

THOMAS M. DISCH'S

AMNESIA

A TEXT ADVENTURE YOU'LL NEVER FORGET



COMMODORE 64 & 128*

64K; 1 player

Blank disk required

*in C64 emulation mode
1541 & 1571 disk drive

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Famous Science Fiction Writer Lost in Manhattan

NEW YORK—Author Thomas M. Disch, renowned for his works of science fiction, mystery, and horror, has been reported missing to local authorities. Creator of *Am-*

nesia, he is also the author of *On Wings of Song*, *Camp Concentration*, *Fun with Your New Head*, and *The Businessman: A Tale of Terror*.

According to *The Science Fiction Encyclopedia* (Dolphin Books, 1979), Disch is "perhaps the most respected, least trusted, most envied... of all modern SF writers of the first rank: his reputation can only grow." In 1980, Disch received a Campbell Award for the best science fiction novel of the year, *On Wings of Song*.

The Amnesia Phenomenon Why This Game Is So Unique

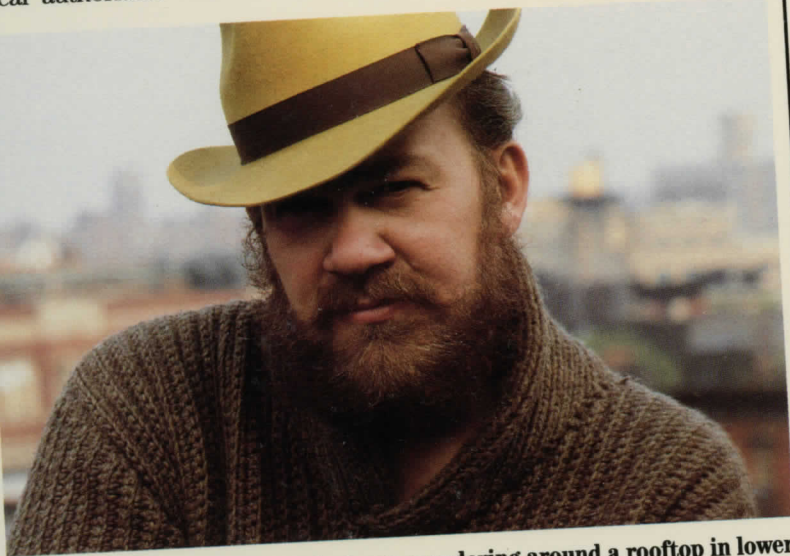
SAN MATEO, CA—The developers of *Amnesia* today explained why the text adventure has become so wildly popular.

"*Amnesia* is a hybrid, a cross between a novel and a game," said a representative of Electronic Arts. "It is a novel because it has characters and a plot, and follows the tra-

ditional structure of a model work of fiction—introduction, plot development, climax, and denouement. Unlike traditional novels, however, *Amnesia* develops the story by using the player's input so that the order of events is under the reader's control, not the novelist's. Thus, if you feel that

Graffiti Artists Up Against the

NEW YORK—Members of the Cognetics Graffiti Committee met this week against new pressures from the city administration. Also known for their members include (l. to r.) Pat Reilly, Kevin Bentley, Lis Romanov, and C



Author Thomas M. Disch was last seen wandering around a rooftop in lower Manhattan. Authorities are baffled by the disappearance of this highly acclaimed science fiction writer.

Amnesia Released Millions Forget About Everything Else

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should find something to eat before riding the subway, you can do so by using the appropriate commands.

"Bear in mind, however, that choosing one course of action over another can throw you into a whole new storyline, or into a series of dead ends, only some of which might offer the possibility of escape. In this way, *Amnesia* is more like a game (and a little like life), since solving the mystery requires a combination of skill, good fortune, and perseverance."

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Programming Geniuses Fit Manhattan into Computer

PRINCETON, NJ—Cognetics Corp., a software company headquartered here, announced today that they have managed to fit Manhattan onto two computer disks, a feat that would have been considered impossible a few years ago. Cognetics managed this remarkable achievement by shrinking each "bit," the fundamental element of computer language, to a size about one-tenth of the original.

