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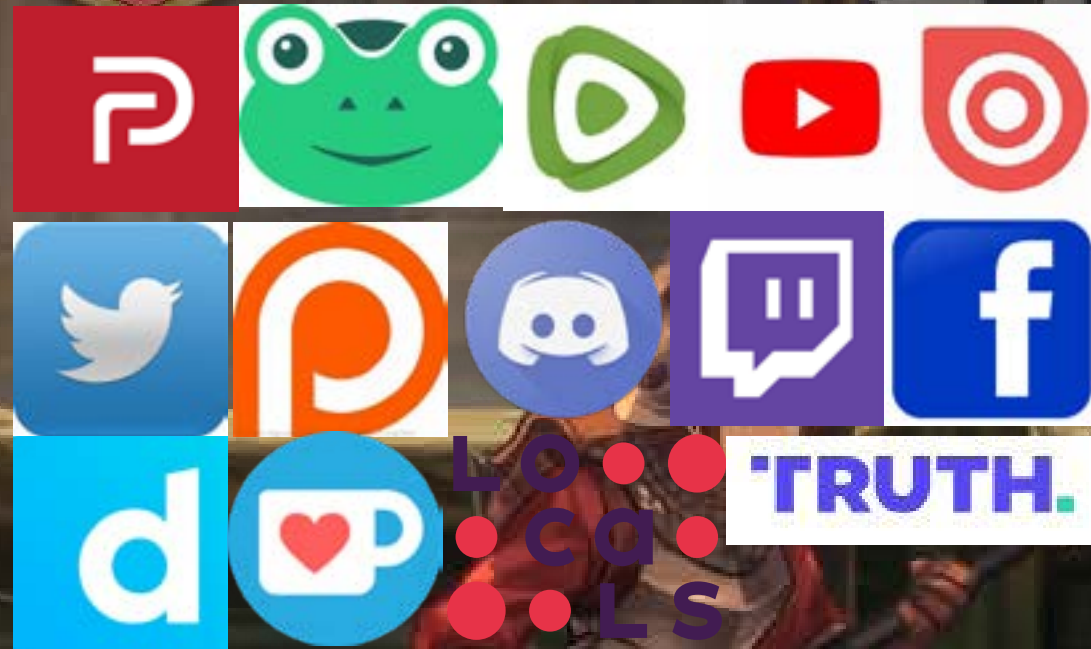
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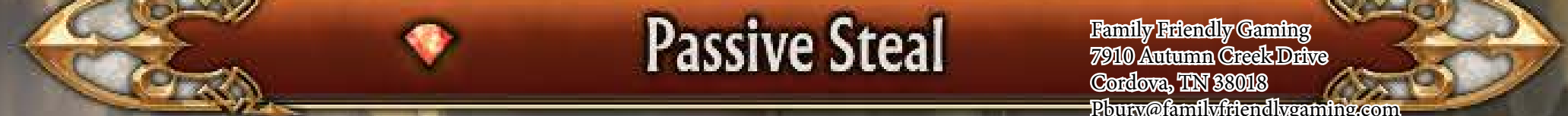
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# Editor's Desk

## Same Holding Pattern

Maybe it is just me. Yet again I find myself in yet another holding pattern in life. There have been times in my life that I feel like I am getting very little progress. We get baby step progress on a great many things. There are other instances where I am stuck not going anywhere month after month, and year after year. I come up with plans to make things better and start to get some progress. Then it all falls apart, and I must go back to square one. I accept the reality before me.

A great example happened over Christmas Break. We had this plan to go looking for a vehicle for Peter. Then at the very start of the Christmas Break on that first weekend he lost his wallet or it was stolen. So canceling his cards, and getting new ones. There was also the need for a new drivers license because he was no longer in possession of the last one. If that were not bad enough Peter then got COVID-19 again. All of our plans to go looking for a vehicle were thrown out the window. Back into the holding pattern. We had this wonderful plan to progress things forward. Yet all of our plans went out the window. That was the reality I had to accept. What is the point of getting angry over it? What is the point of throwing a tantrum? The lay of the land changed. Might as well accept it. Might as well wait in this holding pattern until a new plan can be made.

I get disappointed with holding patterns in my life. I am a bit better at dealing with and accepting them in my life now. I was not always so patient in the past. When I was younger decades ago I was very unhappy about the holding patterns. Patience is something I had to learn over a great many years. I am wired to be a go-go-go kind of a person. I get this done and I get that done. I traverse from chore to chore until I can finally relax for a little bit. Then I start it all over again.

