



DR. ROBOTNIK'S MEAN BEAN MACHINE

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16-BIT CARTRIDGE INSTRUCTION MANUAL

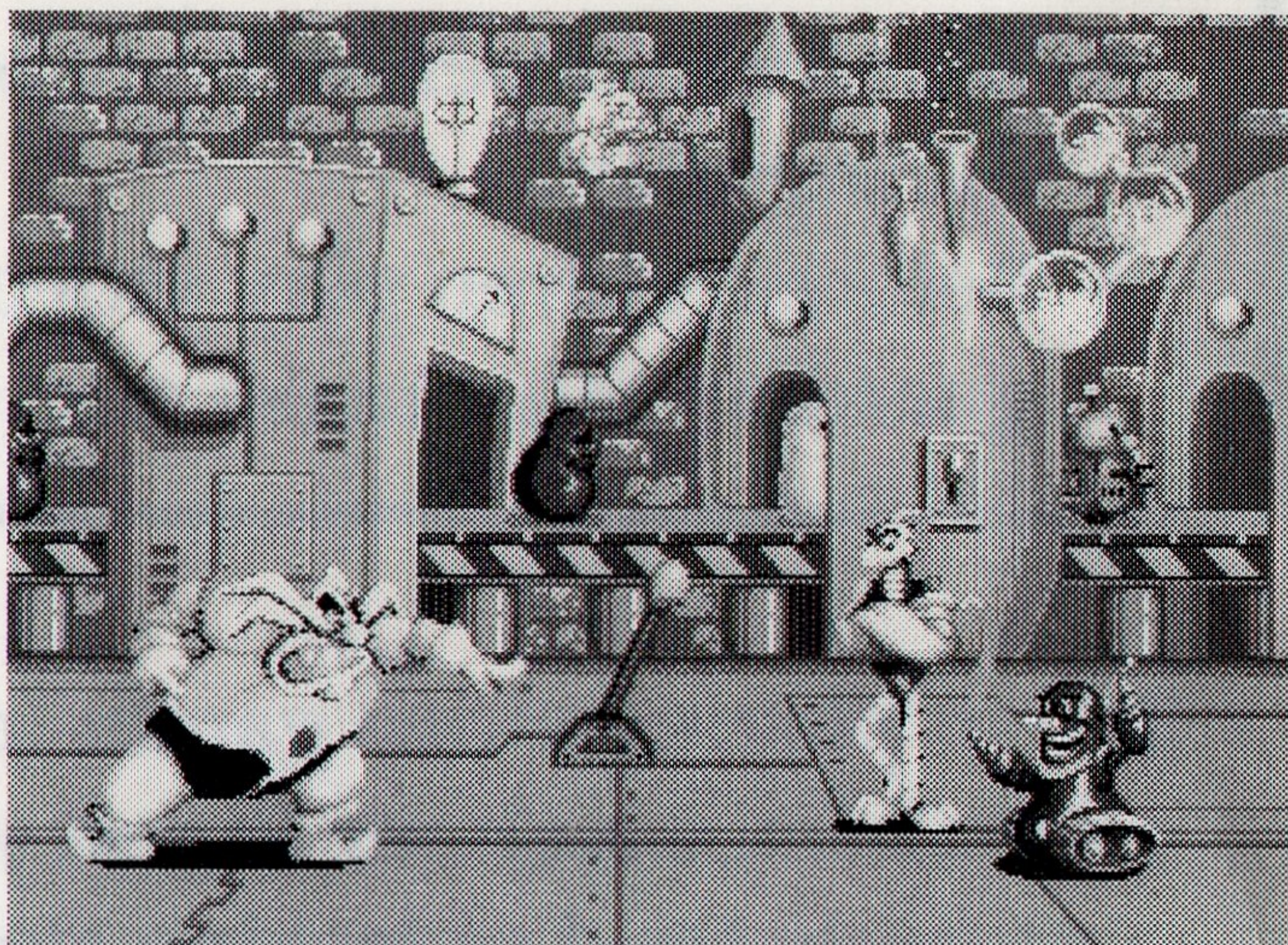


CAUTION

- Be sure to observe the following before and during play.
 - Before children play video games, the parent or guardian must make sure of the following.
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- When playing video games for extended periods, take a break once an hour to rest yourself. If you are extremely tired or lacking sleep, refrain from playing until you are completely rested.
 - Keep the room bright where the game is being played and remain as far away from the television screen as possible.
 - If you have ever experienced loss of awareness or muscle twitches from watching TV or other strong flashing light stimuli, be sure to consult your physician before playing. If, while playing, you experience such symptoms, or if you experience unusual physical sensations, stop playing immediately and consult your physician.

● These Beans Need Your Help! ●

Dr. Robotnik™, that malicious mastermind of planet Mobius, is always coming up with new ways to menace the world and its inhabitants. Witness his newest plan: the Mean Bean-Steam



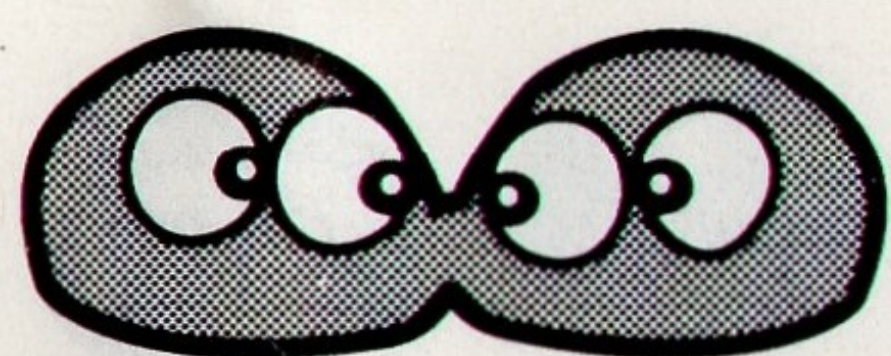
chine, a nasty device that changes the jolly folk of Beanville into devious little robots that will help the deranged doctor rid Mobius of music and fun forever!

Robotnik's henchbots are rounding up all the unfortunate bean folk they can find and grouping them together in dark dungeons. Once four or more beans are grouped together, they are sent to the Mean Bean Machine and a horrible fate!

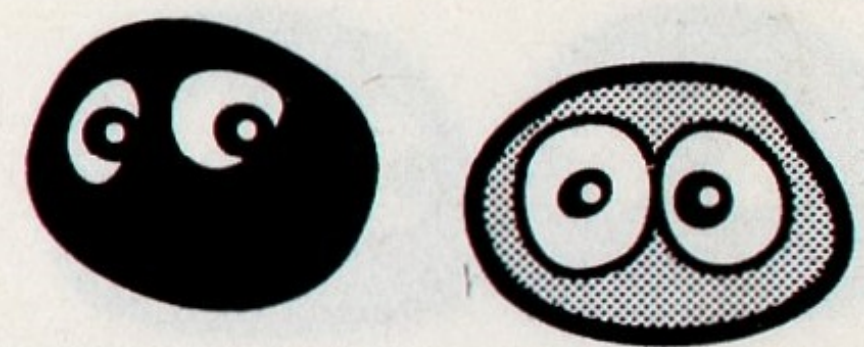
Here's where you come in: You can group the bean folk together and allow them to escape! However, there is only a short time before the holding area overfills and bursts open. To make matters worse, the henchbots have noticed you, and are trying to find a way to short-circuit your plans for good!

You must move more beans through your dungeon than the henchbot jailer next to you, and at the same time bust your enemy's dungeon wide open. If you succeed, you'll be sent up the line to deal with the wilier henchbots, and eventually with that rotten Robotnik himself!

