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HELLO AND WELCOME TO ARCADE TALES ISSUE 2...

"IT SURVIVED THE 80S AND WE HAVE SPARE PARTS"

I'M DR ALAN MEADES FROM CANTERBURY CHRIST CHURCH UNIVERSITY.

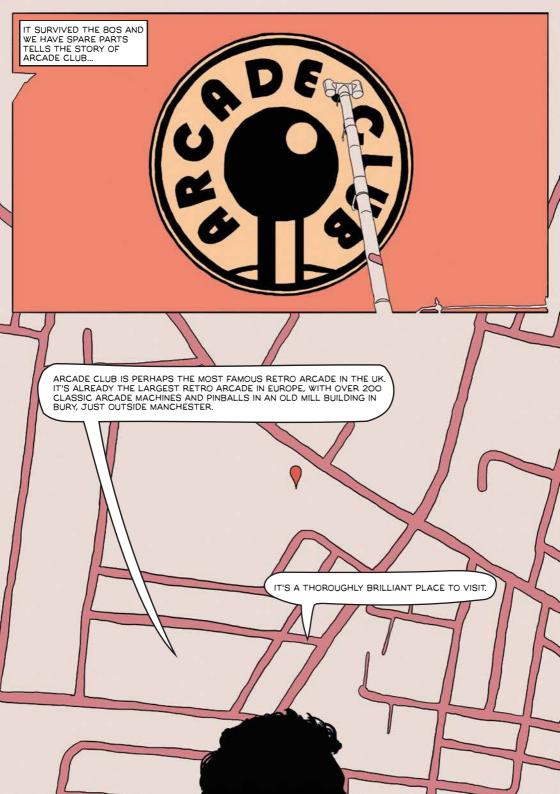
ARCADE TALES IS MY RESEACH PROJECT TRYING TO CAPTURE A HISTORY OF BRITISH ARCADE CULTURE.



I'M STARTING TO
RECOGNISE HOW MUCH TIME
IT TAKES TO PRODUCE
EACH COMIC... AND THAT
THERE ARE LOTS OF BRILLIANT
ILLUSTRATORS OUT THERE
WHO CAN BRING THIS TO LIFE!



BORN IN CANTERBURY, UNITED KINGDOM, BECKY GLENDINING HAS BEEN CREATING ART INSPIRED BY THE WORLD AROUND HER BEFORE SHE COULD EVEN WALK, A PASSION THAT CONTINUES TO THIS DAY. AT 21, BECKY CURRENTLY STUDIES GRAPHIC DESIGN AT CANTERBURY CHRIST CHURCH UNIVERSITY, WHILE RUNNING TWO GRAPHIC DESIGN AND ILLUSTRATION BLOGS IN HER SPARE TIME, BOTH OF WHICH HAVE A STRONG FOLLOWING.

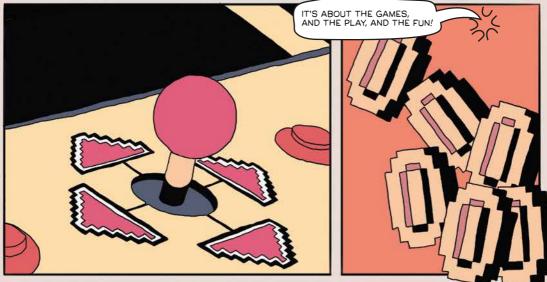


IF THE ARCADE TALES PROJECT IS A CELEBRATION OF AMUSEMENT ARCADES AND THEIR LONG AND VARIED HISTORY, THEN ARCADE CLUB IS ALMOST A PERFECT EXAMPLE OF WHAT AN ARCADE USED TO BE LIKE. THE ONLY THINGS MISSING ARE FRUIT MACHINES AND THE ROUGHNESS!

IF YOU'RE INTERESTED IN ARCADE VIDEOGAMES AND THE SOUNDS AND FEEL OF AN ARCADE THEN GET UP TO BURY, PAY YOUR ENTRANCE FEE AND PLAY ARCADE GAMES ON FREE-PLAY TO YOUR HEART'S CONTENT.

I SEE ARCADE CLUB AS A REAL MUSEUM OF BRITISH ARCADES, EVEN IF ANDY PALMER, ONE OF THE ARCADE CLUB OWNERS, WOULD NEVER USE THE TERM MUSEUM!





