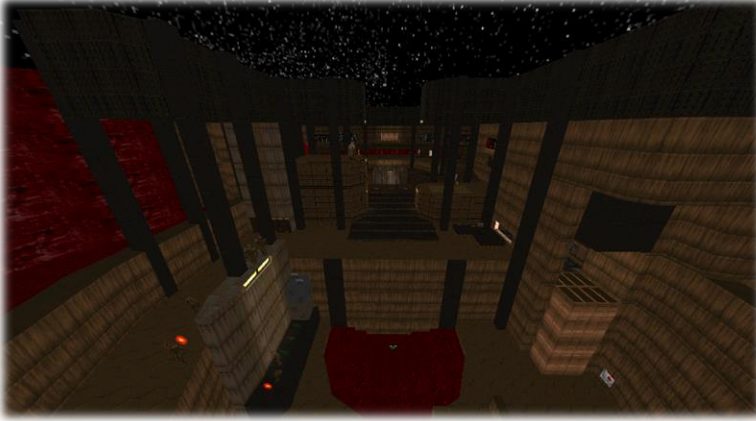


Fredrik Johansson is guilty of delivering what would be an essential pillar in the design and evolution of the challenging-style maps. Active for a time, he left a special legacy by delivering maps of unparalleled quality.

I decided to place the 3 maps within what I like to call a "trilogy", as both maps follow a theme in both aesthetics and gameplay, following certain facets that give a unique feel to the gameplay as well as raising the overall bar of all three maps. The author's ability to provide both a detailed and a challenging map without crossing that much into the world of "Slaughtermaps challenges", makes Vrack a satisfying and entertaining series for all types of players. It's not a Slaughtermap (but it is brutal) and it's not a Puzzle Map (let alone a Jokewad). Vrack is unique in that it is part of the history of the first instances of maps developed with an idea in mind: The one of being difficult through intelligent enemy placement, items and a level design, aimed at making use of strategies. Both the enemy and the player make use of these strategies, from Hellknights placed in sniper positions to the player's ability to take cover in certain areas or trick demons into fighting each other.

One aspect that I really want to emphasize is how excellent the series is in both presentation and playability, and I say this for one simple reason: The trilogy hasn't aged a bit. Sure, it may not have the coolest map lighting tricks and the use of animated textures, or any other OpenGL tricks, but Vrack does have something: It's modern even by 2020 standards. Even though the first installment came out in 2000, 20 years ago! If someone plays it blindly and then is asked: What year do you think it was released? The truth is that I bet my hair that it will probably answer a date later than 2010. We have classic WADs that are from the same dates as Vrack but if we play them now, we can immediately tell from what time they are. Few maps have the power to be timeless in that sense and Vrack is there, among the tall, proud and challenging. Recommended for those who want to feel the challenge in their veins and appreciate an intelligent and detailed layout.



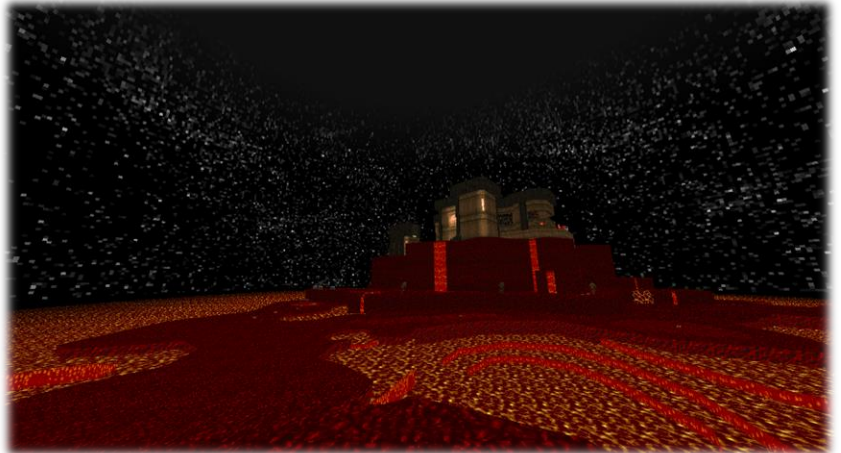


Monuments of Mars: By the Doomer Boards Community. (2018)

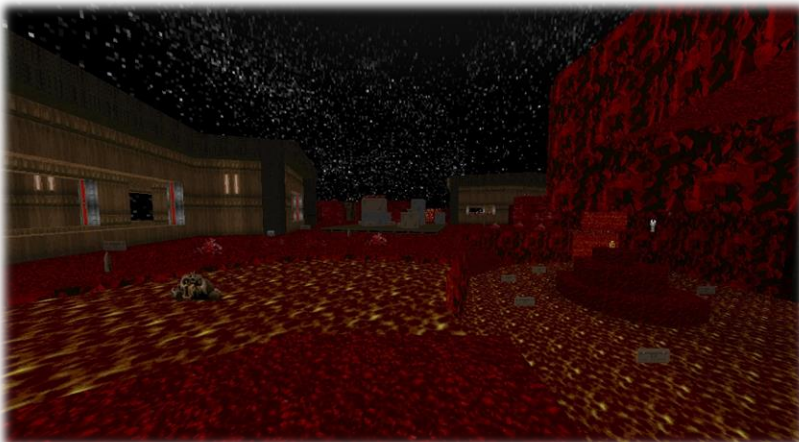
Have you ever heard of the Doomer Boards Projects? Probably yes, since they were mentioned in a special category in the Cacowards 2018, but since then, a special journey has occurred that has left me with my mouth open in admiration, respect and simple joy. Now every month I look forward to the next DBP. That's why I want to

mention what is the first stone in the fabulous pyramid of the DBP, and this stone is called Monuments of Mars.

Focusing on the theme of the red planet, Monuments of Mars indicates the main theme of the map collection with his title. Picturesque landscapes with reddish tones and dark structures, battle monuments that incite the violent fight against the demons, because oh yes, the fights will be brutal in this map collection. A challenge solid enough to take you through a few attempts at some levels, but what stands out the most is the fascinating simplicity of each one. So small yet so complete. You can find names as well-known as that of 40oz, who took care of 3 maps out of the 7 total maps.