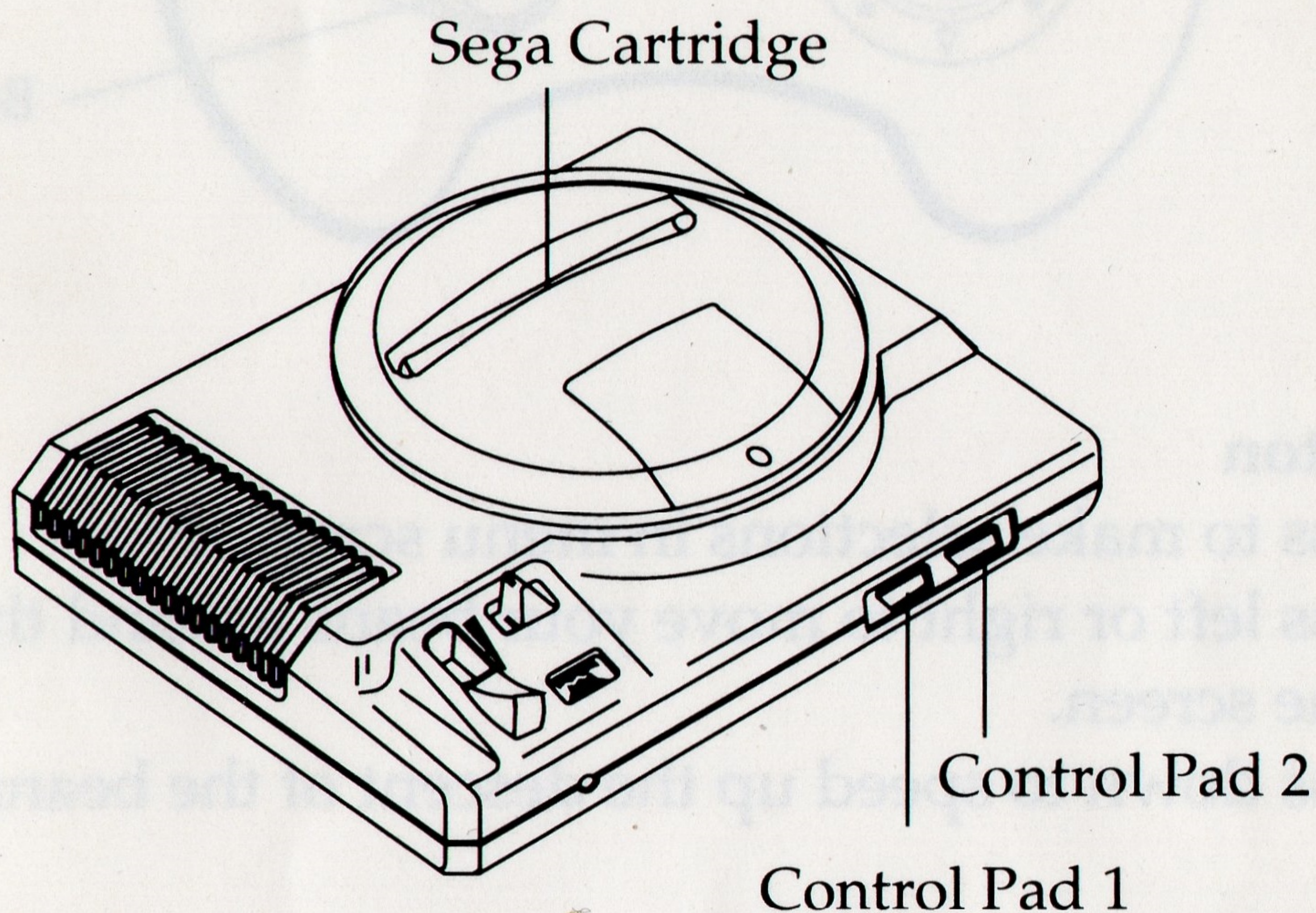
The beans are counting on you!



Starting Up

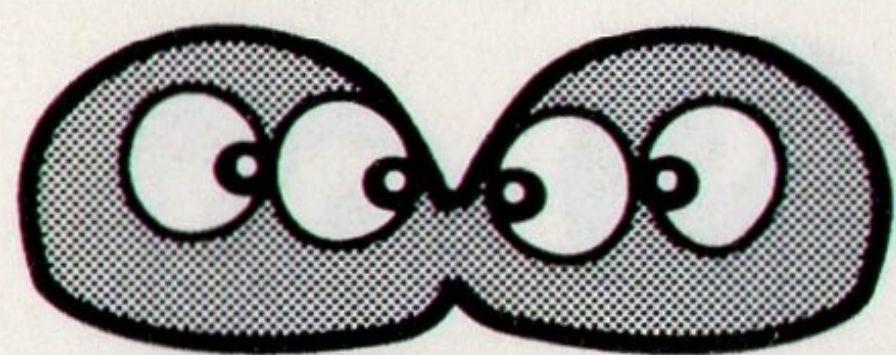


1. Set up your Sega Mega Drive System as described in its instruction manual. Plug in Control Pad 1. For two-player games, plug in Control Pad 2 also.
2. Make sure the power switch is OFF. Then insert the Sega cartridge into the console.



3. Turn the power switch ON, in a few moments, the Title screen appears.
4. If the Title screen doesn't appear, turn the power switch OFF. Make sure your system is set up correctly and the cartridge is properly inserted. Then turn the power switch ON again.

Important: Always make sure that the Console is turned OFF when inserting or removing your Mega Drive Cartridge.

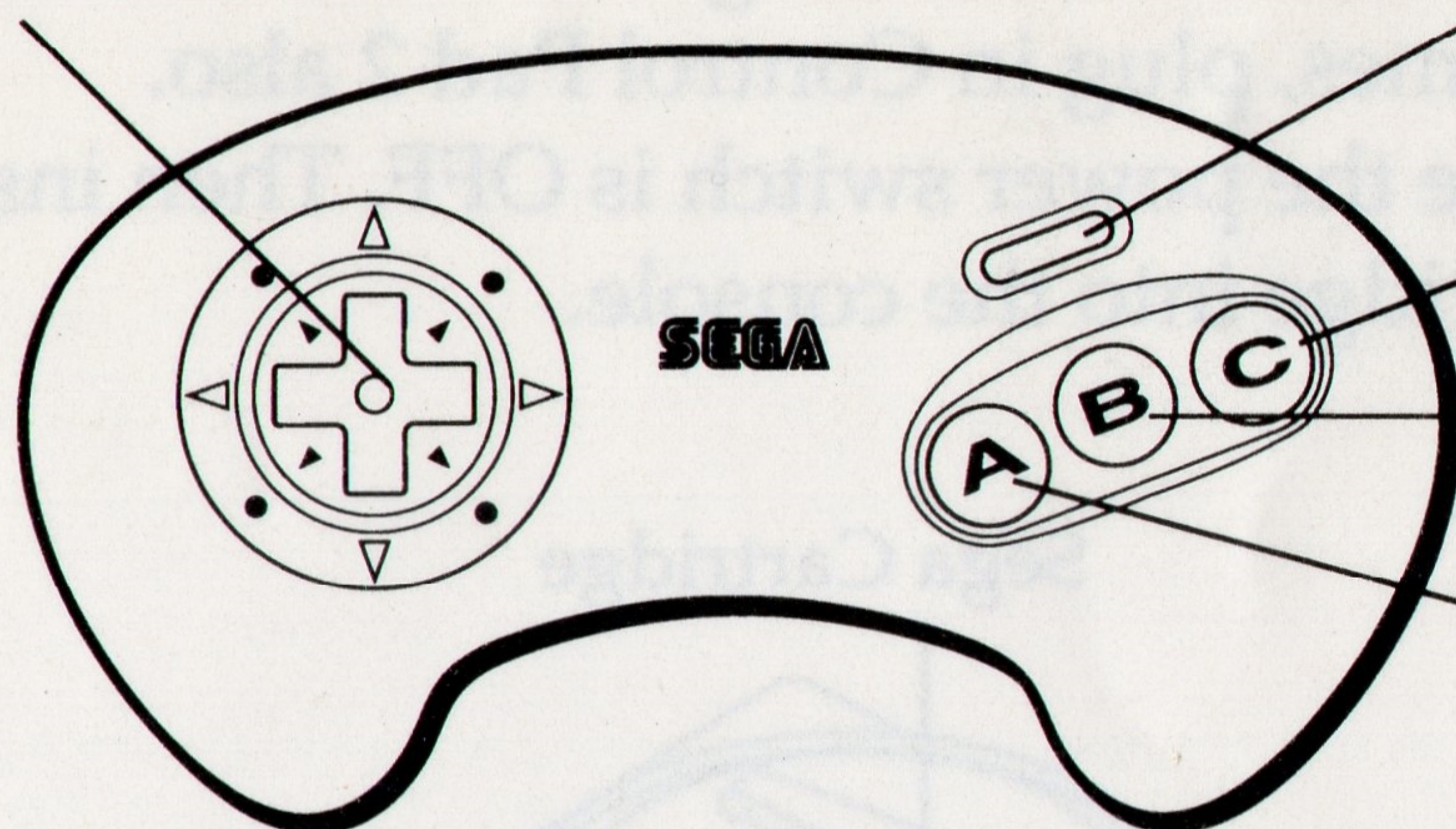


Take Control!



Directional Button
(D-Button)

Start
Button



Button C

Button B

Button A

D-Button

- Press to make selections in menu screens.
- Press left or right to move your beans around the game screen.
- Press down to speed up the descent of the beans.

Start Button

- Press to start the game.
- Press to pause the game. Press again to resume play.
- Press to make selections in menu screens.