The new element, called a "bitsy," promises to revolutionize the software industry by making it possible to put vast amounts of information onto floppy disks. In the present case, Cognetics has put 3,545 intersections, 94 subway stations, and 200 landmarks onto two disks.

What's next for Cognetics? According to a company spokesperson, Cognetics is currently working on shrinking the bit even further, to produce a new microelement tentatively known as the "itsy-bitsy." If successful, Cognetics may well be able to cram the whole North American continent onto one disk, which analysts predict would cause havoc in the real estate industry.

Thousands Forget to Pay Taxes; IRS Forgets to Mail Audits

Suspect Found Wandering the Streets of New York; Escapes Authorities

DALLAS—Local authorities today announced the finding and subsequent disappearance of a suspect in a recent Texas slaying. The case, which has baffled law enforcement officials for the past year, is now taken a new surprise turn.

Manhattan Maps a Hit

NEW YORK—Manhattanites put themselves on knowing where (and who) they are at any given time. Their secret can be found in those small folding maps they carry with them, and which provide them with all the information they need to find their way around the Big Apple. The maps include a complete street and way directory as well as information about landmarks and points of interest. Although Manhattan can be overwhelming to the first-time visitor, one of these street maps can turn a night of disorientation into a well-planned tour.

Our roving reporter went into the streets of Manhattan to interview passersby about the maps. Here are some of the responses:

"I'd be lost without it," said a woman from Gramercy Park.

"I don't know. I keep lo

**A STRANGE WOMAN WANTS
TO MARRY YOU.
A STRANGE MAN IS TRYING TO KILL YOU.
THE STATE OF TEXAS WANTS YOU FOR MURDER.
BUT THAT'S NOT YOUR PROBLEM.
YOUR REAL PROBLEM IS . . .**



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The nightmare begins in a hotel room in midtown Manhattan. As you take stock of the situation you realize that you have no clothes and no money, and worse still, your memory seems to have been replaced with an unyielding dense fog. But this much you do know: Manhattan is jungle enough under the best of circumstances. Putting it simply, if you don't soon discover who you are and what you're doing, you will surely come to an untimely demise. Or worse. Your destiny is completely in your hands . . .

Suppose you find yourself in Times Square at midnight and you are approached by a gun-toting mugger. You can try to REASON WITH HIM, or simply FIGHT, or even TAKE HIS GUN AND THROW IT IN THE GARBAGE CAN AND SAY "YOUR MAMA" AND THEN RUN. But where can you run to? And where will you find food, money, or shelter? Gather your wits. You may find puzzling clues to your identity among the byways, landmarks, and characters of New York City.

You are locked in a cell. It is bare and dark and smells of lives gone sour. The only light is a feeble fluorescent glow that slants in through the louvered grill in the iron door. Your hands are sore, and your right eye is swollen shut. You ache all over.

Worse than the ache is the hunger, and worse than the hunger is the fear that you will never leave this cell alive.

You may even run into Thomas M. Disch himself as you attempt to untangle the threads of your pre-amnesic existence.

Hitchcockian in its intricacy and dark humor, *Amnesia* will take you on a journey you'll never forget.

THOMAS M. DISCH is a science fiction writer's science fiction writer. In addition to his 1980 Campbell Award for *On Wings of Song*, Disch has received major science fiction and fantasy awards in England and Japan.

"A robust writer . . . a virtuoso." — *The New York Times Book Review*

"Today no intelligent person dares call him/herself well read without a thorough grounding in Disch's work." — Harlan Ellison

"He tosses off bits of verbal virtuosity the way a fine jazz player tosses off musical phrases."

— *Chicago Tribune Book World*

TECHNICAL FEATURES

- 4 disk sides ■ 1500 word vocabulary
- Internal clock that keeps track of time as you play, so that at night stores close, muggers emerge, the evening news is televised, and you start to feel hungry and sleepy
- Novel-length manuscript, possibly the largest ever in a major text adventure
 - Close to 4000 separate locations in Manhattan, including 650 streets
- Includes virtually the entire Manhattan subway system ■ Recognizes complicated commands in plain English
 - Requires money or credit cards to buy food, clothes, hotel rooms, and phone calls
- Unique scoring system awards points for character development, survival, and solving the mystery
 - Includes address book, a map of Manhattan, and a tourist guide ■



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