

## ***Brutal - Paws of Fury*** from GameTek

Brutal is a Martial Arts arcade action game with some twists. You can choose from a list of eleven different animals to play. Each animal has their own unique fighting ability as well as their own special lot in life. When choosing a fighter, you can choose the one that most closely represents yourself. Reading the fighter's descriptions is like reading the signs of the zodiac.

Not being a big fan of the Street Fighter or Mortal Kombat games, I did catch myself finding the charm in the Brutal. You start off on the beach fighting Kung Fu Bunny. The expressions made by the fighters is hilarious. Each fighter has their own style of fighting and dirty tricks to play, including taunting. I had quite a jolt when my character turned into a cloud smoke and shot off like a fireball at the other fighter.

Another surprising attack was when Leon the Lion attacked me with his electric guitar. It made an awful blasting sound as I stood frozen receiving every last bit of earth shaking reverberation from his amp. I did not feel so well great after that confrontation.

Now, there is a point to all of this fighting. The Dali Llama travels the world every four years in search of the greatest warriors. Inviting all of them to his island where they compete to see who is worthy to wear the belt of heaven. Eventually, you travel from the beach all the way to his castle, where the ultimate battle pursues. GameTek has really tried to set this game apart by giving a more realistic sense of what the martial arts are all about, while maintaining arcade action fun.

I would recommend this game to any Martial Arts arcade addicts. Its graphics are not as high quality as I would like, but they are good enough to enjoy. I realize in order for the game to be playable on most systems they need to keep the quality of screens reasonable. I found the special attacks difficult to master, which I am sure is part of the challenge to the game.

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<b>Rating</b>		<b>System Requirements</b>
graphics	70	386dx20
sound	65	4MB Ram
interface	70	10MB hard drive
fun factor	70	2x CD-Rom
		VGA
overall	69	mouse
		sound blaster compatible