THE FUTURE OF INTERACTIVE GAMES

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Other Worlds

- **TV Writer-Producer**
  - From *Charlie’s Angels* to *Star Trek: The Next Generation*

- **Video Game Writer-Designer**
  - From the virtual world *URU: Ages beyond Myst* to a current series based on Agatha Christie novels
Down to Earth

- **Serious Games**
  - **Duke University**
    - *The Truth*
    - Writer-Designer
    - Federally funded sci-fi multiplayer game designed as a drug intervention
  - **University of Southern California**
    - Consultant
    - DARPA-funded game to teach Iraqi Arabic to soldiers
  - **University of California at Berkeley**
    - Consultant
    - Virtual world recreating Oakland jazz clubs of the 1940s and 50s
Indiana University

- **Quest Atlantis**
  - Writer-Designer-Co-Principal Investigator
  - Virtual world designed to teach social and ecological responsibility to 4th-6th graders
  - Sasha Barab – Principal Investigator

- **Virtual Congress (Oceana)**
  - Consultant
  - Virtual world teaching students how Congress works
  - Lee Hamilton’s project
Currently

Londontown

Welcome to a London that never was...

A London we all remember...

Londontown is a dynamic, online persistent world where Queen Victoria's reign never ends. Resident characters have access to the 28 districts of the London in the Victorian Age, and many other vibrant locations that range from both epic and small that take residents from the gleaming halls of Mayfair to the twisting streets of Whitechapel; and even fabulous realms that range from the Great Fire of 1666 to Londinium in 43 AD.

In Londontown residents will encounter real-life figures as Jane Austen, Florence Nightingale, as well as characters from literature like Fitzwilliam Darcy, Sherlock Holmes, and Henry Jekyll (a visiting surgeon from Edinburgh). They may be caught up in the battle for control of London's underworld between the ferocious gang of les vampires and the undead minions of Count Dracula. A fiery debate on evolution will break out, as Charles Darwin and Professor George Challenger will result in a series of duels to prove the existence of dinosaurs on a forgotten South American plateau.

Psychic

Quinn Morgan

Many psychics tell you they can predict your future. I will help you change it.

My Methods

If only I could explain. If only I could teach others what I have learned. I can see through the mists of time and space to see what will be. But I cannot tell you how. I can only share what I have learned. I can see beyond the veil of secrecy that surrounds the world of the unseen. I can see the future, but only in my mind.

Testimonials

Mary Zeleny, Salinas, California
February 20, 2009

"Quinn Morgan found me a seven-year-old daughter safe and sound! He also gave me a very useful tip on how to handle a difficult situation with my son. I would definitely recommend him to anyone."

Sheriff Daniel Graham, Grand Traverse County, Michigan
January 8, 2009

"I was never a believer in psychics or anything paranormal but Quinn Morgan changed my mind. He gave me a very clear image of what was going on and how to handle the situation. I was very impressed."

Believe in Quinn Morgan! Morgan provided us with so much clarity, we thought Morgan might be the killer himself. Morgan's
THE END

Thank you very much!
Just kidding
What the future of interactive games is not
Holodecks & AI
(The Future of Cialis Commercials)
AAA FPSs
What the future of interactive games is
The Wii
The iPhone
The Skeleton Chase

ConQwest

The World
Why I teach game writing & design

- Slumdog Millionaire
- Frost/Nixon
- Milk
- The Reader
- Burn after Reading
- Dark Knight
- Changeling
- The Wrestler
- Tropic Thunder
- Defiance

- Gears of War II
- Gods of War II
- Metal Gear Solid 4
- Fallout 3
- Grand Theft Auto 4
- Call of Duty 4
- Dead Space
- Mercenaries II
- Silent Hill 6
- Resident Evil 5
The video game generation

- 2007- 2008 Pew Research poll funded by MacArthur Foundation
- 97% of children play video games
- 99% of boys
- 94% of girls
- 50% played a game the previous day
In order of technical virtuosity

- AAA Games
- Independent Games
- Casual Games
- Serious Games
In order of relevance:
- Serious games
- Independent games
- Casual games

In order of imagination:
- Independent games
- Casual games
- Serious games

AAA games
Independent Games

Braid
Casual Games
Serious Games

Darfur is Dying

Help stop the crisis in Darfur
START YOUR EXPERIENCE
Change the Future

Skeleton Chase 2: The Psychic
An Alternate Reality Game
Each field consists of the same crop-types. The particular crop in a field is shown by the seed symbol on its barn. Guide the organic corn and wheat seeds into the appropriate fields.
We do not overtly try to teach them anything.

They learn anyway.
The future that matters most is the future we begin to create now
THE BEGINNING
Thank You Very Much!

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