There have been some younger people that tell me I am part of the hustle culture. Maybe I am. I know the generations that preceded me got even more work done. They did even more than I do. They made amazing strides. That knowledge encourages me to be better, do better, and get it done. I also know history and the Greek Empire fell when a new generation came along and decided to eat, drink, party, and enjoy the successes of the past. They had no interest in continuing to grow, learn, and develop. I do not want that to happen to our culture. Maybe the next generation will fall apart like the Greeks did. At least I can keep moving things forward in my sphere of influence.

At the end of the day I know I need to continue to trust God. He slows us down for a reason. God

protects us from worse things by keeping us in a holding pattern. I have been reading about the Isrealites in my daily devotional reading of the Holy Bible when they wandered for forty years. That was one major holding pattern. Of course they were there due to disobedience. So that is another possibility. Maybe I have wronged God and need to repent. It is certainly a path I will seek to explore right after finishing this column for this month.

How do you feel about holding patterns in your life? Do you recognize them and compare them to impatience in your life? Do you need training and growth in the time of a holding pattern?

God bless,  
Paul Bury



# FEMALE SIDE

## Winter

For the longest time I enjoyed most everything about the winter. I love snowmen and they are generally only around in the winter time. Although Olaf changed that just a little bit. Since Olaf is a magical snowman he can embrace warm hugs in the summer on the beach. Olaf is not real though. Olaf is fake and fantasy. At times I am not even sure I should mention Olaf with Disney being so hateful to families. How can a company move from being supportive of families to attacking them? I expect Disney will get sold off if they keep behaving in this manner and losing so many hundreds of millions of dollars.

The last few winters have been rough. Getting COVID to my sister dying. I am not fond of scraping ice off my vehicle. I am not fond of getting up early and going out in the cold. I like to sleep in while in a nice warm bed. Princess loves to snuggle with me in the warm bed too. At times she will stink up the bed, or keep pushing on me until I am almost out of the bed. Princess likes to get closer and closer. Usually my hubby is already awake getting magazine, and website work done. Even on Christmas Break he was up earlier than me on most days. I must admit Paul puts me to shame with all of the wonderful ministry work he does for so many millions. I know he would like me to be more self motivated like him. The winter motivates me to stay warm and in bed.

A year ago I planned to get more videos done much earlier than before. My plans went completely out the window as the year progressed. I hesitate to make the same plans this year. Maybe I should just do it and not plan to do it. Find opportunities to get videos done. Paul is constantly finding new, interesting, and fun ideas for videos. I would love for him to be able to do this job full time at some point in the future. He is really good at it, and there are close to three hundred thousand that appreciate his ideas. Our YouTube channel should hit 300K in 2024. I am writing this before knowing what our unique IP numbers are for 2023. I know we are getting closer to 10 million unique IPs every single year. I think we were over one million hits in almost every single month of 2023. Thank you for your support. Thank you for helping us continue to exist.

Princess has helped me see things in a new way. Princess is not a fan of the cold. Princess does not like the snow. Princess does not like the ice. I must admit that I never really liked the cold myself. I am not a fan of ice either. As I get old and colder weather kills off more of my elders I am starting to reconsider my love for winter. I still

love snowmen. Maybe some year we will have the money to take a winter vacation somewhere that has snow. I will have to see what my hubby thinks about that. He has some trips he would like us to save for in the future. Lord willing 2024 will be a better year for us financially. I really hope someone can get Biden's Inflation under control at some point. As our heating bill goes up thanks to the cost of everything being more we are looking at ways to save money. Moving is something we have discussed for awhile now. We have lived in this house since 2009. There are things that will not be good for us in this house as we get older. Winter is showing me that. The problem is housing costs are really high right now too. The same goes for interest rates. We might need to be patient.

God bless,  
Yolanda Bury



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## Appreciate ya'll

Thank you so much for the Christmas Buying Guide 2023. Our family used it to find some great products for one another. I like how many of the products ya'll include are reasonably priced too. Those other gaming sites include only the newest, most expensive video games.

We appreciate you and all that you do. Family Friendly Gaming does a ton of work on the website, magazines, live streams, videos, and more. I expect it is a lot of work. Plus you have a day job. It is my prayer that you will be able to do this full time. Your family deserves it.

I am including some money to help Family Friendly Gaming because we appreciate all



that ya'll do. No one else provides for our family like ya'll do. Please do not disclose the amount of money we sent. We are not looking for any kudos. The focus needs to be on your family and the work ya'll do that help so many families.

Finally I challenge every single reader of Family Friendly Gaming to financially provide. I bet if everyone sent one dollar then ya'll could do this work for an entire year. It is my prayer that every single reader of Family Friendly Gaming takes up my challenge and sends at least one dollar.