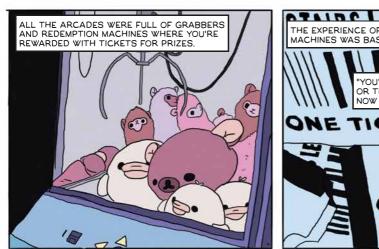


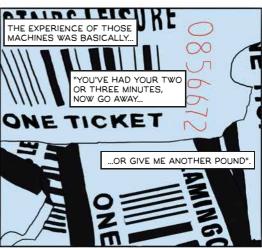
WHEN WE HEARD ABOUT ARCADE CLUB I REALLY WANTED TO KNOW THE HISTORY BEHIND IT - WHAT MAKES SOMEONE BUY 200 OLD VIDEO GAMES AND PINBALLS WHEN SO MANY ARCADES HAVE CLOSED?. SO SHAUN (MY RESEARCH INTERN) AND I TRAVELLED UP TO BURY TO MEET ANDY, HIS WIFE GAYNOR, AND MUM LINDA, WHO TOGETHER SET UP ARCADE CLUB.



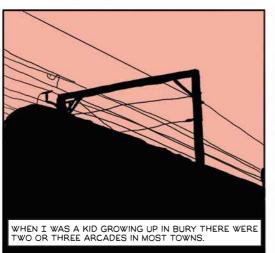
THIS COMIC IS BASED UPON THEIR STORY, IT IS THEIR ARCADE TALE!



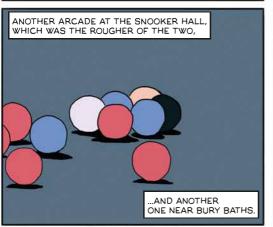




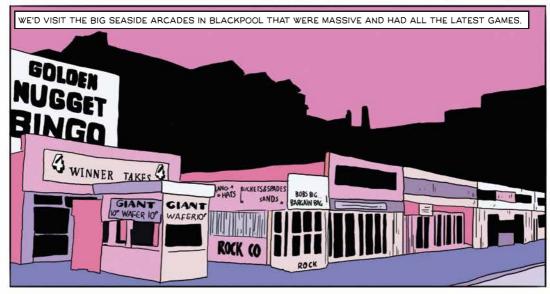










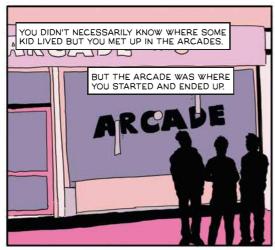


ANYWAY, COSMOS CAFE ARCADE WAS WHERE ME AND MY MATES WOULD HANG ABOUT IN WHEN WE WERE ABOUT 14, 15. EVEN THOUGH IT WASN'T HUGE YOU'D STILL HAVE SOME BIG GAMES. AN OUT RUN DELUXE, A GALAXY FORCE 2 DELUXE, BIG MOVING CABINETS, VERY, VERY RARE NOW.