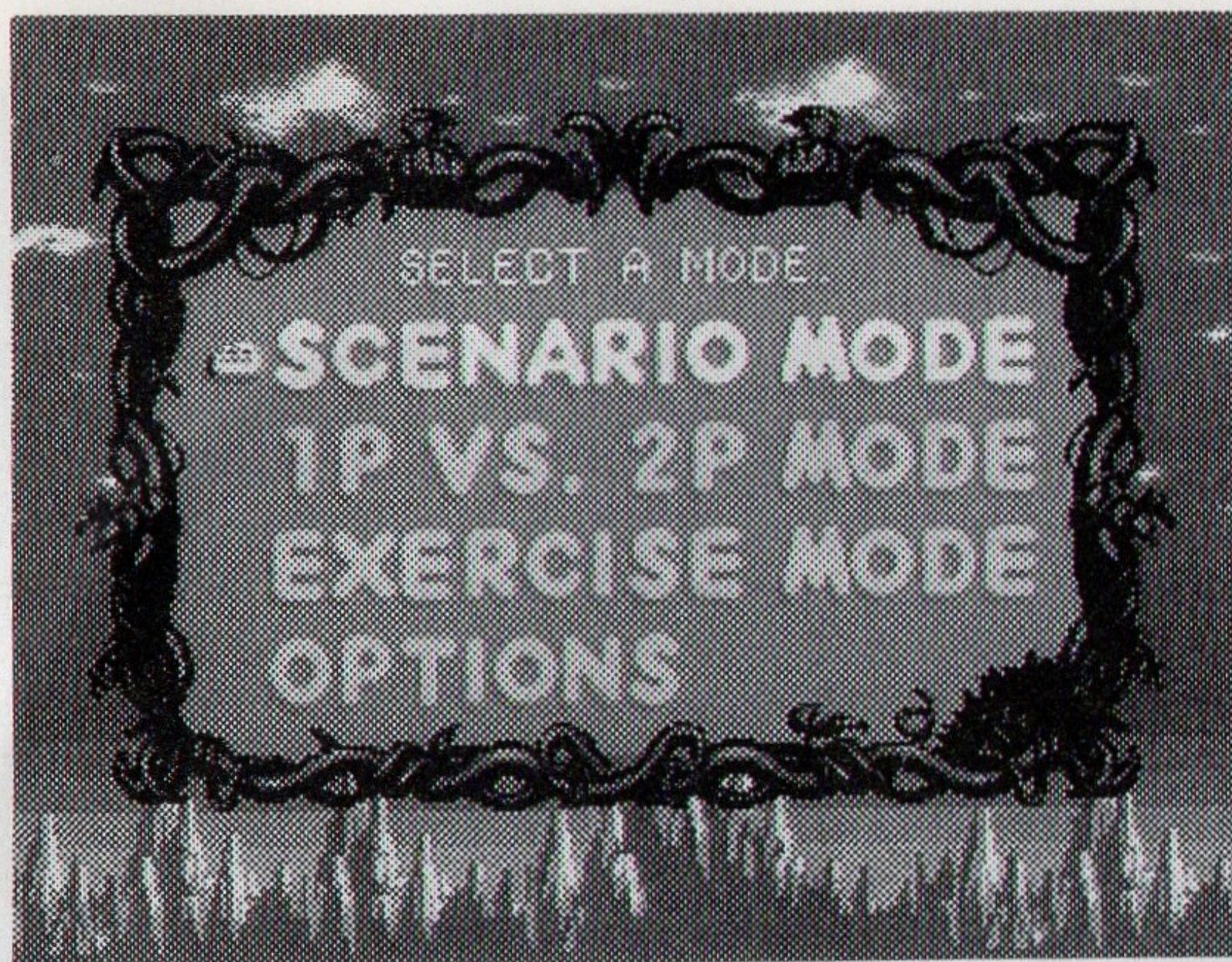
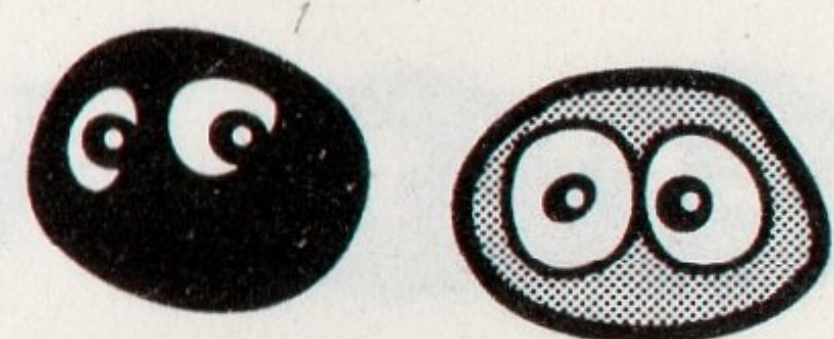
Buttons A, B and C

- Press to arrange your beans on the game screen. You can customize the functions of these buttons in the Options screen.
- Press to make selections in menu screens.

Note to users of the 6-Button Control Pad: Buttons X, Y and Z are not used.



Getting Started



Following the Sega logo is an introduction sequence leading to the title screen. Wait a few seconds to see Dr. Robotnik's explanation of his goals followed by instructions on how to play (if you wait another cycle, a game demo

follows Dr. Robotnik's ranting and raving). Finally, the high score screens for the Exercise and Scenario modes appear. Press the Start Button at any time to bring up the title screen, and press it again to get started.

Next you'll see a game menu screen with various modes of play to choose from.

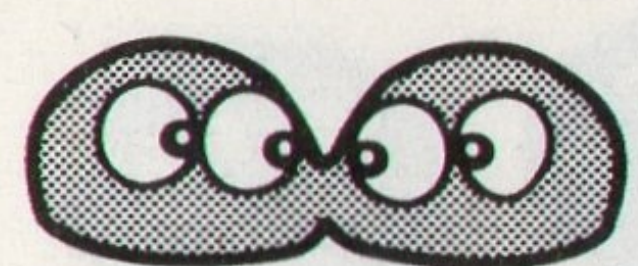
SCENARIO MODE: Battle Robotnik's ranks of robot flunkies in order to save Beanville! (See page 9.)

1P VS. 2P MODE: Challenge a friend to a bean-slinging match! (See page 12.)

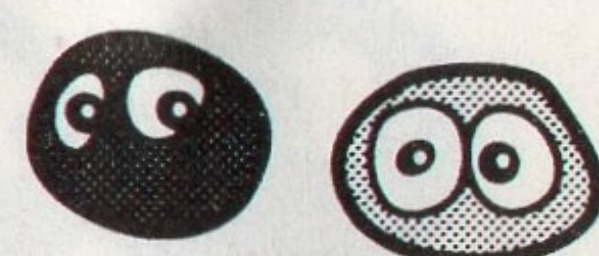
EXERCISE MODE: It's just you (or you and a friend) against the timer! Practice your bean-arranging skills and go for a high score. (See page 14.)

OPTIONS: Use this screen to make modifications to your game. (See page 6.)

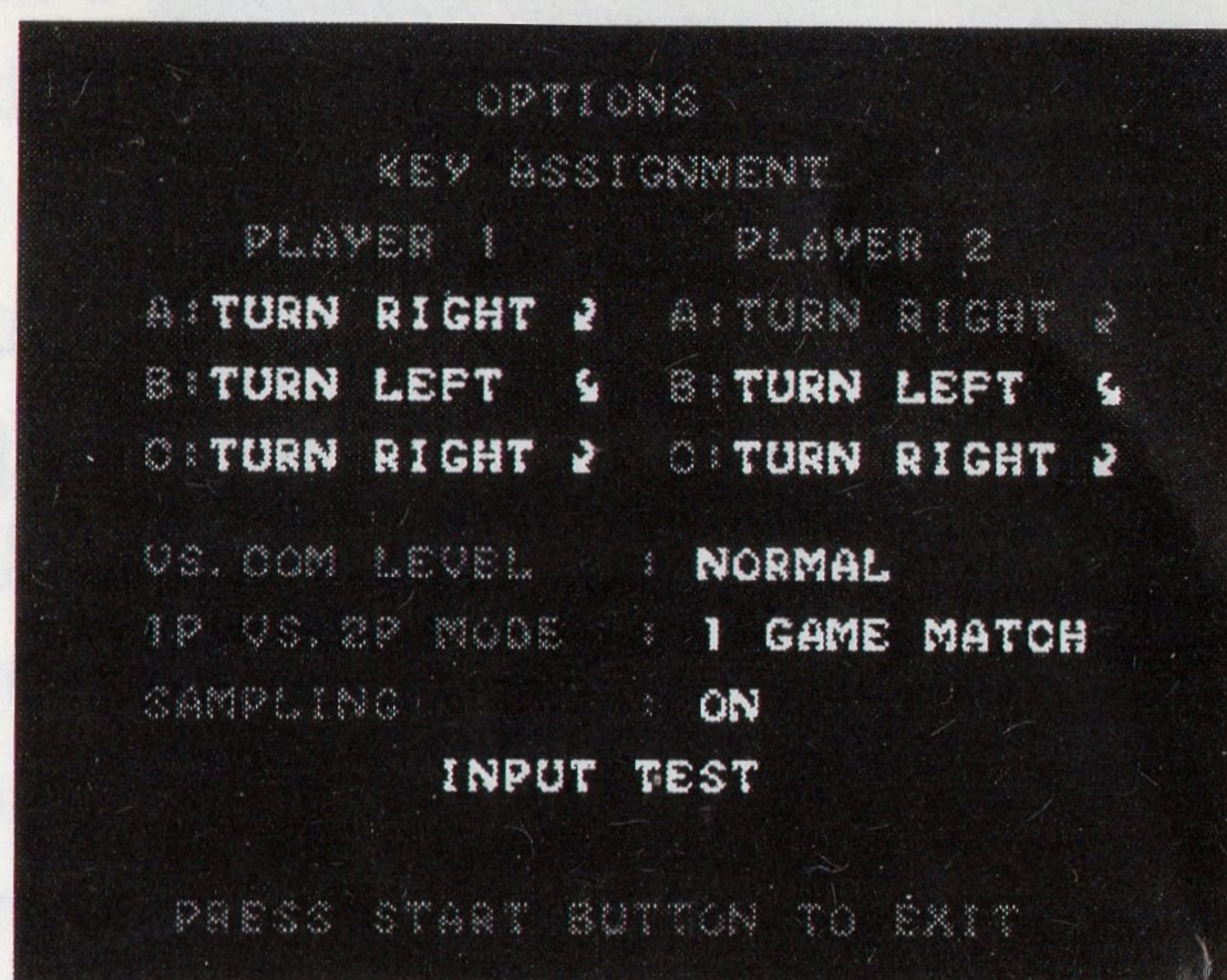
Press the D-Button up or down until the mode you want is highlighted, then press Button A, B, or C or the Start Button.