- Justin

{Paul}: Justin,

Thank you so much for your wonderful gift of money, and your kind words for the work we do at Family Friendly Gaming. How about it everyone in Family Friendly Gaming Universe? Ready to take up

Justin's challenge? Can you make such a contribution. What a wonderful experiment that would be.

I will admit there are times I am so exhausted with having to do a day job, and all of the work involved with Family Friendly Gaming. There are mistakes that make it through because we just do not have time to check everything. I find plenty of mistakes a day later, week later, month later and more. I fix mistakes as I find them. We are human and prone to error.

Another way that we can be helped is if everyone in Family Friendly Gaming Universe bought one of the books I have written:

<https://www.familyfriendlygaming.com/Store-front.html>

This would be a huge help to us. We have copies of our books ready to be sold right here and right now. We might make a dollar to two on each sale, so it would be similar to your idea.

Much of the work we do is a labor of love. I do a little work each day on the magazine, website, and more. I also do the same thing with the Christmas Buying Guide. I start working on the Christmas Buying Guide on Labor Day until it is released. A few games added each day adds up over time. We stick with the baby steps method. The

same goes for uploading videos to the video sites. A few every day eventually adds up to thousands over years.

Our perspective on things like the Christmas Buying Guide is diverse from the majority of the industry. We get emails from people in these different companies telling us about their products coming out, and to make sure to include them. Our standards are higher than that. We must play, review, and it score high enough to get included. We also take things from the last year. So I put a note down on the last product included and then go from there to start sorting systems and scores. There have been some people in PR and Marketing really mad at us because we will not include their game coming out in December when our Christmas Buying Guide comes out before Thanksgiving. How do we know the product is any good? What if their product is garbage? They won't tell us that beforehand. We have also been lied to too many times by people in PR and Marketing. Their goal is to make sales for their companies. They bank all kinds of money and brag about getting to retire in their mid thirties. While they never financially share with us, and I am still working multiple jobs in my fifties. Their goals do not align with our goals. We also know how hard it is to survive financially under the Biden Inflation. We care more about others

# SOUND OFF Continued

than the greedy and selfish people in these companies trying to fleece you. Besides if you buy a product a year later and it costs less, do you enjoy it any less? None of us needs to stay cutting edge ever.

## Buying Games Side Effects

I loved your article on the side effects of buying games. Not only do you point out the ways it changed your perspective as gaming media, you denote the impact on the rest of the gaming media, and video game companies. You are so right about companies not competing your time and money. I am betting your stress is way lower because if a game sits there it sits there. You work on what you want to work on, when you want to work on it. These video game companies must do a lot of hard work to get your attention. Throwing a press release at you does not do it does it? I can tell that throwing a code at you has no effect. Why kill yourself for a code that has zero value to it? I like how Family Friendly Gaming is so open, honest, genuine and real about things. You share in a transparent way that helps us the readers understand where you are coming from. You are also very humble about it.

-Tammy

{Paul}: Tammy,

I am so glad that you enjoyed that article. At times I feel like I am just ranting about different problems in the video game industry. Years ago we threw out the idea of all gaming media buying video games at cost. Not one gaming media outlet listened to us. Not one video game company listened to us. We went ahead and did it ourselves. We also buy quite a few TV Shows and movies as well.

No throwing a press release at us does not do much. We still publish a few Monday thru Friday of most weeks. Every so often we publish a press release on a weekend. There are also times we will do a few extra press releases during busy times of the year. I find it funny when someone in PR and Marketing sends me a code because we published a press release. What is their problem? Why do they think our reward for making them money is to do even more slave labor work for them? Our Legal page covers this too:

<https://www.familyfriendlygaming.com/Legal.html>

We have written about poor targeting, and not respecting our very limited financial resources. In years past we would take the codes, play the games, and write reviews. Guess what that got us? Nothing. Less than half of one percent ever advertised or sponsored us. The reward for doing all that hard work

and making them all that money was just more work. The super majority in PR and Marketing did nothing to help us continue to exist. When we pointed out their bad behavior, and poor treatment of us, they would run away. They would go to other sites and treat them just as badly. We called for gaming media to stand up to this bad behavior. Guess how many stood with us? None. They are either brainwashed by the gaming media companies, or they like being treated like dirt.

**Joshua 24:15** "But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD."

I do not care if I am the only one on the planet doing the right thing. I will not stop. I will not quit. I will continue day after day after day. I will continue to lead even if no one follows.

