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Masters Of Doom Casting Call

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Last week it was announced that Showtime would be producing a new bio-pic movie based on Masters of Doom, David Kushner's 2003 non-fictional account of the rise of id Software in general and its two well known founders, John Carmack and John Romero, in particular. The big question is: what actors should play these two roles in the movie? After some deliberations, we (Computer Games Magazine) came up with three choices each for the Carmack and Romero roles (in no particular order:

For John Carmack:

- Anthony Michael Hall: Yes, yes..Hall has played this sort of role already with his work as Bill Gates in Pirates of Silicon Valley. But with his more recent work on The Dead Zone TV show, Hall has proven that he can do the smart, loner type of role which is exactly what the actor playing Carmack needs.
- John Heder: Napoleon Dynamite is fast becoming a geek movie classic and part of it is Heder's portrayal of the title character; a guy who has some smarts but doesn't have it all worked out in terms of social skills. Give him a new hair style and we think he could do a great job with Carmack.
- Topher Grace: Who knew that the actor on That 70's Show was a real actor and not just a TV sitcom star? Grace's work in movies like In Good Company and even the awful Win A Date with Tad Hamilton displays an intelligence combine with some innocence that will be needed to get Carmack's character on the screen.

For John Romero

- Ryan Reynolds: Here's a guy that we could get behind in the Romero role; he's smart looking but a little on the wild and sarcastic side and his roles in Van Wilder and Blade: Trinity really combine quick wit and a little toughness that's needed for anyone playing Romero.
- Michael Shanks: Ok, he may be a little old to play the part but what the heck; the intelligent but tough as nails Dr. Daniel Jackson of Stargate SG-1 could definitely inhabit the role of Romero. Couldn't you just see Shanks with long hair and maybe with a little more rock-and roll attitude in his step? Well, we can.
- John Romero: It's a long shot but we are betting that Romero himself is thinking right now, "Hmmm?could I play me?" Of course he could. Romero has always had a larger-than-life presence in the game development circle and we think that if he was really offered the role, Romero might actually consider doing it.

Those are our suggestions. What are yours? Head over to our message boards [3] and put in your favorites for each role.

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