Viewing Your Options



The Options screen allows you to alter certain aspects of your game. Highlight the option you want to change by pressing the D-Button up or down, and change that option by pressing left or right. To return to the title screen, press the Start Button.



KEY ASSIGNMENT: Customize the functions of Buttons A, B and C on your Control Pad. In a 2-player game, Player 2 makes the button selections using his or her own Control Pad.

VS. COM LEVEL: Set the level of difficulty for the Scenario Mode. Choose between Easy, Normal, Hard and Hardest.

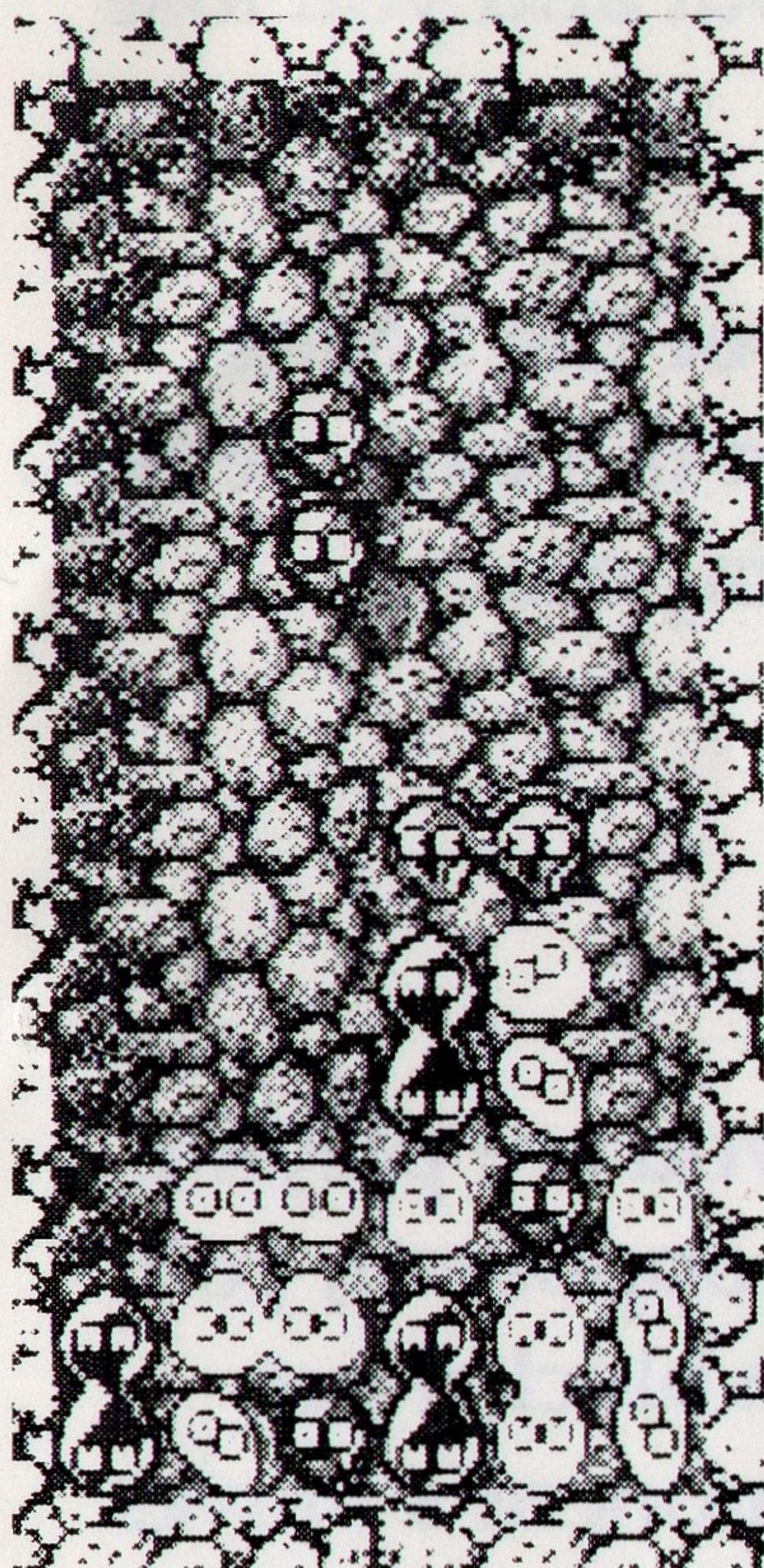
1P VS. 2P MODE: Choose the number of games you would like to include in a match against a friend. Your match can consist of up to 15 games!

SAMPLING: Use this option to turn off certain sound effects used in gameplay.

INPUT TEST: Choose this screen and press Button A, B or C to enter this test to see if the buttons on your Control Pad are working correctly. Simultaneously press Button A and the Start Button to go back to the Options screen.