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# Look BACK Family Games

There has been a lot of history made here at Family Friendly Gaming. Let us take a look at some of the historic front covers to a few of the issues in our long and storied history.



## World's Smallest Scrabble

### Product Description

World's Smallest Scrabble Game from Super Impulse Toys  
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# DEVOTIONAL

## Great Faith

There have been good moments of faith, okay moments of faith, and bad moments of faith in my life. There are people who had some amazing moments of faith in the Holy Bible. **Matthew 8:5-7** *When Jesus had entered Capernaum, a centurion came to him, asking for help. 6 "Lord," he said, "my servant lies at home paralyzed, suffering terribly." 7 Jesus said to him, "Shall I come and heal him?"* Jesus offered to come and heal the servant for this centurion. How many of us in our culture would happily have Jesus come and serve us. Please come and take care of this Jesus. Do you think the centurion wanted Jesus to come and serve him?

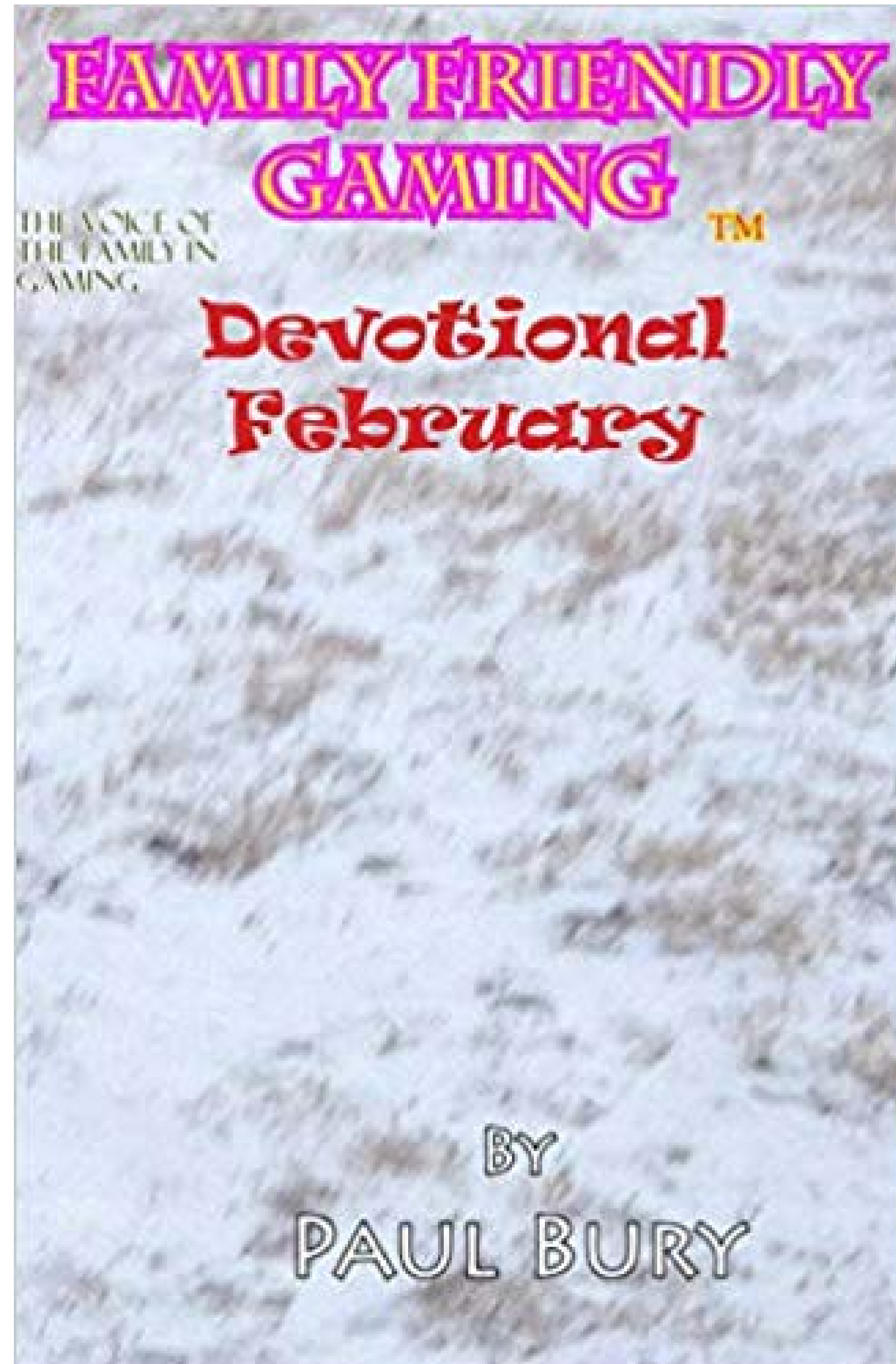
The response from the centurion is an education and a lesson to all of us. **Matthew 8:8-9** *The centurion replied, "Lord, I do not deserve to have you come under my roof. But just say the word, and my servant will be healed. 9 For I myself am a man under authority, with soldiers under me. I tell this one, 'Go,' and he goes; and that one, 'Come,' and he comes. I say to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it."*