Playing this collection of maps is playing a work made with love and passion, as well as creativity and excellent skill, that's why I can't recommend more gratefully such a project and I encourage you to try all the DBPs!



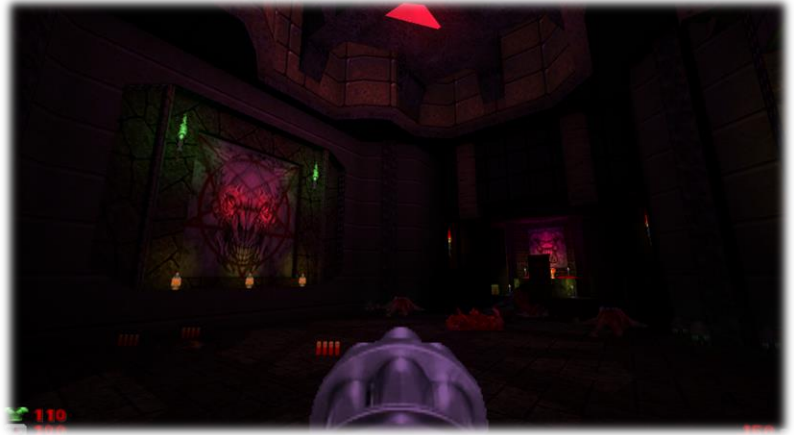
You are sure to embark in a great and challenging quest that will reward you with great pleasure and red dust while you are at it.

Beware the red dust, brother. Beware the red planet.

Shadows of the Nightmare Realm:

By Remilia Scarlet (2017)

In the darkness of forgotten worlds, far away in the corners of hidden depths, there lies a dim memory at the end of reason; the dark dimensions of a player whom it can never be forsaken, a world that screams in sorrow and sees nothing but blackness; the Shadows of the Nightmare Realm, a look into the abyss.

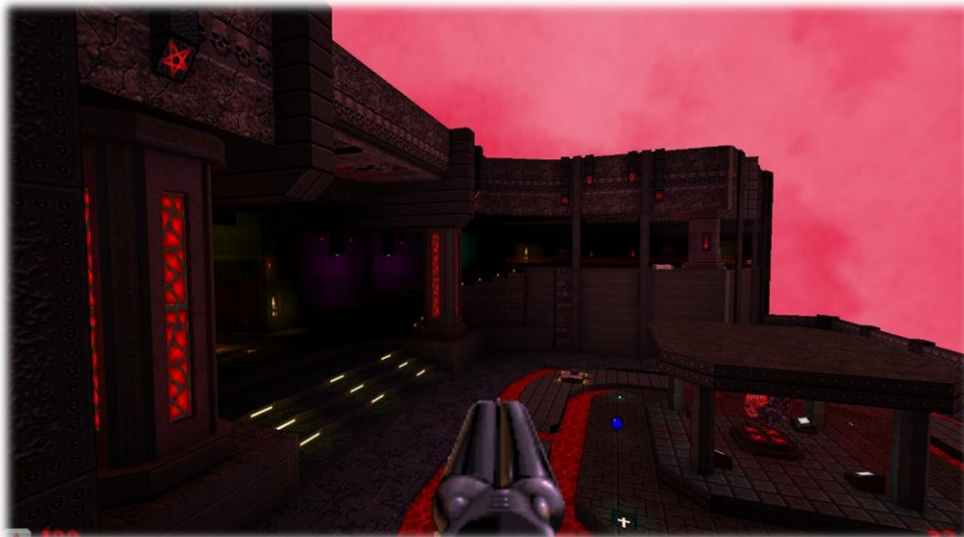


Leaving aside the cheap dramatic introduction on my part, I come to present you with one of the most atmospheric, amazingly technical and unique maps I have come across in the beautiful corner of the mapping world. SOTNR is a unique work in every sense, presenting itself with a wonderfulness as graphic as it is creepy; the lovecraftian vibes are felt in every corner as we move towards eldritch dimensions where meaning loses all reason and reason loses all meaning.

The premise lies in a kind of dream world, where nightmares become reality and you have to face your worst fears. Doomguy is in trouble, since now demons will be overshadowed by the primordial evil: Elder Gods.

Each map (or dream) is a different challenge that not only offers new opportunities in its gameplay but also a compelling narrative deep within a cosmic atmosphere that stands out without being extremely intrusive that it slows down the fun. Nope, not at all, you will have fun and some few spooks here and there, believe me. This is a new dreamworld, and here... you are not the one who controls the dream.

Btw, just take a listen to the bitchin [soundtrack](#).



THE MASTER RECOMMENDATION #1

If you come this far, thank you! And if you are wondering what the hell is this? Well let me tell you:

The Master Recommendation is a special WAD that I or We consider of such an amazing quality, detailed craft, intelligent design, innovative work, or simply incredibly fun that it is worth a totally special mention within what we could call the "mandatory category", in other words, this is a MUST, something that every Doomer should try at least once in their fascinating journey through out this beautiful game.

The difference with the rest of the recommended WADs is that this one must be one of this year's (the year of the making of the issue that is) WADs. One that has stood out pleasantly over the course of the creation of the issue, and the goal is to help shed some light on it. The month or the specific date does not matter, what matters is the year.

You could say that this is an honorable mention of current WADs that deserve to be recognized, something that works kind of like a mentioning thread for outstanding current-year works.