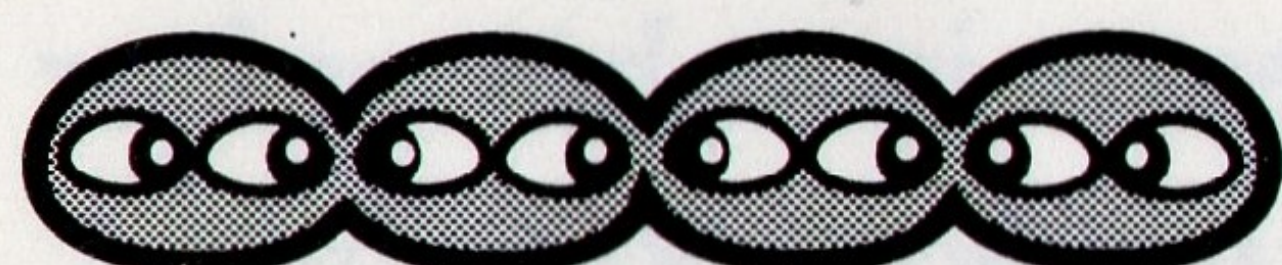


The Object of the Game



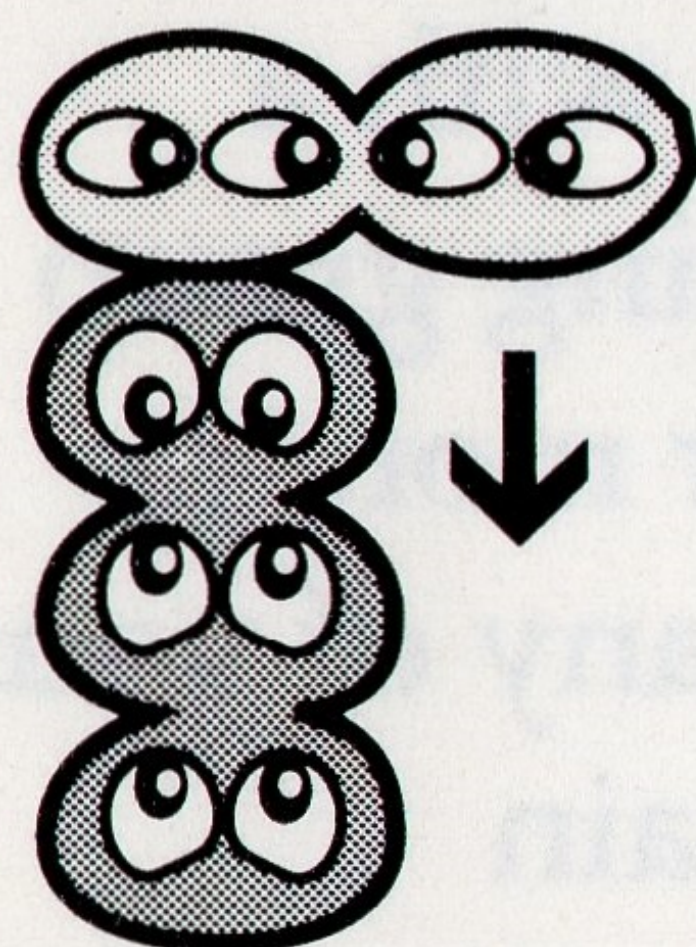
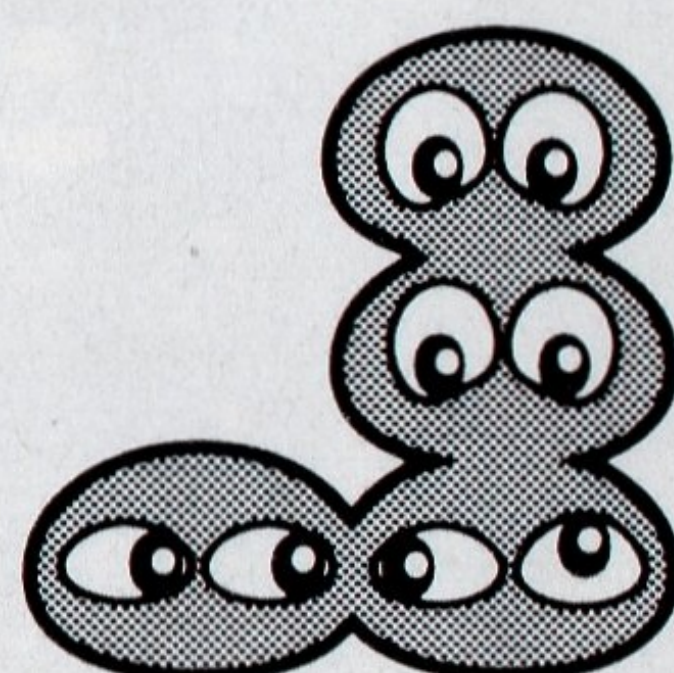
When the game begins, beans drop from the top of the dungeon in pairs. When two beans of the same color touch, they link. Make the beans disappear from the dungeon by linking up four or more beans of the same color...

...vertically, like this...



...horizontally, like this...

...or in clumps.



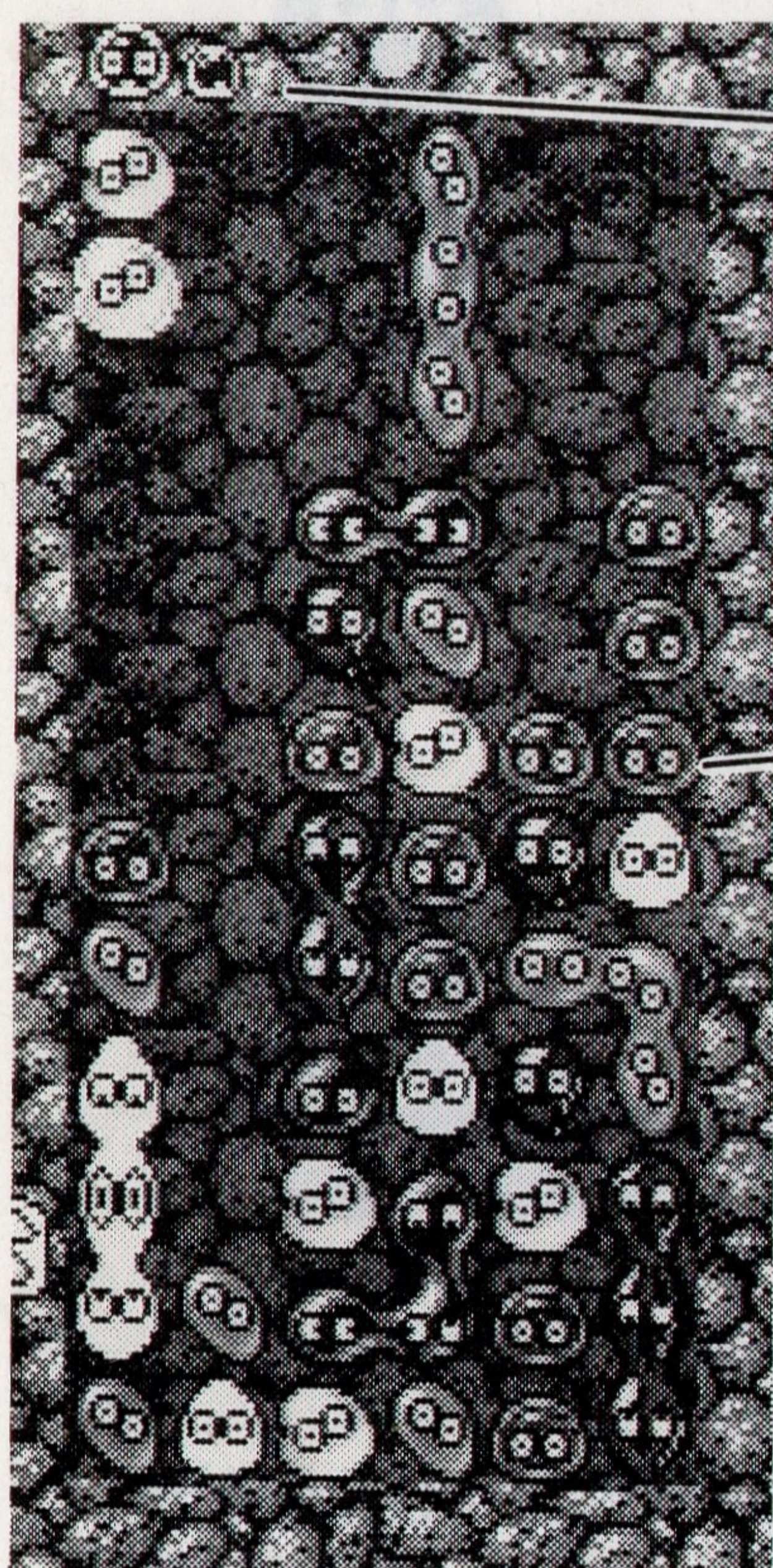
You can move a pair of beans around the dungeon by pressing the D-Button left or right. Rotate the beans by pressing Button A, B or C. To speed up their descent, press the D-Button down.

If you drop a pair of beans horizontally on an uneven surface, any bean left hanging will separate from the pair and drop to the lowest point. When a group of beans disappears, any beans left on top drop into the remaining space. Use this to create chain reactions for bonus points!

As you play, the beans drop faster and faster. The dungeon can only hold so many beans, and if they reach the top of the dungeon, the bottom drops out and you lose the game.

Hint Sometimes the descent rate of the beans speeds up suddenly, even in the early levels. Don't panic! This is only temporary.

Refugees



If you are playing an opponent, you can block your opponent's moves by dropping refugee beans into his or her dungeon. Refugee beans don't come from Beanville, and can't be grouped with any clan—they can only leave the dungeon with a neighboring group of four or more

beans. Call up refugee beans by making as many of your beans disappear as you can—preferably in chain reactions. The more beans you get rid of at one time, the more refugee beans get dumped into your rival's dungeon!

Check the top of your dungeon for a little advance warning of how many refugees are about to drop in, and where.

If you see...

One small clear bean...

One big clear bean...

One big red bean...