WOW, just WOW. This man believed Jesus at his word. He did not need any deeds whatsoever. Do you? How do you think Jesus will respond to this? An unworthy centurion asks for his help, and takes him at his word. **Matthew 8:10-12** *When Jesus heard this, he was amazed and said to those following him, "Truly I tell you, I have not found anyone in Israel with such great faith. 11 I say to you that many will come from the east and the west, and will take their places at the feast with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven. 12 But the subjects of the kingdom will be thrown outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."* Jesus paid this centurion an amazing compliment. This man had greater faith than the religious leaders, politicians, people going to temple every week, and more. Jesus also took the moment to let those that thought highly of themselves realize what their place really was. They were not some great spiritual leaders. They were not some great political leaders. They were lower than this centurion. Now we get to the payoff.

How would Jesus respond. **Matthew 8:13** *Then Jesus said to the centurion, "Go! Let it be done just as you believed it would." And his servant was healed at that moment.* The centurion had faith, and humility. How many people do you know like that? How many people do you know that will not talk smack? How many people do you know that will have that kind of faith. Say it Jesus and I believe. That is all this man needed. What about you? Can you follow in those footsteps? Can you be humble?  
God Bless,  
Paul Bury

## PRAYER

Jesus,  
I know that I am a sinner and need Your forgiveness. Nothing I can do of my own power will give me true joy. I believe that You died for my sins. I want to turn from my enslavement to sins, and repent of them. I now invite You to come into my heart and life. I want to trust and follow You as my personal Lord and Savior. I welcome the transforming power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.





# In The

# NEWS

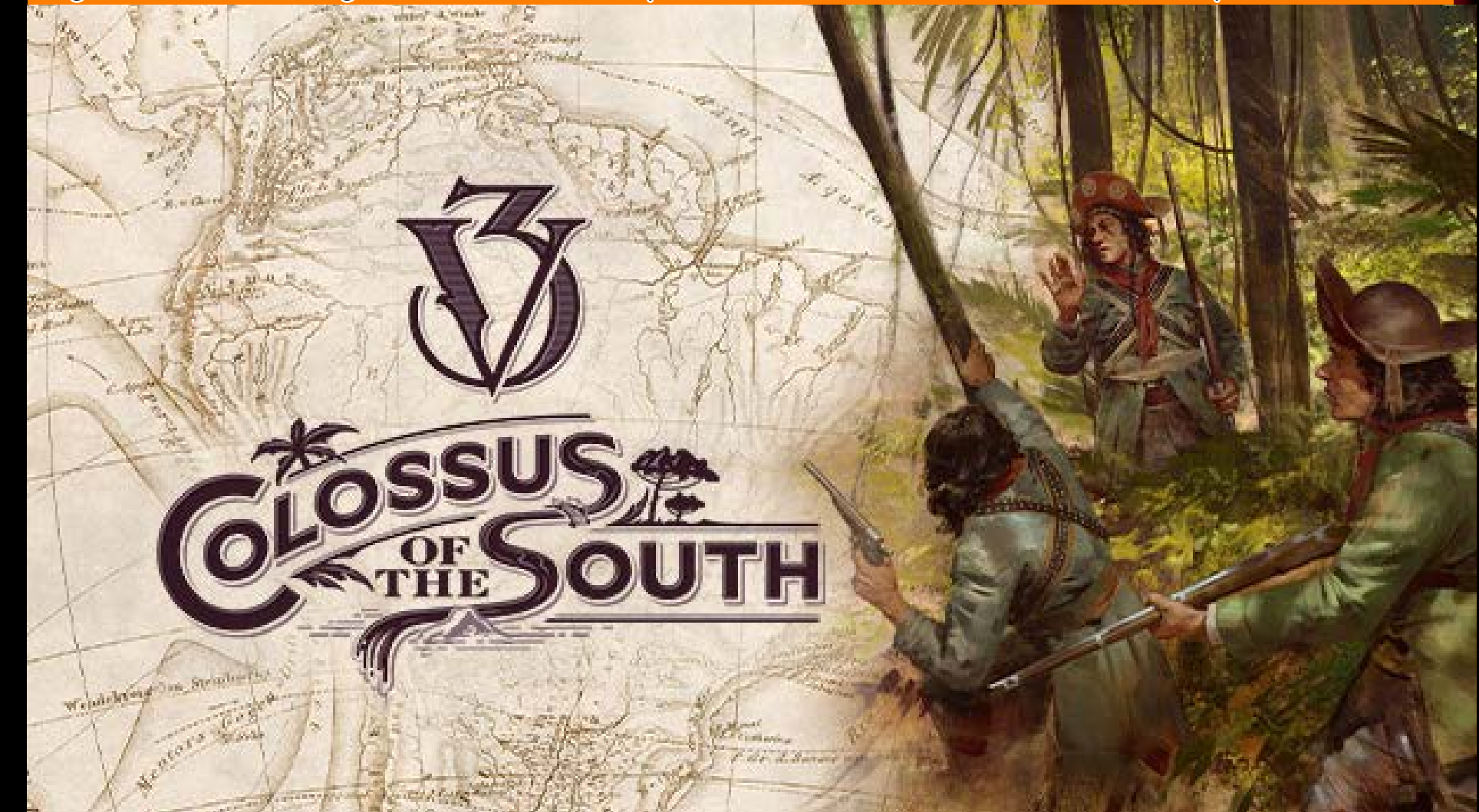
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community and it presents unique challenges and opportunities for a designer," says Martin Anward, game director for Victoria 3. "I am not sure anyone expected the series to still be a going concern 20 years on, but here we are, one year after the launch of Victoria 3, full of exciting ideas for the future."

