Big Daddy Sandler

A DAM SANDLER played the archetypal class clown throughout his upbringing in New Hampshire. At 17, he took his first exhilarating step toward becoming a stand-up comedian when he spontaneously took the stage at a Boston comedy club he was patronising. He found that he was a natural-born buffoon.

Sandler nurtured his comedic talent while at New York University (he graduated with a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in 1991) by performing regularly in clubs and at universities; during his freshman year, he snagged a recurring role as Theo Huxtable's friend Smitty on The Cosby Show. Sandler further cut his comedy teeth working the local comedy-club circuit in L.A., where he was "discovered" by Dennis Miller, a Saturday Night Live alum. Miller caught Sandler's act one night at the L.A. Improv and put the bug in S.N.L. producer Lorne Michaels's ear that the kid had no mean talent. The recommendation helped Sandler secure a coveted spot on the show in 1990, primarily as a writer, but also as an occasional performer.

Before his first year was up, Sandler was elevated to a regular player by virtue of the enormous popularity of his sketch characters Cajunman, Iraqi Pete, Canteen Boy, and Operaman. In addition to this passel of non-sequitur-spouting imbeciles, Sandler created memorable caricatures of Eddie Vedder, Bruce Springsteen, and Axl Rose. As the quality of Saturday Night Live's programming grew increasingly spotty, few would deny that, from 1991 to 1995, Sandler provided a healthy share of the only truly funny moments the show had to offer. That's not to say that everyone responded to his genius idiocy one reviewer dubbed him "The most talentless, juvenile, and offensive member of the current cast." We can

only assume Sandler was right on track.

In 1993, Sandler released his first album of comedy material, called they're all gonna laugh at you! Giving voice to a teenage boy's id, the Grammy-nominated album camped out on Billboard's charts for well over 100 weeks. Few could fail to respond to characters like Lunchlady and the foul-mouthed Buffoon, and the album's witty lyrics.

This heady period was also marked by Sandler's early dabbling in films: Shakes the Clown, Coneheads, Mixed Nuts, and Airheads were for the most part maddeningly unfunny, but Sandler would not be deterred. He next starred in the slightly more substantial

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C O M P U T E R H O L I C S

Desi Stuffs (Part I)

By Monzur Morshed

In the past, I have written articles on different software, games etc. in the RS before. This time, I would give you brief reviews of some excellent software which were made by Bangladeshis.

* Bangla Browser 1.1

Great news for all Bangladeshi net surfers. For the first time, you can surf the net in Bangla Style with the Bangla Browser!! Bangla Browser comes with Bangla fonts and the necessary software components install automatically. It is easy to use and has pre-installed newspaper channels. To go to your favorite paper, just click a channel. You can add a list of favorites sites in your browser. The Bangla Graphic User Interface will make your surfing fast and easy. It looks a bit like Netscape Navigator 3, but the main thing is that it's in Bangla.

Version : 1.1 / Size : 4.1 MB
Website : www.inDhaka.com
Download From:
  http://www.connection.com/~moni/Setup.exe

* BDSaver

This is a screensaver. I personally rate this screensaver as one of the best I have ever seen. BDsaver was first created with Flash, then converted to screensaver with a software named Creator. This excellent screen saver consists of a sun morphing into the map of Bangladesh, a music in the background, and display of poems (in Bangla) on the screen.