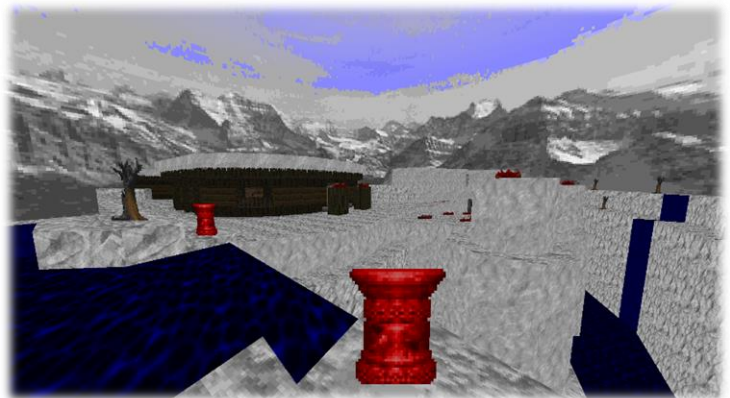
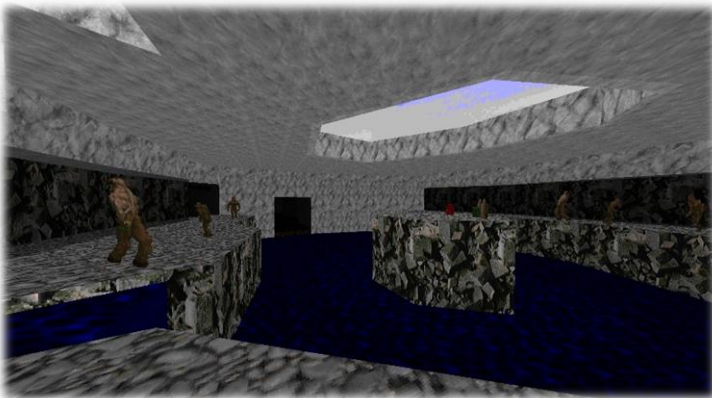
This is the Master Recommendation and I hope you enjoyed reading it all up to this point, and now, without any further delay, on the next page, we continue with...!

AKELDAMA

By: several mappers, under the lead of valkiriforce.

The year is 2020, the world is taken by surprise by a storm never seen before. Panic and trouble everywhere, life seems to tell us that this will not be a good year. But oh, what is this? You browse a little bit in your favorite forums, looking through the recent WADs and Mods you find an interesting project. Akeldama, a word you've never heard before (probably). *Fascinating*, you whisper as you turn off the lights and sit down to try out this new megawad.

And in the blink of an eye, you are transported to the 90s and early 2000s. The taste of your favorite ice cream is vanilla and Akeldama tastes like glory. For a few hours you forget about the world and feel happy in the golden age, but now, this is your new golden age. This is Akeldama.



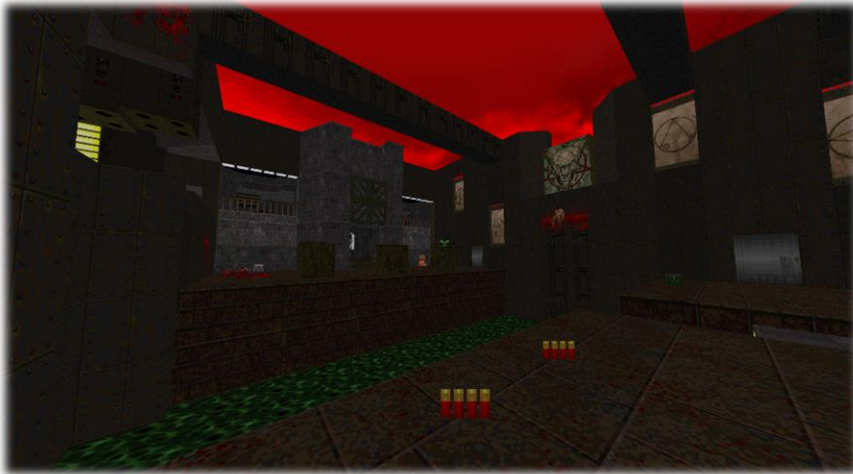
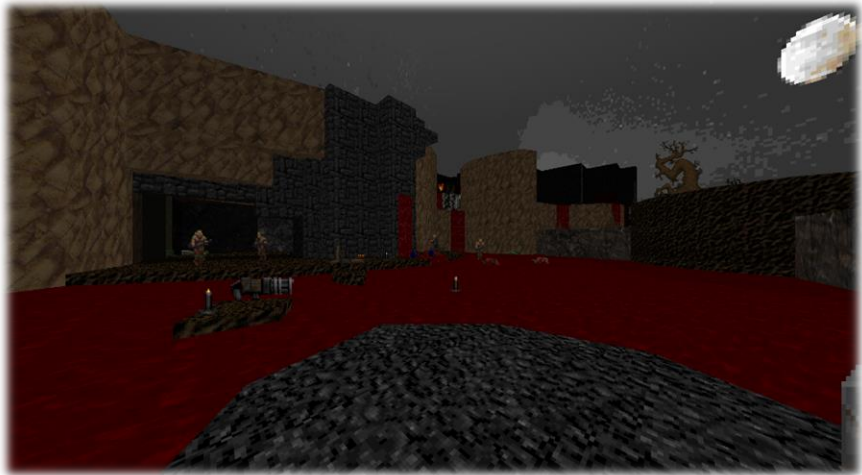
With the introduction I think I have revealed the main theme of this great megawad. That's right, folks, Vanilla.

Akeldama is a collection of 32 fantastic maps ranging from small to large, with a progressive growth in difficulty that offers challenging-enough maps for those who want a good fight and also offers opportunities for relax for those just looking for a good time. But this megawad is not intended to be relaxing or ultra-difficult, its main goal is to be vanilla and fun. And, well, does it succeed in that?

With a collection featuring both design and texturing from the 90s, as well as an intelligent craftsmanship that combines advanced layouts to give it a slightly more stable perspective and narrative for current standards, Akeldama is not only a vanilla megawad, but one that achieves its goals with a unique, passionate and even modern touch.

But doesn't that sound contradictory? Modern and vanilla? Is that possible? The answer is yes. When I refer to this succulent combination between vanilla and modernism, I mean a system that manages to create a sufficient and balanced dichotomy between the "feeling of the 90s" but linked to the "qualities of modern times". The feeling is there, the quality of vanilla is there, but the problems of that time are not.

