

Song of the Weekend

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Entry: 20200111 – Lo Wang’s Rap

This week's "Song of the Weekend" is Lo Wang’s Rap, from the 3D Realms game, "Shadow Warrior."

Lo Wang’s Rap got off to a rocky start in life. The distributor of the game wanted a song that they could showcase at the E3 expo in Atlanta in 1997 (I believe the date is correct). They sent down lyrics to a rap that they wanted John William Galt, the voice of Lo Wang, to record. I wrote a backing track to go with it and took it to the recording session.

As it turns out, John Galt couldn’t rap to save his life. No sense of rhythm. I think we got one usable word out of the recording session – the word “now.” All wasn’t lost, however. I still had the backing track. All I needed was words to go with it, and I had plenty, based on other recording sessions and outtakes.

So, I set to work. I imported phrases – sometimes single words – into my DAW software and started editing. I set the words to the rhythm of the backing track and came up with a two-part story. Part one was where Lo Wang fought a pupil, beating the absolute snot out of him. This was followed by a bridge where he said some gibberish. The second part of the story involved Lo Wang trying to pick up a passing girl (in reality, played by the wife of one of the developers) and getting a slap in the face for his efforts.

The song was a hit with most of the folks at the office. However, the distributor didn’t like it. They wound up using something else for their E3 promotion. Lo Wang’s Rap was instead added to the end of the audio tracks on the game CD.

With that, allow me to link you to a copy of the song. I hope you’ll enjoy it. Thank you for voting for your “Song of the Weekend!”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H7V7vMMLE7U>