Victoria 3: Colossus of the South includes content related to:

Reign of Pedro II: Historical actions highlighting the reforms and ambitions of Brazil's Emperor Pedro the Magnanimous, including the abolition of slavery and the modernization of Brazil's economy.



### Victoria 3 Celebrates 20 Years

The Victoria series is celebrating its 20th anniversary with a major update and a very colorful region pack for the latest game in Paradox's celebrated strategy and simulation of the exciting century around the Victorian Age. Today sees the launch of Colossus of the South, an add-on full of new flavor for South America, especially the dramatic course of Brazilian politics in the era.

This release is paired with the official launch of the 1.5 update to Victoria 3, a major update to many game systems including a rework of the military system, adding Companies to national economies, new Laws and new diplomatic relations.

"Even though it was something of a cult hit, Victoria has always had a special place in the heart of our com-

The Old Republic: The power of Brazilian landowners and the emergence of the Positivist revolution against the monarchy.

Populism: Challenges to the agrarian oligarchy in Brazil from anti-government bandits and the populist Integralist movement.

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Amazonian Riches: Exploit the riches of the Amazon while avoiding international conflict and national disorder.

New Historical Characters: Coup leader and general Deodora da Fonseca, populist dictator Getulio Vargas, and more.

More content for South America: New events and journal entries and flavor for many countries in the region!

**Goalgetter Out Now on Steam**

Independent development studio netmin games has announced that Goalgetter, a first-person football manager game, has released on Steam.

Goalgetter is a football career simulation game where players take on the role of a young, ambitious striker aspiring for success in prominent European leagues, aiming to secure a professional spot through rigorous training or by garnering support from fans and the coach.

The game provides vast gameplay, encompassing international championships, diverse match options, and the ability to replay historic World Cup tournaments, offering a comprehensive football experience.

Additionally, it features an authentic football experience through its impressive 3D graphics, interactive scenarios set in diverse locations, and engaging elements like Ailton's insights, detailed statistics, and humorous events.

**Features**

Simulate the entire career of your player from the first professional contract at the age of 17 to the end of the career.

Replay historical World Cup tournaments.

Enjoy over 1 hour of action-packed video material featuring former goal top scorer Ailton and other actors.

You can play for all national teams in the world and hundreds of clubs.

Includes all major leagues and cup competitions.

Action-packed football matches from a first-person perspective.

Many realistic and sometimes funny events.

Beautiful 3D graphics in realistic locations such as a stadium, training ground, office, casino, living room, etc.

Play with up to 4 players on one PC or via Steam Remote Play.

Full control over the game world. Edit players, teams, leagues, countries, and referees according to your needs!

Exchange your self-created editor- and community content with other players via the Steam Workshop.



**Pixel Cafe is now Open**

Pixel Cafe presents a unique fusion of gameplay styles, combining the elements of a visual novel with the dynamic challenges of arcade time management. Set in a pixel art environment, the game offers a nuanced approach to storytelling within the indie game space.