We won't find super square maps where the palette is about 3 textures maximum. We won't find rooms with a hundred imps in the same place or open fields that seem to be as empty as my heart. And of course, we won't find tedious enemy positioning and item crises. On the contrary, Akeldama combines the experience and skill of both veterans and newcomers, but above all, it achieves superb quality-control thanks to the joint efforts of incredible authors and the solid direction of valkiriforce. You can find the passion and great effort taken into the creation of this project here in this [comment](#).



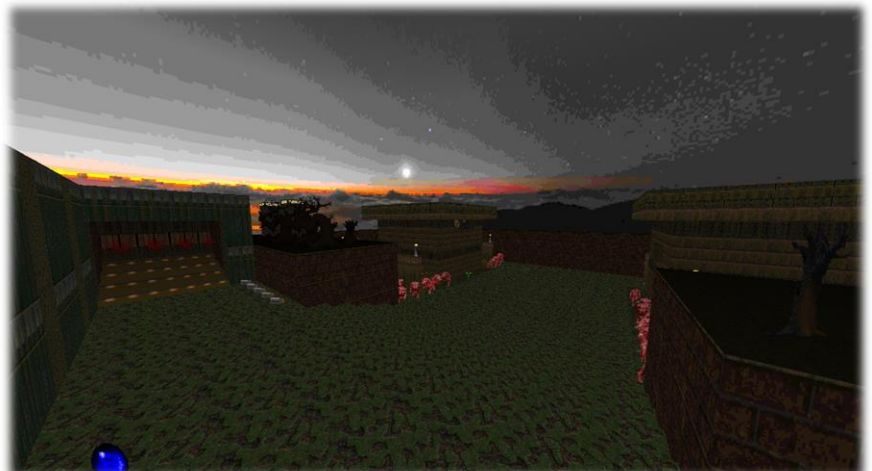
Part of what is admirable about this project comes from the fact that it is a work done with real care on the part of all those involved. Looking not only for quality, but true emotion in transmitting the idea of a vanilla theme.

This is probably one of the best moments to return to a megawad where you want to relive what it was like to play in the 90s, in a time when creators survived with

primitive editors and were limited by the technology of their times. Such problems are not recurrent now, but we could say that in such difficulties there was already a certain charisma that is impossible not to notice in the first WADs ever created.

And that is what I can best say about this megawad. It has charisma in every detail that is in it. Simple gameplay and faithful to the authentic and simplistic mechanics of Doom. Excellent maps made with great attention to consistency. Exciting MIDI's to enjoy at a hundred. Variety of themes in a fascinating, episodic odyssey. An echo of the distant past worth trying.

This is Akeldama, an experience that combines the best of both worlds.



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More to check out!

Newstuff on Doomworld:

What is this? This is ALL and any wad that has been published in the WADs & Mods section in the Doomworld forums in the last 1 week or so (may change). As long as it has a name/title, it ends here. This is your surprise box. Some are terrible, some are great, are you going to find out?

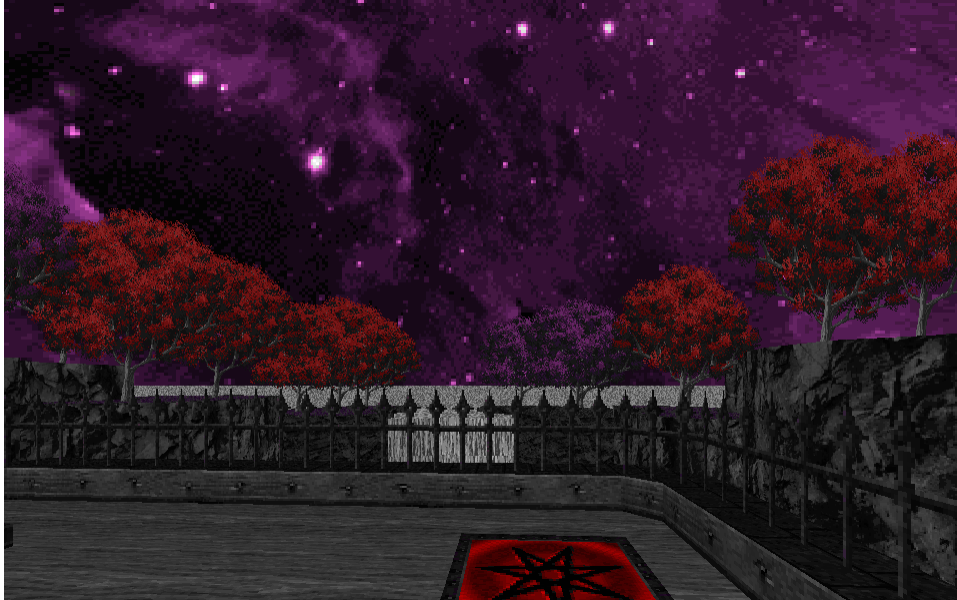
- [Outer Base \(DOOM II\)](#)
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- [\[NEW MAP\] Cargo Area Map for Doom1 \(v1.0\)](#)
- [Sonny666's DOOMWORLD Debut \(No Release yet.\)](#)
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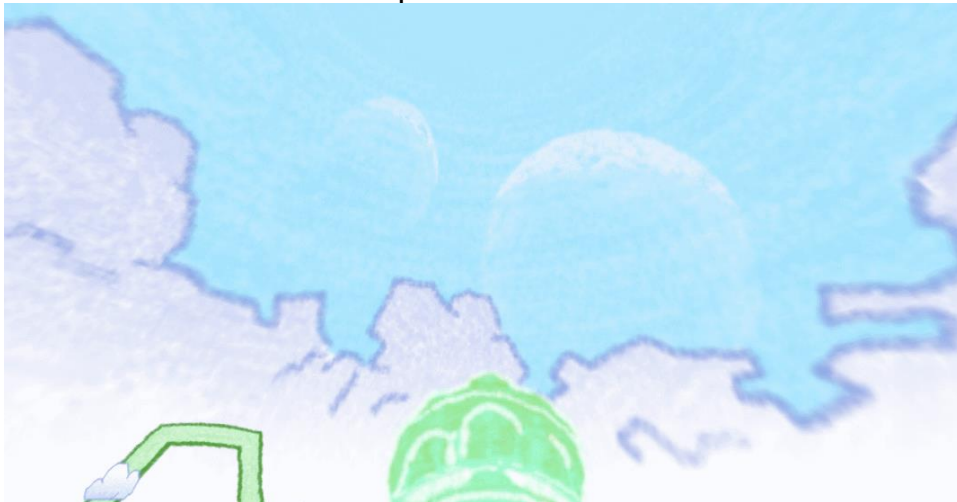
And now what the hell is this? Glad you asked.
Nothing but the best of the screenshots and pics uploaded to the great
[Doom Pictures Thread 2020](#)

Here we/I put the popular posts of the last week or so (may change, again.) and some others! I
try to stick to 1 pic per post. For this special first edition, I added pics since June 16.
Just for your exclusive visual pleasuring. Enjoy Doomer.