Then

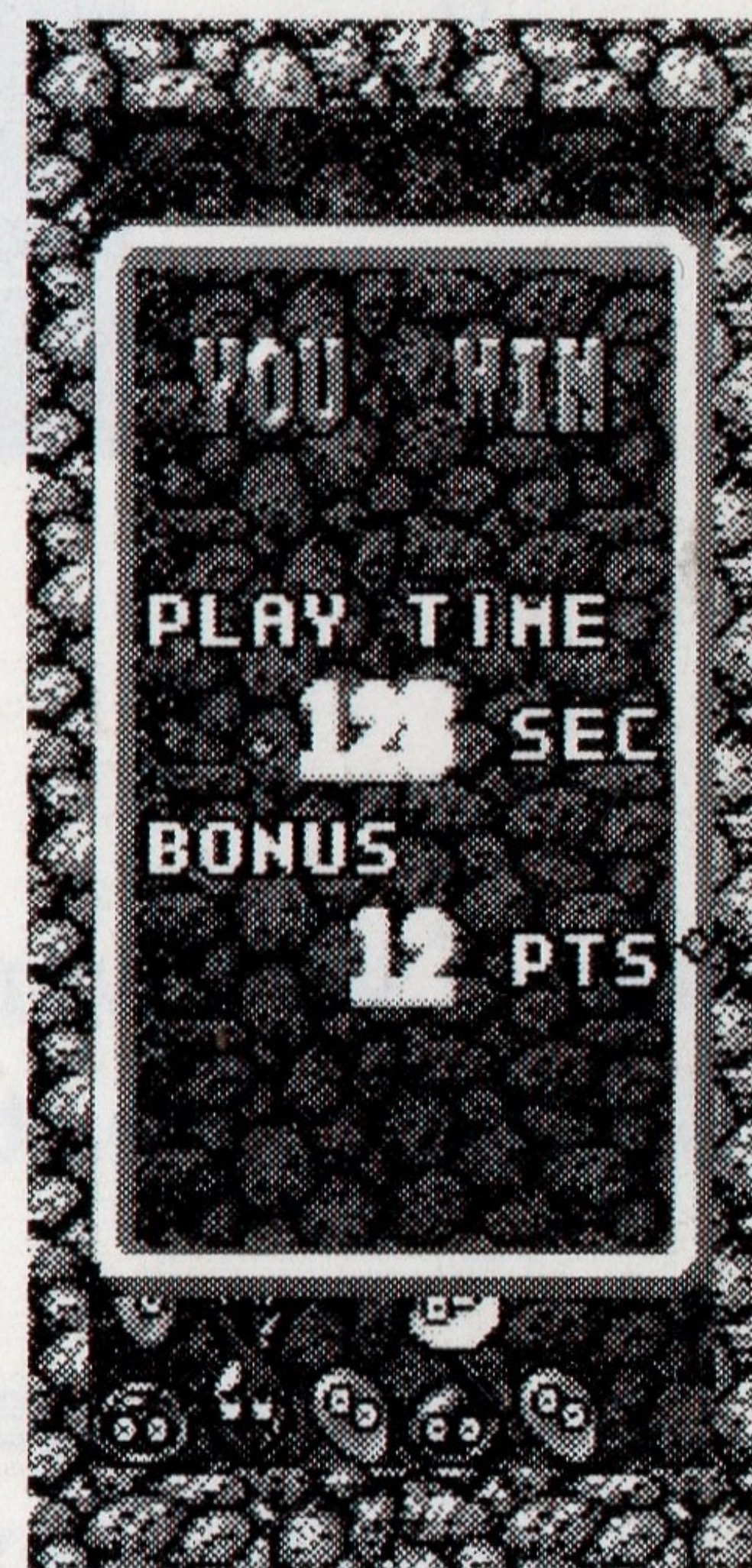
one refugee drops in.

six refugees drop in a row.

thirty refugees drop in five rows, and you're in trouble!

Scoring

- First pick up points by speeding up the descent rate of the beans falling into your dungeon.
- Then pick up bonus points when your beans vanish—the bigger the chain reaction, the bigger the bonus.
- If you win a game within a certain amount of time in the Scenario Mode (110 seconds for a normal game), you receive a special Time Bonus for each second remaining.



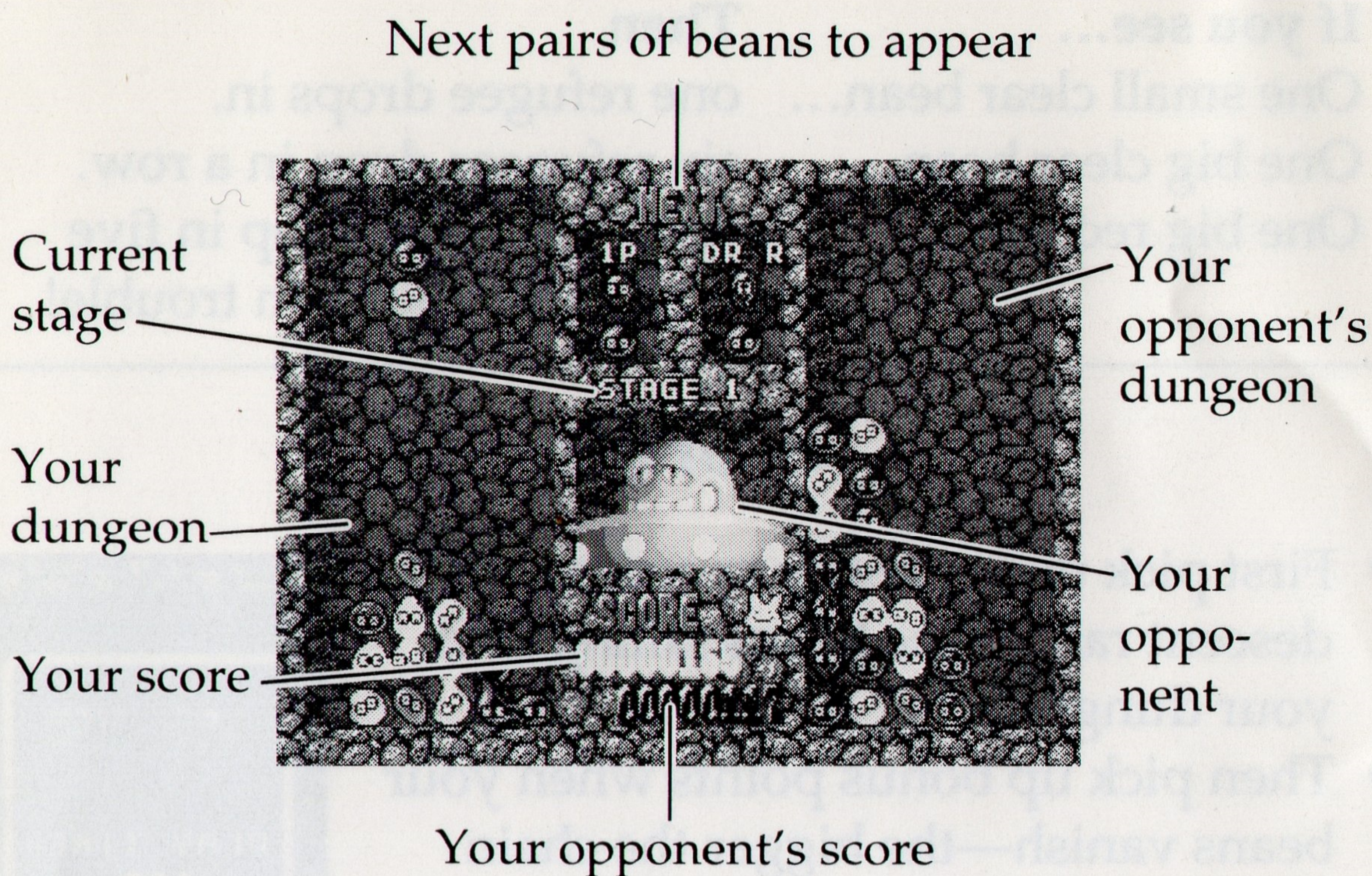
Scenario Mode



Here you'll match wits with Dr. Robotnik's finest mechanical minds. Each henchbot is more cunning than the last, and each has his own strategy. With each victory, the action gets faster and more mind-boggling until you take on the evil Dr. Robotnik himself!

First you have the choice of starting a new game or continuing from a previous game using a password. Naturally you'll select START at first, so press the Start Button to get going.

Next you'll see the lineup of your opponents and meet your first challenger. The henchbot you'll be playing is highlighted. Before the game begins he has something to



say. If you want to skip his remarks, press the Start Button to go straight to the action.

You can gauge your progress by the look on your opponent's face in the center of the screen—for a robot he's not very good at hiding his expression!

If you win the match, you'll receive a password to the next match (for more on entering passwords, see page 11). Press Button A, B or C or the Start Button to meet your next challenger and begin the next match.

If you lose the match, you'll see the Game Over/Continue screen. If you want a rematch against the last challenger you lost to, press the Start Button before the countdown ends.