It's a must have for all Bangladeshi computer users.
Version : 1.0/ Size : 715 KB
Website : www.ranainside.com
Download From:
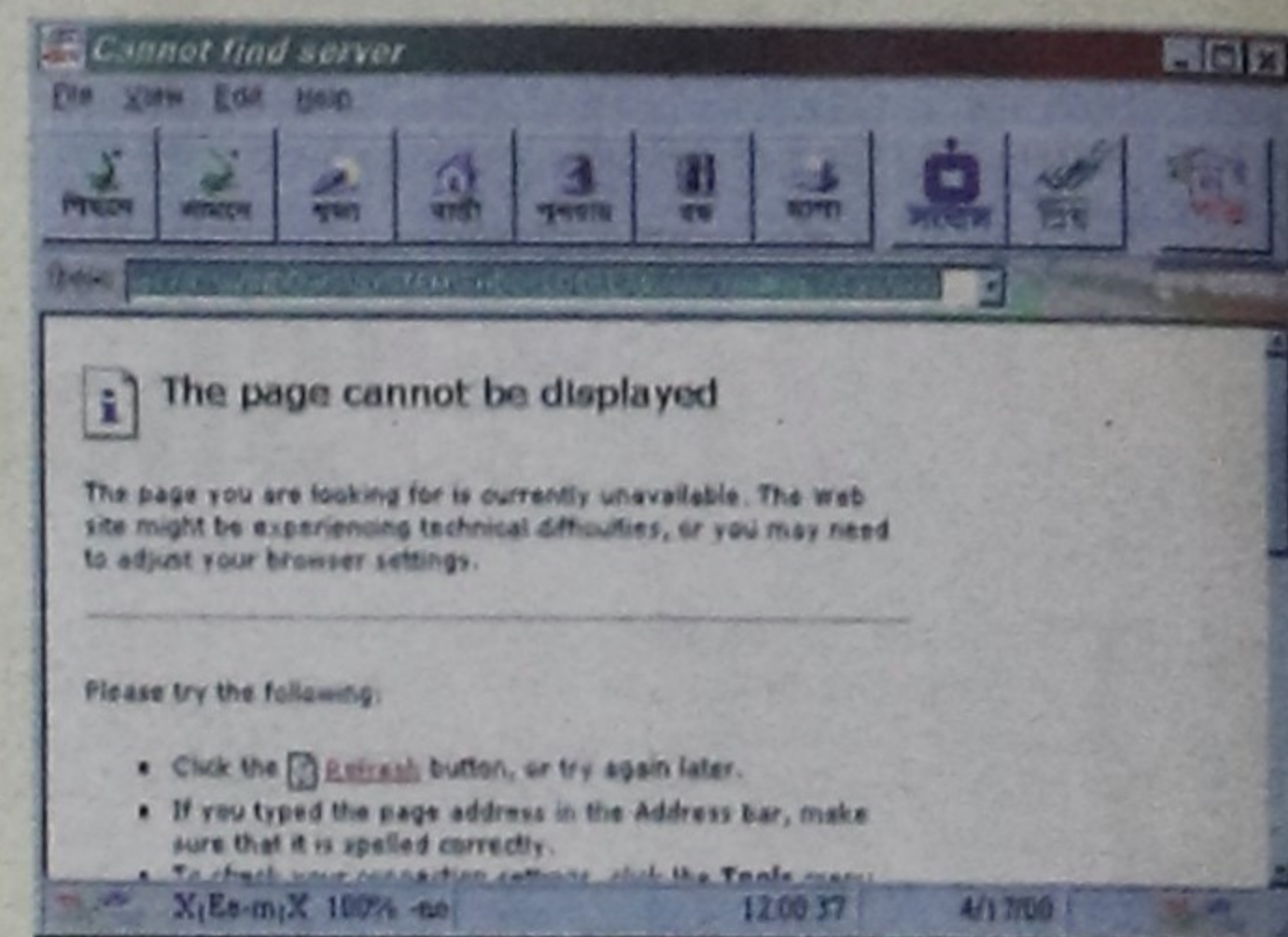 http://www.ranainside.com/ssaver/bdsaver1.exe

* Bijoy 2000

This software is very familiar to us. We must have heard of Bijoy. The latest version so far, Bijoy2000 has been released recently. It supports National, Munir, Bijoy, Satyajit & Gitanjali Keyboards. This soft is not a freeware.

Version : 5.0/ Size : 4 MB
Website - www.anandabijoy.com
That's all for now. Watch out for the Part-II.

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Bangla Browser Screenshot

TUROK 3 RAGE WARS

Yeah, we know- enough with the Turok already. But leaving the complex story-driven engine behind, Acclaim has come up with an iteration of Turok that just might appeal to fans of 3D shooters everywhere.