Pixel Cafe integrates time management with a visual novel format, challenging players to balance the operational aspects of running a cafe with story progression.

**Story and Setting**  
The game follows the protagonist, Pixel, a barista in a city marked by its contrasting past and future. Players navigate through Pixel's personal and professional life.

**Visual and Artistic Style**  
Employing pixel art graphics, the game appeals to retro gaming enthusiasts while maintaining a contemporary feel, making it relevant for today's gaming community.

**Character Dynamics**  
Featuring a range of characters, each with distinct personalities and backgrounds, the game emphasizes the importance of relationships and their impact on the story.



**Farmer's Dynasty 2 Announced**

Independent Polish developer Umeo Studios in partnership with games publisher Toplitz Productions proudly announce that Farmer's Dynasty 2, an open-world farming simulation, is coming to PC in 2024.

Nestled within picturesque mid-European landscapes, Farmer's Dynasty 2 transports players to a beautifully detailed open-world farming simulation complete with thrilling main campaign and an assortment of captivating side quests. Familiar to fans of the farming genre, Farmer's Dynasty 2 not only offers a nostalgic embrace of agricultural traditions but also offers a fresh take on the beloved farming experience.

In Farmer's Dynasty 2 players will fully embrace the world of agriculture as they build, farm, and immerse themselves in the essence of rural life. With a multitude of tasks to embark upon, they'll build their farming legacy to hand down to the next generation of family farmers as they cultivate their fields, care for livestock, maintain or expand their buildings and extend their land.

The diversity of both old and modern day machinery can be utilized from underpowered tractors to 400 bhp monsters. Players can select more tried and trusted traditional equipment to renovate and utilize, or they can embrace more modern and powerful machines to lighten the workload. Farmer's Dynasty 2 offers up a selection of plows, harvesters, balers, tractors, cultivators and more, inviting players to experience both traditional and contemporary farming means.

The hard work and investment of building your farming legacy not only rewards you with the financial gains from working the land, but also the social prestige in helping those around you. Lend a helping hand to your neighbors, repair and resurrect new life into old machines, toil in the fields, delve into forestry and woodworking, and restore dilapidated structures to earn respect within the community. Cultivate the land with crops including beets, potatoes, rye, wheat and more.

Farmer's Dynasty 2 doesn't stop at the techniques of farming alone; it represents a living, breathing world with comprehensive farm management mechanics where dynamic weather and seasonal cycles enrich your farming experience, deepening your connection with the virtual world.

**New Intel for Contra Operation Galuga**

Konami Digital Entertainment, Inc. (KONAMI) and WayForward have announced new details surrounding *Contra: Operation Galuga*, the hotly anticipated run-'n'-gun action game that is headed to Nintendo Switch, PlayStation 4, PlayStation 5, Xbox One, Xbox Series X|S, and PC via Steam in early 2024. This new information confirms that a robust playable character roster and thrilling narrative will augment the adrenaline-fueled, side-scrolling, action-packed gameplay that the *Contra* series has been known for since the 1980s.

Building upon the story and protagonists of the original arcade/NES *Contra* game, the mission in *Contra: Operation Galuga* kicks off following a meteor shower in the Galuga Archipelago and its subsequent invasion by the Red Falcon terrorist group. After other options fail, the Earth Marine Corps dispatches its most elite soldiers - Bill Rizer and Lance Bean of the *Contra* unit - to investigate and neutralize any potential threats. As the Story Mode unfolds, more than six hardcore heroes become playable, including:

- **Bill Rizer:** Field leader of the *Contra* unit, possessing exceptional physical strength, agility, and mental fortitude. Proficient in all manner of armaments and well-versed in military science.
- **Lance Bean:** An expert marksman adept with machinery. Was active as a guerrilla fighter before being recruited into the Earth Marine Corps by Bill Rizer.
- **Ariana:** A tremendously skilled warrior from the Galuga Archipelago. After her village was nearly wiped out by Red Falcon's attack, she wages a one-woman war against the enemy forces.
- **Lucia:** Deputy commander in the Earth Marine Corps and also a talented field operative. She is equally proficient at combat missions and covert intelligence.
- **Lt. Stanley Ironside:** A veteran who leads an armored platoon in the GX Army. He wears a powered Hercu-

les exosuit to supplement his already formidable combat skills.

- **Probotector:** Autonomous training robots used by the *Contra* Unit. Utilizing cutting-edge tech, they are every bit as capable in the field as their human counterparts.