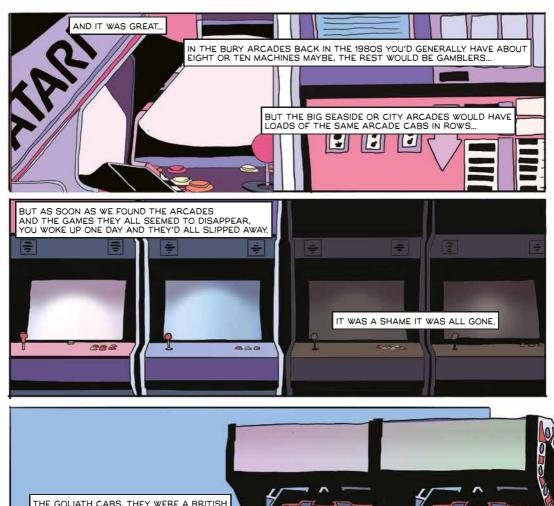




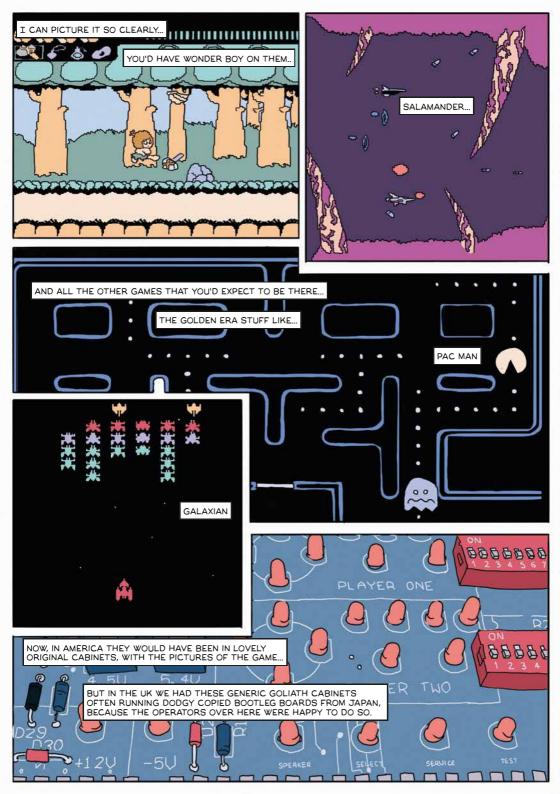












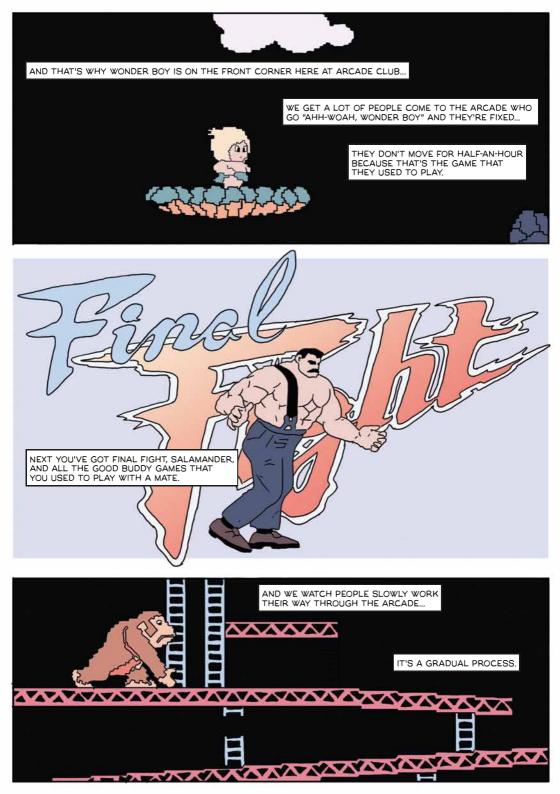


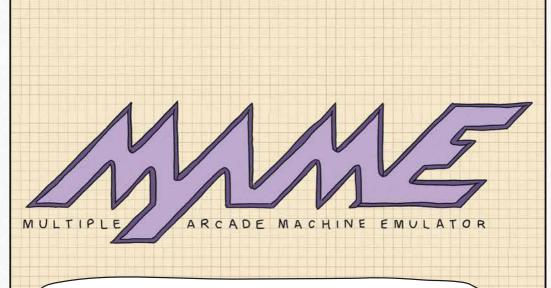
AND THAT GAVE A UK ARCADE A VERY DISTINCTIVE LOOK...

YOU'VE GOT THESE ELECTROCOIN GOLIATHS THAT ARE TALL, TALLER THAN YOU, LOOKING DOWN ON YOU, THEY'RE QUITE IMPOSING REALLY...

AND THEY'RE EMPHASISING THE POINT OF THE GAMES THAT THEY CONTAIN - THEY'RE GOING TO BEAT YOU!





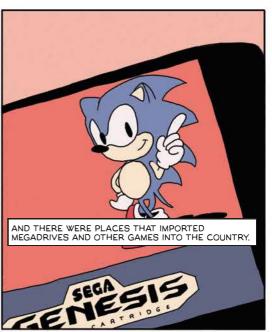


THAT'S BRILLIANT, BUT LOTS OF PEOPLE MUST FEEL PRETTY MUCH THE SAME WAY AS YOU, BUT THE DIFFERENCE IS THAT YOU'VE BUILT THIS. THERE ARE PLENTY OF US WHO HAVE MAME ON THEIR PC OR A 'GRAIL CAB' IN THEIR GARAGE. WHAT MADE YOU DO THIS INSTEAD?











