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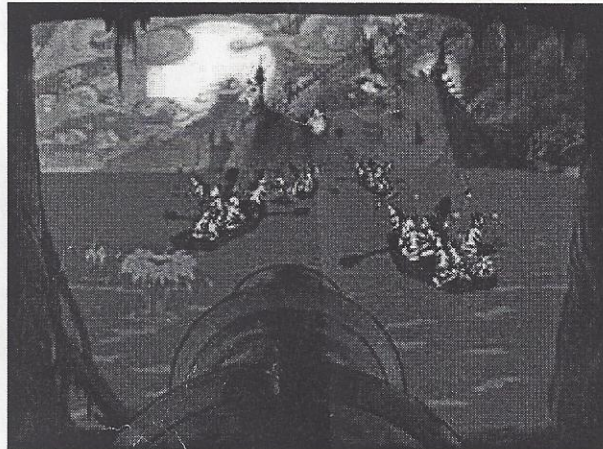
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Say it out loud: "The Curse of Monkey Island." Heck, just say "monkey." It's fun!

Those of you who remember the previous adventures of Guybrush Threepwood, fearsome pirate, probably already have this game. If you don't have it, get it. The latest installment of this highly amusing LucasArts series is just as funny as the other Monkey Island games, plus it offers great graphics and animation, easy-to-use controls, and challenging (yet difficult to mess up) puzzles.

The aim of the game is for Guy Threepwood to rescue his beloved, Elaine Marley, from the curse of the zombie pirate LeChuck. Along the way you meet the likes of Murray the talking skull, Kenny the crooked lemonade merchant, and Haggis the pirate barber. You get to blow up a glass-bottomed tourist boat, sacrifice tofu to a lactose-intolerant vegetarian volcano god, and die-- twice! The game is rated "Kids to Adults" by the Entertainment Software Ratings Board, and I'd agree. Further, I think this is one title that anyone above ten years old can really enjoy.

Even if you've never heard of the Monkey Island series, I bet you want this game. It will cost you \$39.95 to buy it, but if you want to try a sample first, you can download the introduction and opening puzzle sequence from the LucasArts site. It's a fat 18 megs, but the demo will tell you whether you want to buy the full game. (To play the demo, you need Microsoft DirectX 3.0A, another 6 megs if you don't already have it installed. The game itself requires DirectX 5, included on the CD-ROM.)



When you start up the game, you get to choose a level: regular or "Mega-Monkey (now with more puzzley goodness)." I chose regular because I'm not a gamer, and I still got the promised 30+ hours of play without reaching the end-- yet. With the help of a cheat page and a couple of well-timed "sick days", I will save Elaine.

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Product info: <http://www.lucasarts.com/products/monkey/>

System requirements: Windows 95, Pentium 90, 16 Mbytes RAM,
quad-speed CD-ROM drive, 16-bit sound card, PCI graphics card

Game NOT Over [cheat page](#)

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