- Misty



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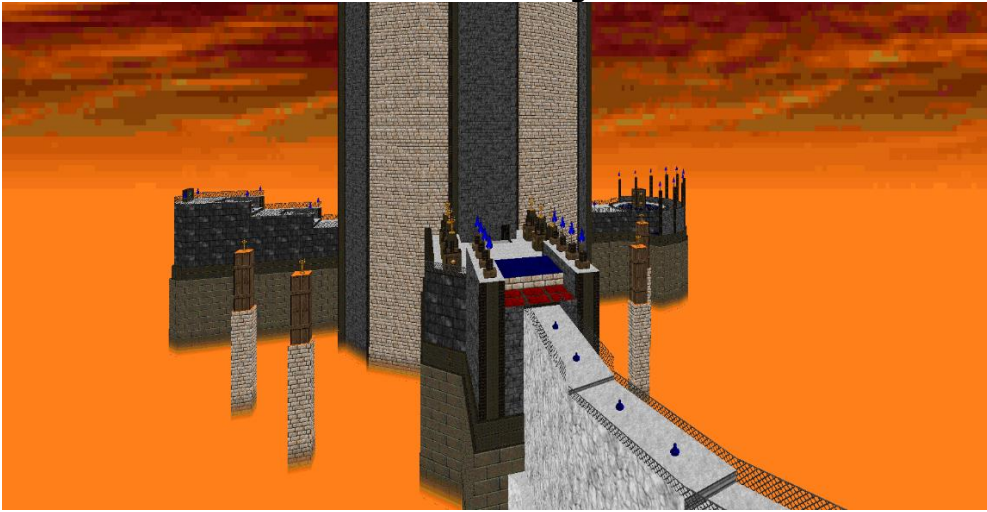
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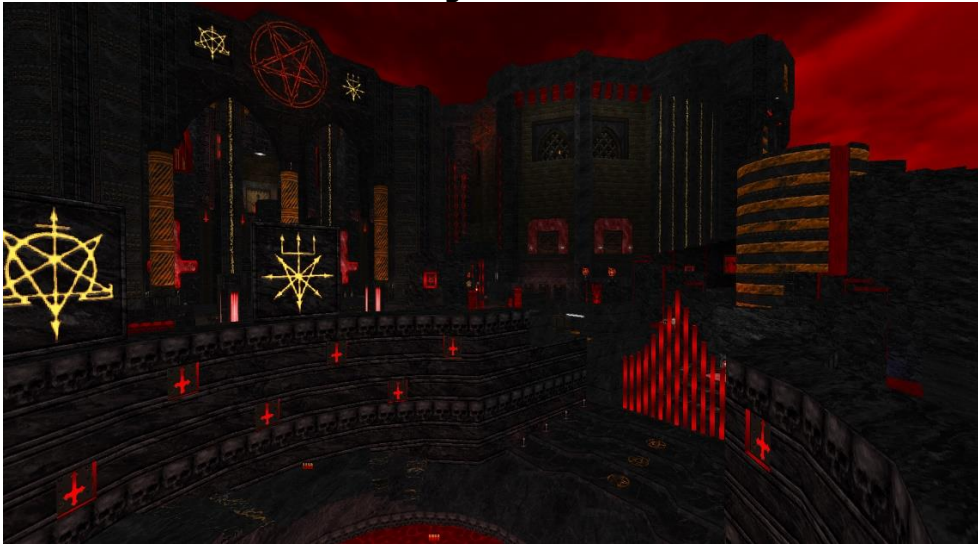
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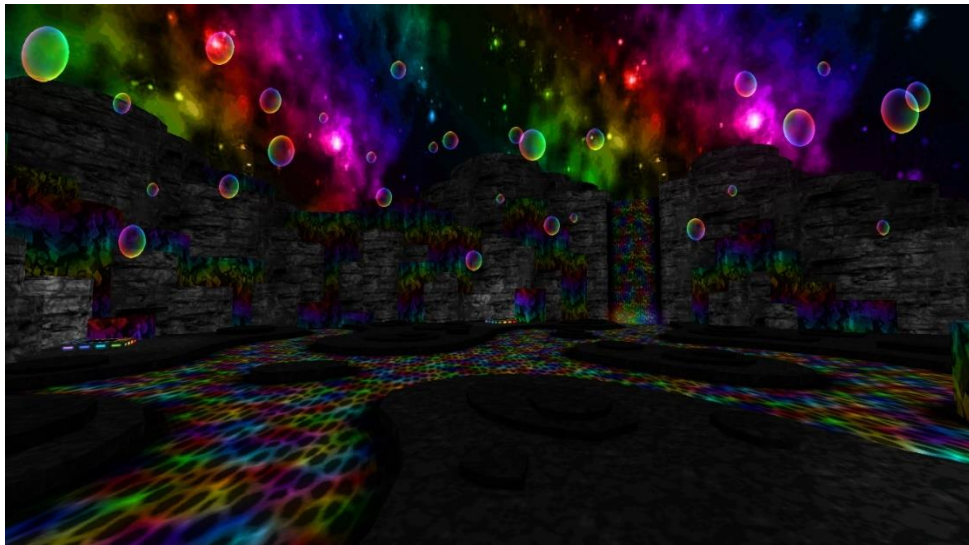
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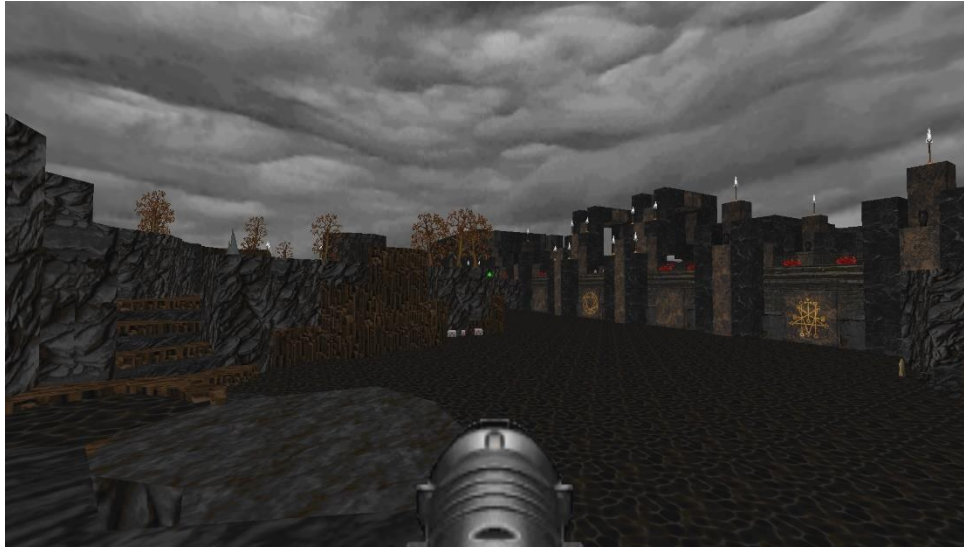