Doin' the Bot

This new version of Turok has everything shooting fans could want and more. In addition to the massive arsenal from previous games, you now have exotic weapons like the Chestburster, Emaciator, and War Hammer to go along with old faves like the Cerebral Bore, Scorpion Missile Launcher, and Napalm Gel. You'll fire your guns in several different deadly game modes, including Cooperative, Capture-The-Flag, Team Bloodlust, and Frag Tag. Each kind of game mode has unique one-player and multiplayer options, and you'll even be able to create your own 'bot to help you out in arena fighting.

The storyline is fairly non-existent, in order to make the game move faster without exhaustive searching and exploring like in the previous Turoks. With tons of different and well-defined levels to explore, the action is never repetitive or boring - your next head shot is just around the corner.

Acclaim even sets you up with a ton of different players to choose form (although you have to unlock some of them). You can choose Turok, The Campaigner (from the original Turok), Adon (from Turok 2: Seeds of Evil), and more. There's new dinosoids to choose from as well, including Raptors. All of these characters are gloriously detailed and smoothly animated. You won't notice, though - you'll probably only see a smattering of blood and move on.

Dino Delight

The graphics are sharp and solid, with great detail and imaginative character design dominating the game. The secondary graphic feature that will amaze gamers is the level layout and design. There are more twists, turns, camp holes, and dead ends in this game then there were in Clinton's impeachment hearings. But the game goes for a look that is sometimes too dark, making some of the detail less than distinguishable.

The sound is perfect for all the creeping around that goes on. Your audio cues sometimes turn the tide in multiplayer games, where any indication of a camping gunner help you out. Beastly roars, sharp gunfire, thudding explosions, and even chattering chimpanzees are all crystal clear, but the ambient music could have been stronger, and you're stuck with it - pumping your own

tunes drowns out the subtle sound effects.

Turok But Not To Roll

Forget what you know about Turok from past games - this version will set corridor shooters on fire with its expansive set of options and features. It's not just another shooter - it's the future of shooters with great multiplayer leanings. Will your Native American name end up being Last Man Standing? Get some friends together and find out.

PC Game Review BY RA

Mastering MIRC

By Monzur Morshed

Mirc is one of the most popular software for internet chatting. Mirc makes chatting a piece of cake. All you have to do is choose names, email address and a IRC server. Then pick a channel to start chatting. There are some Bangladeshi channels where you'll find Deshi people.

* How to Add Channel: After opening Mirc. Connect to any IRC server. Then Click on "Channel Folders". You'll see a list of channels. Click on add. To add a channel named Bangladesh write #bangladesh after clicking on the add button.

* How to change a topic: While chatting, click the right portion of your mouse to go to channel modes. You'll be able to change the topic easily. But if the channel mode is +t, then only the channel-operator can change the topic.

Slap: If anyone insults you, the slap command can become handy for you. Just right-click his Nickname and select "Slap". A Green Message will be shown in the main window : "You slapped him around a large trout."

Good Revenge, Huh?

Kick: This command kicks a user (Must be specified) from a channel. Only Channel Operators can kick users. Users can become Operators by changing the mode to +O. Never kick anyone without proper reason.

Whois: You can get information about other users by this command. Right-click any user and select "Whois".

Download: The latest version of Mirc (5.61) can be downloaded from: ftp://ftp.cdrom.com/pub/irc/irc/clients/windows/mirc/mirc56t.exe

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CHEAT CODES FOR FIFA 2000

BURNBAY - Allows you to play outside the EA Canada offices
DIZZY - Every minute ot so a player is abducted by aliens
HOOLIGAN - You get to play as a selection of bonus teams
LIGHTSOUT - Night Time with no Flood Lights.
SIZZLE - Lightning Mode
MOMONEY - Unlimited Money for your team to buy players.

CD ROM Business Card

By Shakhawat Hossain

Science and technology have given us many surprises in the past- reshaping our culture. The latest surprise which is going to change the way we work is the business card in the form of a CD. It's designed to look like a typical rectangular card, but it has got a silvered back and a hole in the middle. Your business data can be stored in a small trimmed normal CD inside.

In order to access the data inside the card, which may include contact details as well as a CV or even a portfolio of your work including videos, one has to put the card in the CD ROM Drive of any computer.