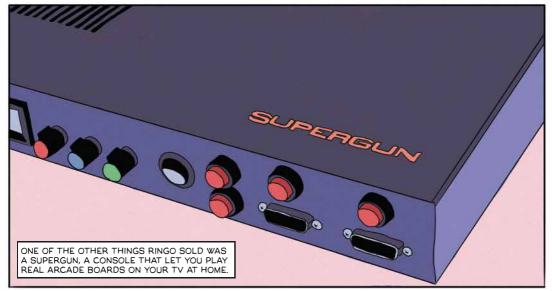


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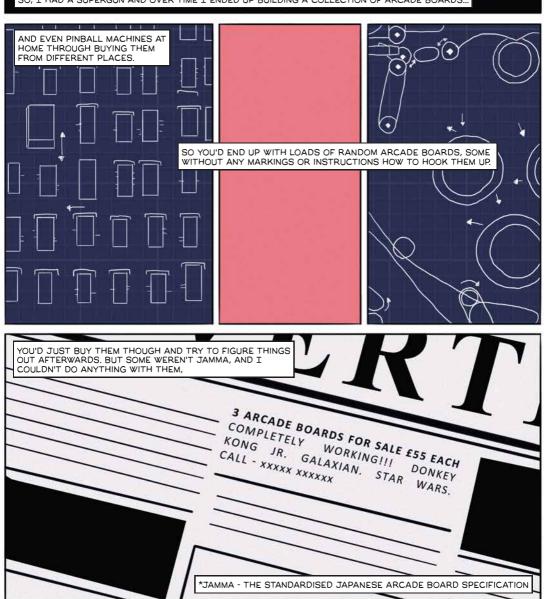




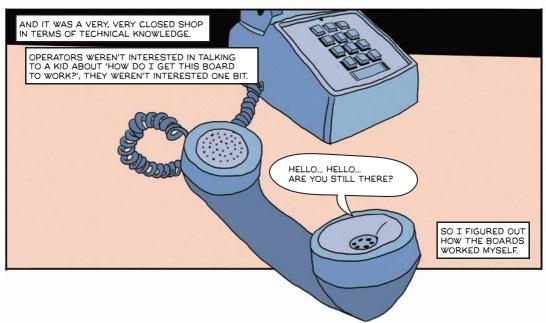


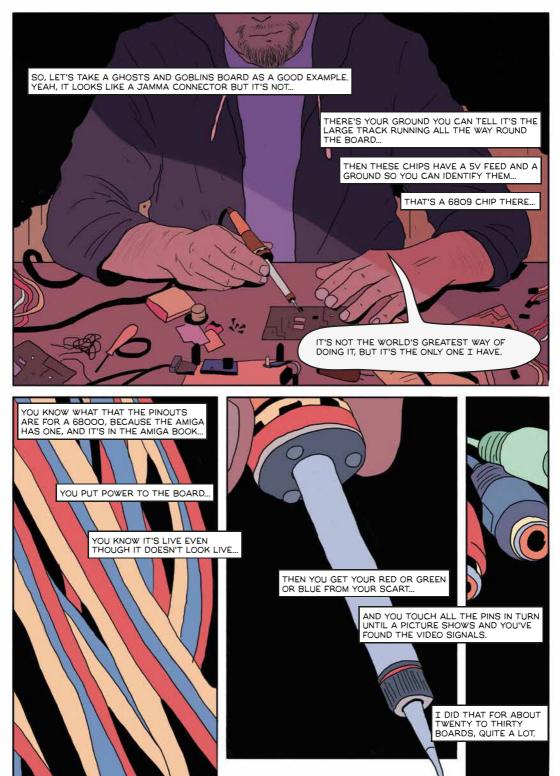


SO, I HAD A SUPERGUN AND OVER TIME I ENDED UP BUILDING A COLLECTION OF ARCADE BOARDS...