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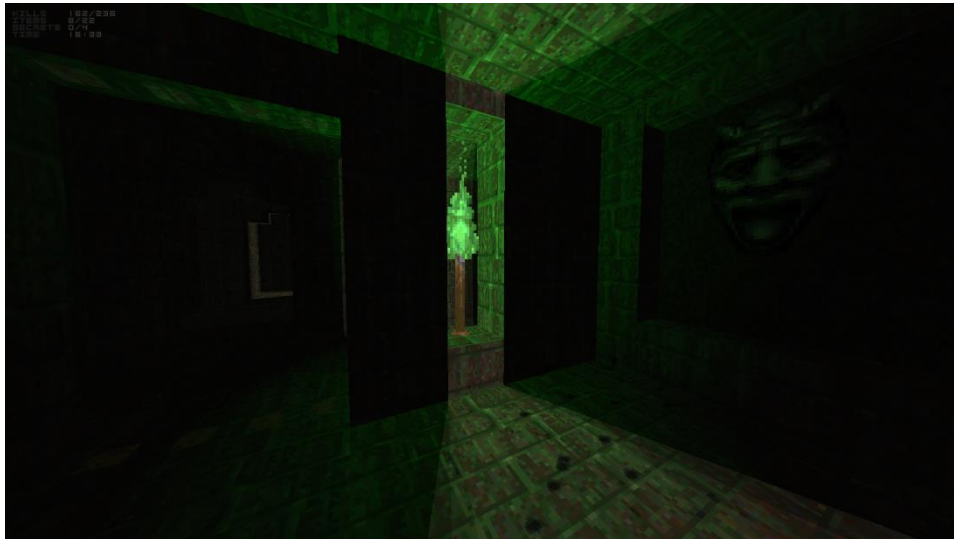
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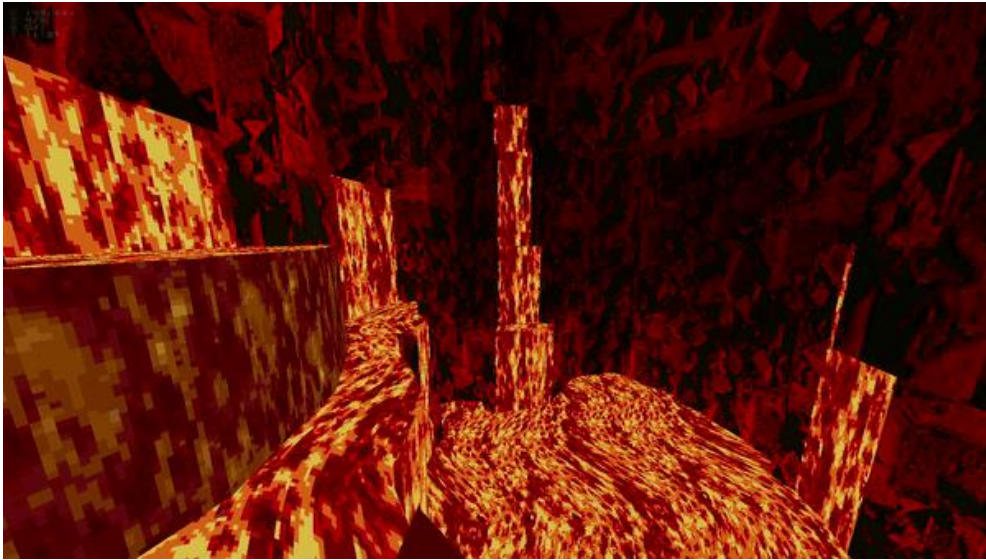
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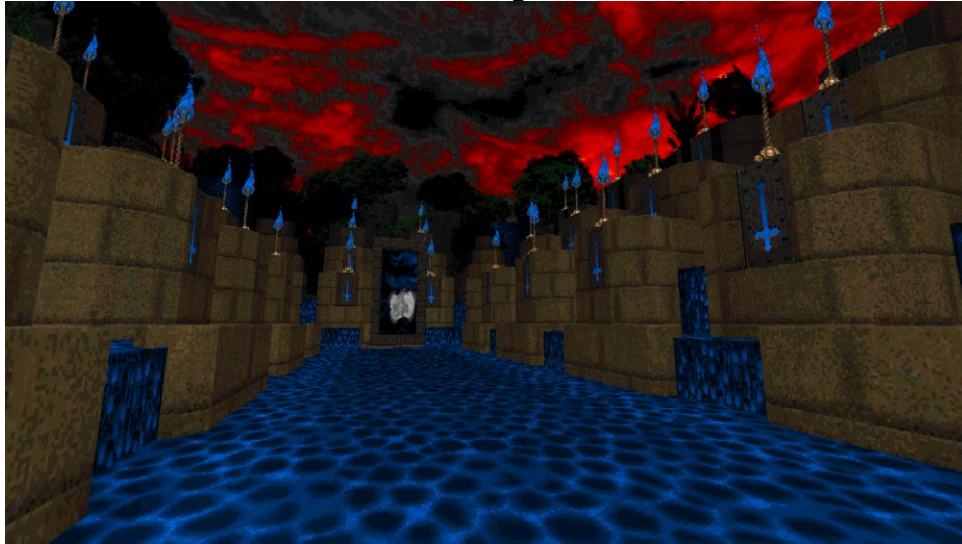
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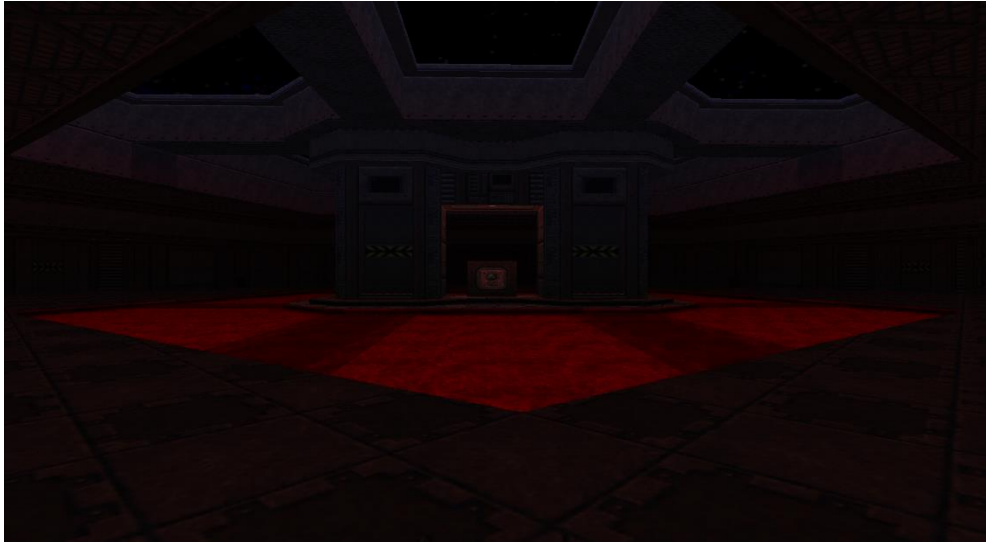