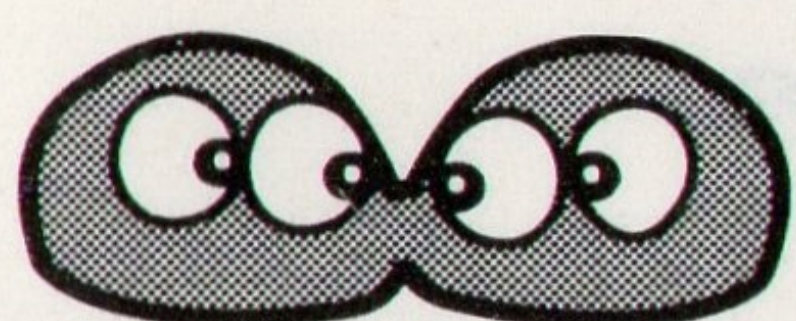
Note: If you play Scenario Mode with Control Pad 2, your Dungeon will appear on the right side of the screen.

What's the Password?



A password appears whenever you've won a match in Scenario Mode, and you can use this password to begin play at the next level later on. To enter a password, choose Scenario Mode, then select CONTINUE. The password screen appears. Use the D-Button to highlight the type of bean you want to fill the first space, then press Button A or C to go to the next. If you make a mistake, press Button B or highlight the backwards arrow and press Button A or C to go back a space. Then select the correct bean.

When you're ready to enter your password, press the Start Button, or select END and press Button A or C. If your password is incorrect, you'll hear a buzzer. Check your notes and try again! If the password is correct, the difficulty level for the password you entered appears below the password, then the Challenger Lineup appears. To exit the password screen without entering a password, press Button B until the Mode Selection screen reappears.

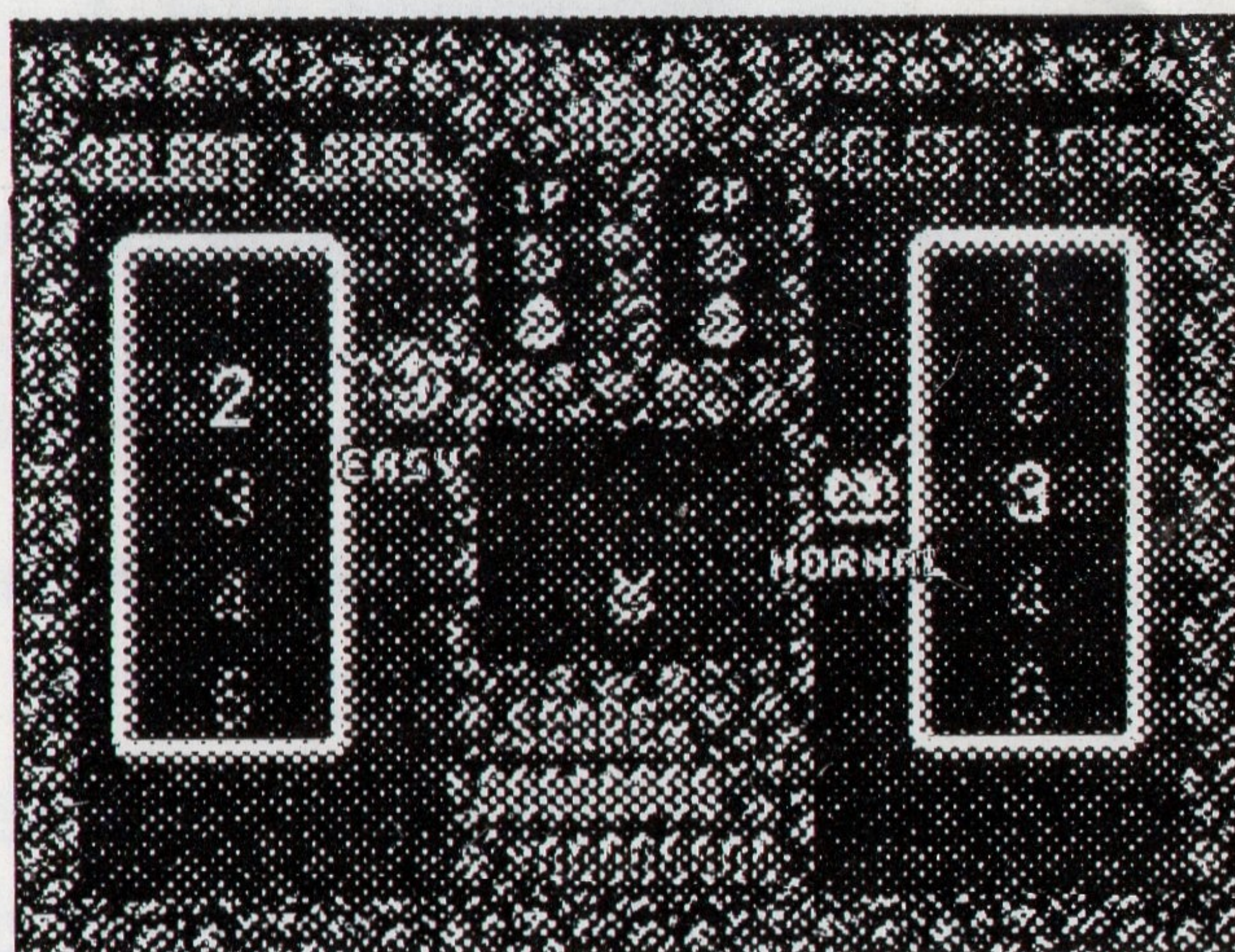


1P VS 2P Mode



You and a friend can challenge each other to a bean-slinging match of 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13 or 15 games (you can set the number of games in the Options Mode—see page 6).

When the game screen appears, and both players can choose from five levels of difficulty by pressing the D-Button up or down. The game begins when both players have selected a difficulty level and pressed the Start Button.



Next pairs of beans to appear

Player 1's
dungeon

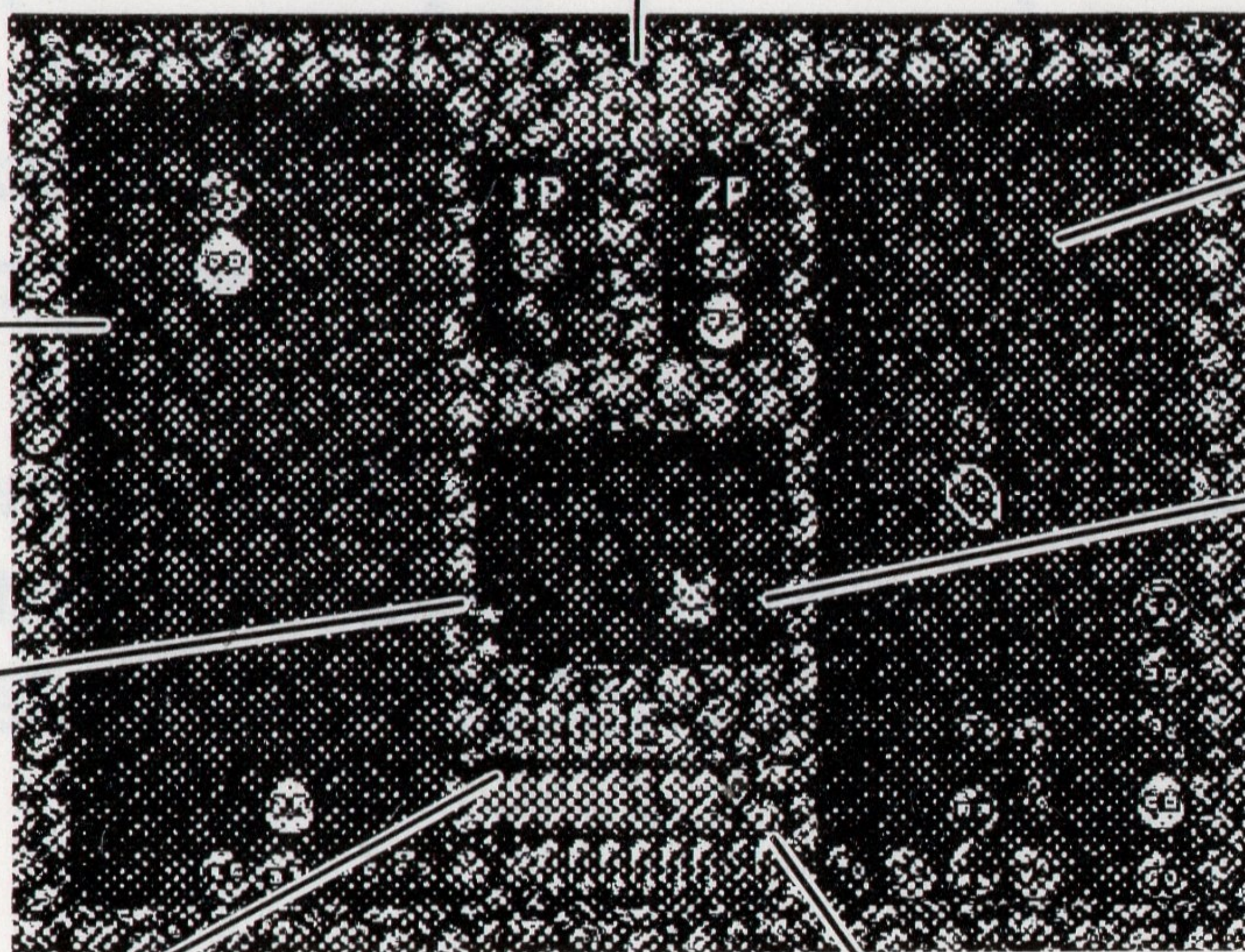
Games
won by
Player 1

Player 1's score

Player 2's
dungeon

Games
won by
Player 2
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Player 2's score



