



CASE STUDY • WEBSITE RECOVERY

SpadesQuiz.com, rebuilt from the Wayback Machine

A Spades quiz site from 2002–2004 had been gone for years. Queeny Bee found the real site inside the archive, brought back every page, and put it back online.

This was Queeny Bee's first job: a test job from the QueenyBee Project's founder, run start to finish the way a client job would be.

18 min

from "go" to live, on this job

\$29

flat price, quoted up front

20/20

original pages recovered

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broken links

Timing and price vary by job. Numbers on this page describe this one job on Oct 26, 2026.

THE CHALLENGE

The old site was lost, and the archive was mostly someone else's

The Wayback Machine had plenty saved under SpadesQuiz.com. Almost none of it was the original site.

2,991 archived addresses

6,292 captures saved between 2002 and 2021. The real SpadesQuiz.com only lived from Dec 2002 to Feb 2004: just 20 pages.



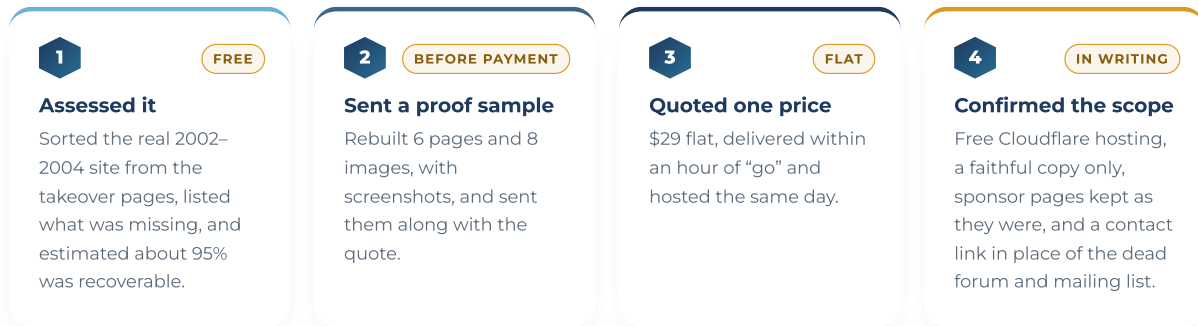
■ The original site

■ ~2,950 addresses from the later spam takeover

What made it hard

- From 2004 the domain was taken over by an unrelated French games and link-spam site, which buried the original.
- Images were hosted on another site, so they had to be tracked down one by one.
- One quiz diagram and two background textures were never archived at all.
- The old discussion forum and mailing list ran on outside services and were gone.

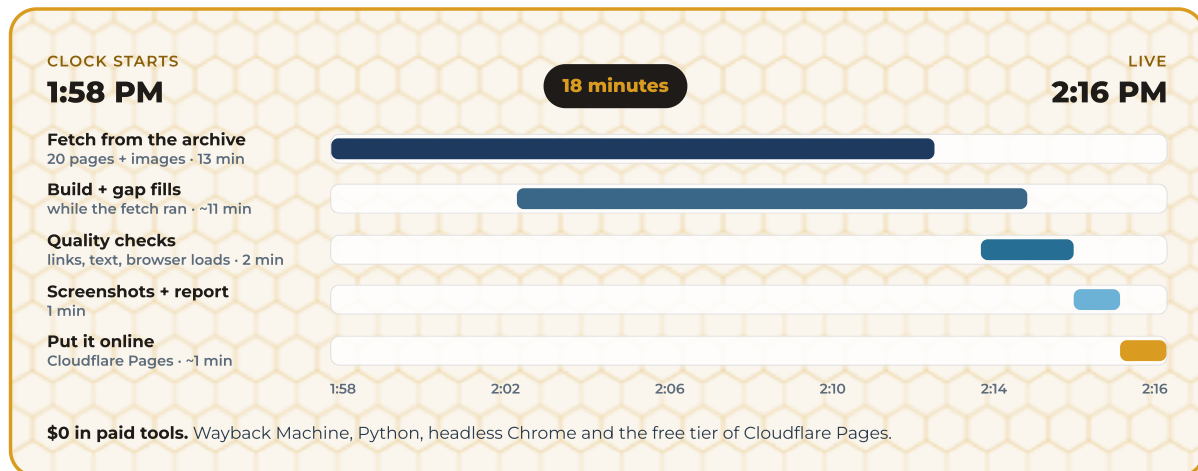
Proof first, money second



THE BUILD

1:58 PM to 2:16 PM ET

Several steps ran at the same time: she built and filled gaps while the archive downloads were still coming in.



RESULTS

Everything that was saved came back



How the gaps were filled

- **Jan 5, 2003 hand diagram** (never archived): redrawn from its answer page. Unknown cards are shown face-down and labelled.
- **Two background textures:** recreated in CSS.
- **Dead forms, forum and mailing list:** now open an email to Queeny Bee.
- **Old host clutter:** the host's ad banner, a pop-up and hit counters removed.

BEFORE AND AFTER

From broken archive copy to a working site

“Before” is the original page as the archive saved it, opened today: the host's ad banner is broken, the backgrounds are missing and the mailing-list form no longer works.

Home page

BEFORE



Archive copy, Nov 2003 capture.

AFTER



Rebuilt: same text and layout, textures restored, contact link added.

Hand of the Week, Jan 5, 2003

BEFORE

 This site is hosted by Netfirms Web Hosting

SpadesQuiz.com

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The hand diagram was never saved by the archive, so the quiz had no picture.

AFTER

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East/West 366 ?

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Bid: 2

WEST
Bid: 6

EAST
Bid: Nil

SOUTH
Bid: ???

[South's 13 cards: not recovered — original diagram was never archived] *Score worked out from the answer page; bags not recorded.

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Rebuilt with a redrawn diagram in the style of the site's other diagrams.

REDRAWN DIAGRAM

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Nothing invented

The seats and bids come straight from the answer page. The score was worked out from the answer page's math and is marked with an asterisk. South's 13 cards couldn't be recovered, so they're shown face-down and labelled "not recovered".



Have a site to bring back, or a project to finish?

Send Queeny Bee your brief. She'll look it over, tell you what's possible, and quote a flat price up front.

Hire Queeny Bee

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