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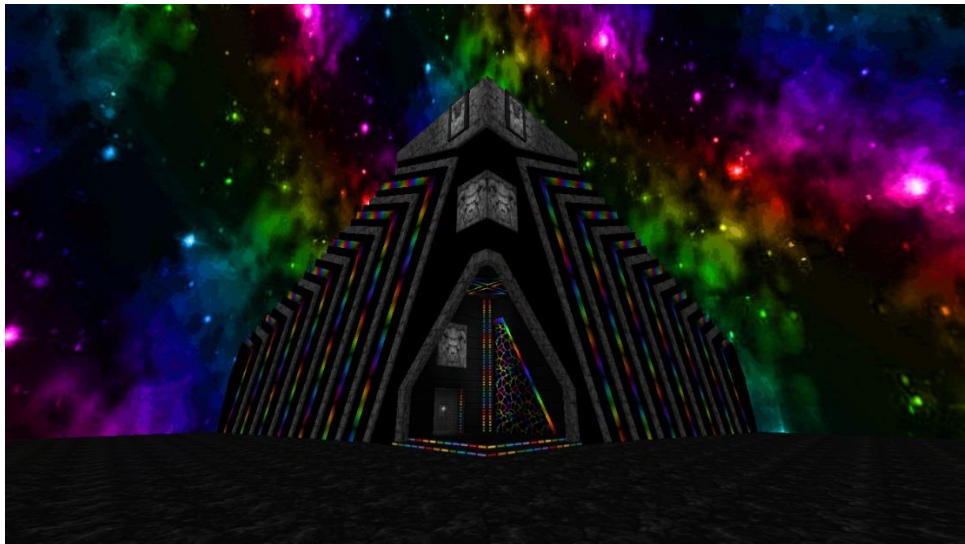
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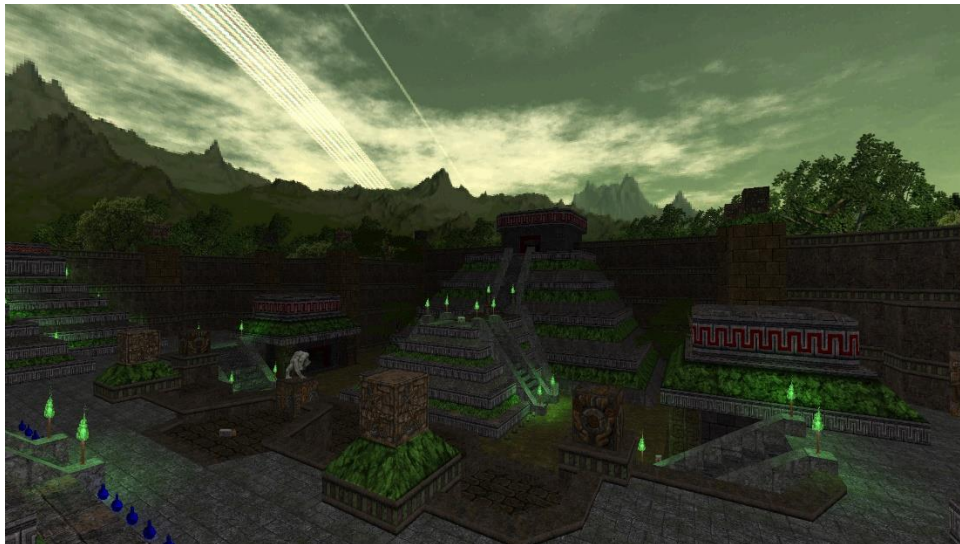
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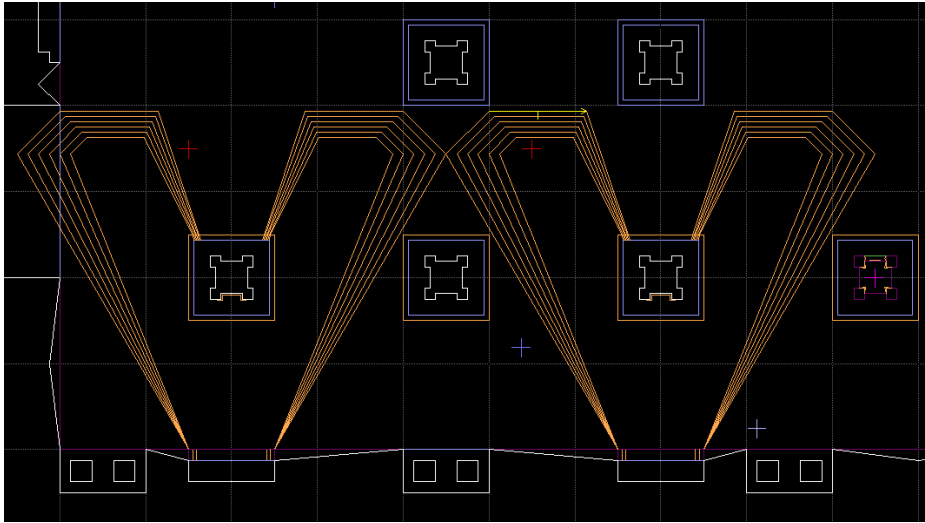
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Wait, it's all hitscanners?