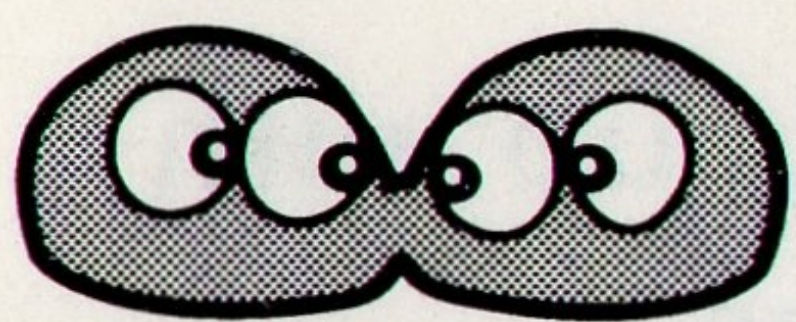
Player 1's dungeon is on the left side of the screen, and Player 2's on the right side. The rules are the same as in Scenario Mode—eliminate as many beans as you can, and use chain reactions to block your opponent's moves with refugee beans.

When your or your opponent's dungeon fills up with beans, the game ends. There is no time bonus.



If you chose a match of more than one game, the Difficulty Selection screen reappears. Each player then selects a level of difficulty and tries again. At the end of the match (when one player has won a majority of the games), a

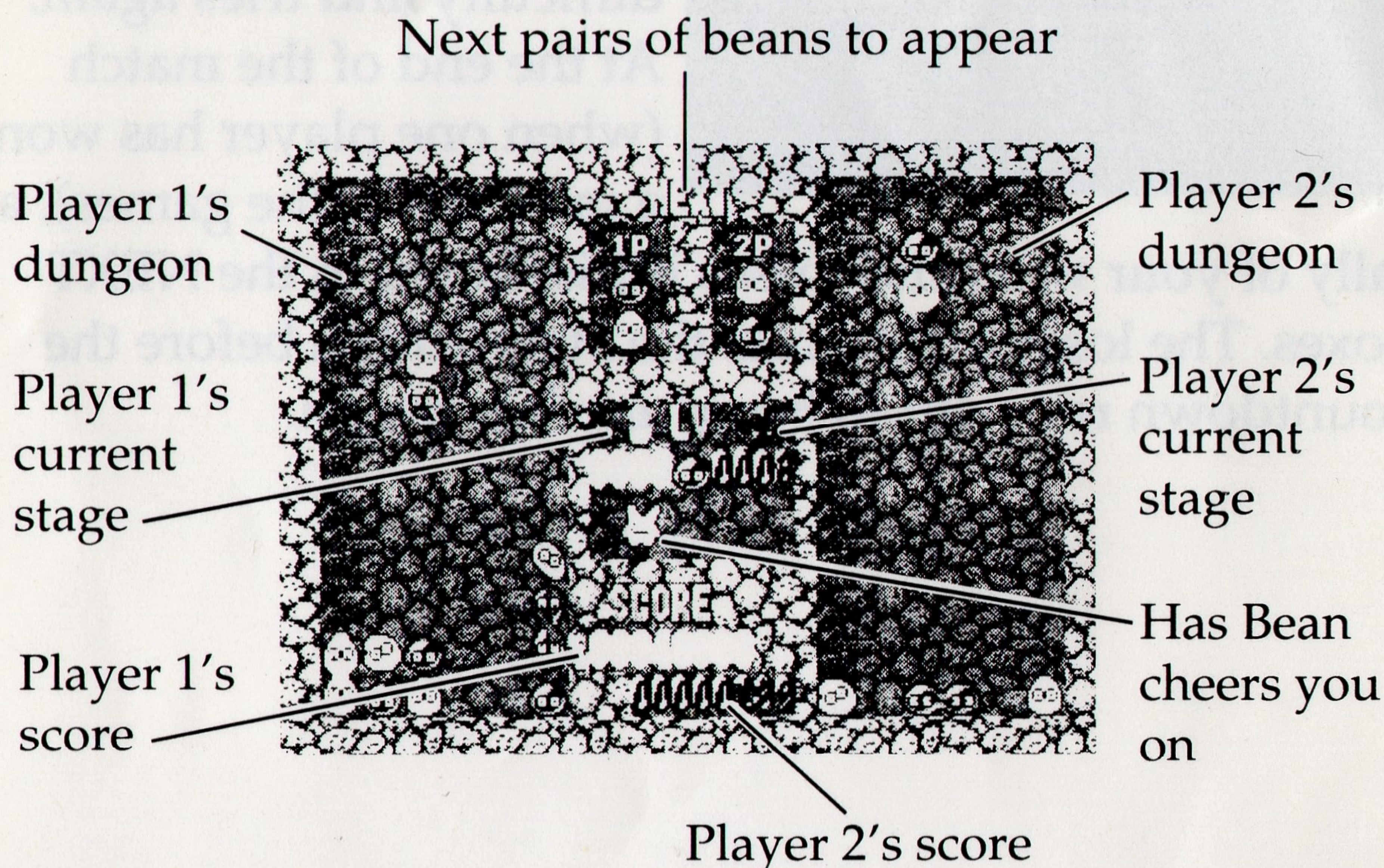
tally of your wins and losses is displayed in the NEXT boxes. The loser must press the Start Button before the countdown runs out to begin another match.



Exercise Mode



Need some practice? Use this mode to sharpen your skills, alone or with a friend. First select your skill and bonus level—Easiest (with no bonus), Normal (with a 40,000 point bonus) or Hardest (with 90,000 extra points). Then press the Start Button to begin play.



As your score climbs, so does the level of difficulty and the speed at which the beans drop. You won't have any refugee beans to worry about, as in the Scenario and 1P VS 2P Modes, but the action will be fast and furious enough to keep you hopping. And two guest characters appear just when your future starts looking bleak:



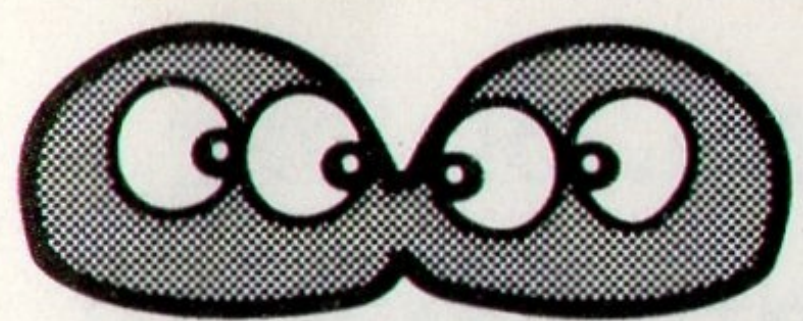
Has Bean used to be one of the jollier beans in the village... until Dr. Robotnik changed him into a robot. Usually he prefers to clown around on the sidelines, but he hasn't forgotten his humble past. Occasionally he'll drop into your dungeon and take a little walk. Any beans he walks over change to the same color and disappear.



Big Bean is just that—a really big bean. So big, in fact, that any beans he drops on immediately vanish just to get out of his way. You'll usually find Big Bean lurking around the higher levels to give you and his buddies some help.

The game ends when your dungeon fills up with beans. Press the Start Button to play another round, or wait for the High Score Screen to come up before starting a new game.

Player 2 can join in at any time by pressing the Start Button on his or her Control Pad. The two players cannot attack each other with refugee beans, and the game ends only when both players decide to stop. Either player can start a new game any number of times by pressing the Start Button.



High Score Screen



If you've achieved a high score by the time you choose to end the game, you'll be able to enter three initials on the High Score screen that appears next. Scroll through the letters of the alphabet by pressing the D-Button up or down. Enter the desired letter and go on to the next space by pressing Button A, B or C or the Start Button.



If you made a mistake, press the D-Button left to eliminate the character and go back to the previous space. Once you've entered all three initials, the initial entry screen is replaced by the High Score screen. Congratulations!



Handling Your Cartridge



- The Sega Mega Drive Cartridge is intended for use exclusively on the Sega Mega Drive System.
- Do not bend it, crush it or submerge it in liquids.
- Do not leave it in direct sunlight or near a radiator or other source of heat.
- Be sure to take an occasional break during extended play, to rest yourself and the Sega Cartridge.

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