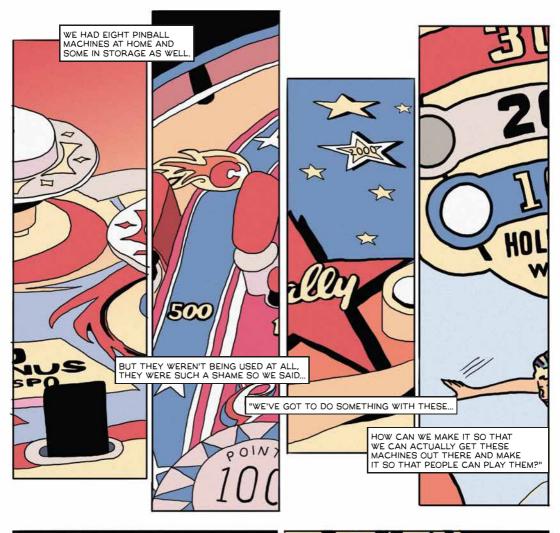


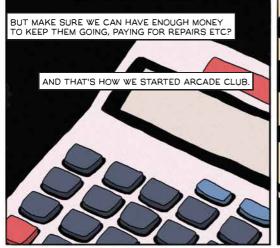












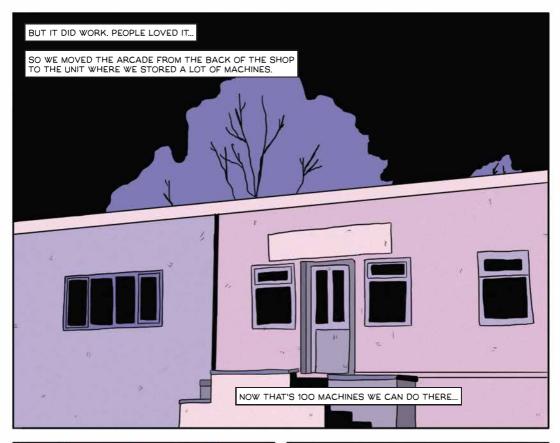
















IT WAS THIS TIME WHEN THE BBC GOT IN TOUCH AND DID AN EPISODE OF COLLECTAHOLICS THAT FEATURED US.







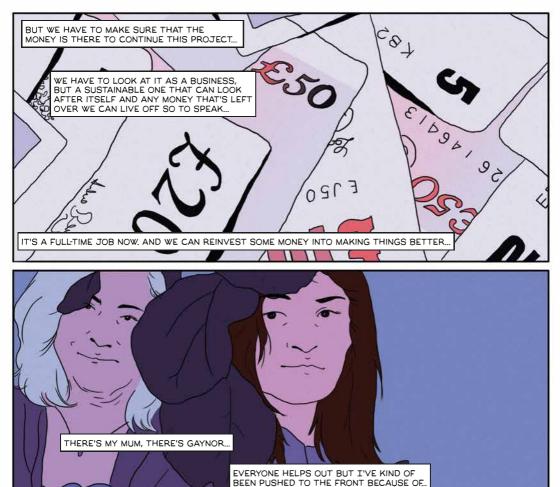
LET'S FIND A PLACE LARGE ENOUGH TO EXPAND, AND PRETTY SOON WE FOUND A PLACE IN BURY CALLED ELA MILL. IT'S AN OLD COTTON MILL, AND WE'VE TAKEN OVER TWO FLOORS..

#### Intercom and Press ENTER

NOW HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE COME HERE EVERY WEEKEND, AND THE PLACE IS ALIVE AGAIN. THERE'S PROBABLY AS MANY PEOPLE COMING THROUGH THIS MILL AT THE WEEKEND NOW AS DID DURING THE HEIGHT OF THE INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION.

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I THINK ARCADES ARE IMPORTANT TO MY GENERATION BECAUSE THEY DON'T EXIST ANY MORE...

AT LEAST NOT LIKE THEY DID...

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AND EVERYBODY WANTS TO GO BACK.

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note to self fuish homework



SAY I'VE DONE MY HOMEWORK WHEN I HADN'T AND LIFE WAS EASY. YEAH, THAT'S WHAT EVERYONE WANTS...

YOU PROBABLY WANT THAT TOO DON'T YOU?

MY MATES IN THE ARCADES, PLAY SOME GAMES, GO HOME.

YOU'D LOVE TO GO BACK!

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THERE'S LOADS TO DO HERE, ABSOLUTELY LOADS, WE'RE ONLY GETTING STARTED!

BZZZ

OOPS, SORRY, IT'S FOR ME ...

HELLO... DOWNSTAIRS... DO YOU WANT ME? OK LOVE, WHAT'S HAPPENING? CHASE HQ'S NOT TURNING CORNERS? ...OK THAT'LL BE A POTENTIOMETER, NO PROBLEM... ADDAMS FAMILY? TURN IT OFF, COUNT TO FIVE, TURN IT ON AGAIN. OK? ... YEAH, THAT'S FINE... NO? ... I CAN'T DO ANYTHING ABOUT CHASE HQ RIGHT NOW, IF ITS ONLY MOVING TO THE RIGHT THEN THERE'S EITHER A SPRING SNAPPED... OR... HANG ON...

AND WITH THAT, SHAUN AND I LEFT ANDY TO GET ON WITH HIS REPAIRS, AND WE WENT AND PLAYED SOME GAMES.

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