- NIGHTMARE



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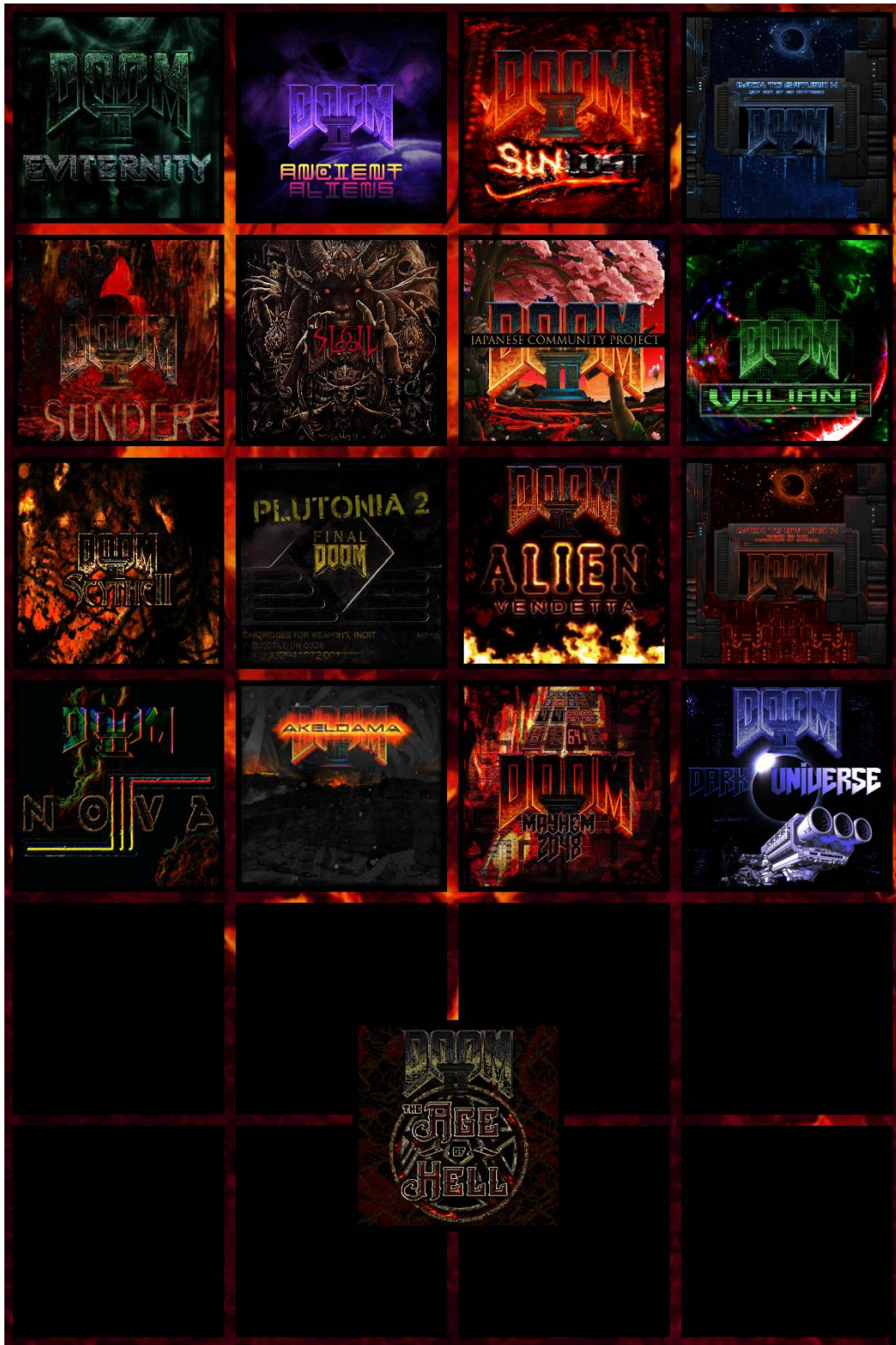
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