In addition to the Story Mode and Arcade Mode, *Contra: Operation Galuga* will include a Challenge Mode, featuring 30 nail-biting missions to overcome. These include speedrunning through stages, fighting with limited ammo, surviving relentless enemy hordes, and more.

To help even the odds, players can also enhance their capabilities in the Perk Shop, where they can use in-game credits (no microtransactions) to upgrade character abilities, start stages with specific weapons, increase invulnerability after respawning, and gain other helpful bonuses. Up to two Perks can be equipped per player.



**Touch Detective 3 + The Complete Case Files Release Date**

Nicalis officially announces that *Touch Detective 3 + The Complete Case Files* will be released for Nintendo Switch on March 28, 2024. The collection will launch simultaneously as both a digital download and a physical game card.



A collection of charming and eccentric adventure games that originated on the Nintendo DS platform, the *Touch Detective* series follows the adventures of Mackenzie, a rookie detective who attempts to solve local mysteries with the help of Funghi (her mushroom assistant). *Touch Detective 3 + The Complete Case Files* includes all three mainline *Touch Detective* games, marking the first time that *Touch Detective 3* will be localized and officially released in English.

Nicalis also worked closely with Success and Beeworks (the game's Japanese publisher and developer) to update the localizations of *Touch Detective* and *Touch Detective 2½*, restoring some small details from the original Japanese text that were lost when the games were originally released in English-speaking territories on Nintendo DS. In some cases, these changes actually introduce subtle clues that are intended to aid in Mackenzie's investigations.

Also, since the original releases used a second screen to display Mackenzie's thoughts, these brief asides now appear as interludes superimposed over the main gameplay. This makes it easier to follow the story and ensures that players won't miss any of her often humorous inner monologue.

*Touch Detective 3 + The Complete Case Files* will be released for Nintendo Switch on March 28, 2024. The digital version (\$39.99) will be available for download from the Nintendo eShop, and the physical version is now available for preorder at [store.nicalis.com](http://store.nicalis.com) in two different packages: a standard version (\$49.99) and a special version that comes with a Funghi plush figure (\$59.99).

**eFootball 2024 version 3.2.0 Releases**

Konami Digital Entertainment, Inc. (KONAMI) announced the latest update (version 3.2.0) to eFootball™ 2024. With this update, there are improvements to the Co-op game mode as users can now play by themselves, joining strangers in match rooms and creating new bonds in their 3v3 matches. There will also be a daily mini-game at log-in which can see users winning some amazing prizes every day and every month!

Also, eFootball™ 2024 has established a set of new features to enhance the user experience and bring a new level of fun and excitement in their Dream Teams. The new 'My League' game mode will see users placed in leagues from around the world, playing a season against the other clubs within them controlled by the AI.

Alongside this announcement, KONAMI is delighted to confirm the new formatting to the eFootball™ Championship tournaments. 2024 will see two events being held: the eFootball™ Championship Open (in its usual

son teams to enjoy Co-op mode. They will also be able to interact in-game with the use of emojis to react to events in matches.

During the period of December 7th-21st, those who play in Co-op mode will be able to receive rewards including 4 x Skills Training Programmes to help develop their Dream Teams.

**My League**

My League is a new game mode for eFootball™ 2024. In it, users will play against the AI one season at a time using their Dream Team. Users may add players on loan from the team they selected in the league (e.g. AC Milan in the Italian League).

Throughout the season, users will see weather effects and various new cutscenes, including a special trophy celebration if they are able to top the table come the end!

This game mode can be played as many times as a user may want as well as being able to switch leagues once a season is completed.

**Log-in mini-games**



Every day, users can challenge themselves in easy mini-games, winning items that can help improve their Dream Teams or even gain them new players. If users are able to complete these mini-games for consecutive days in a month, they can earn rewards such as draws for powerful Epic players!

**New Skill types- "Blitz Curler" for "Show Time" card theme**

This update will also include a new Player Skill "Blitz Curler" is also added. Players in possession of this Player Skill are able launch a sharp controlled shot with vertical rotation. This Player Skill is triggered when attempting a Controlled Shot (the dominant foot) with a 50% or more Power Gauge input.

**"The Power of Many": Introducing a New Type of Booster**

Another exciting addition is the introduction of a new type of Booster that becomes more powerful according to the number

of players in your Game Plan that fulfil a specific condition. By registering in your Game Plan more players that fit the Activation Condition described in the Booster, the player in possession of the Booster himself will enjoy a better enhancement in his Abilities.

For example, if the Activation Condition is "J.League", the player in possession of the Booster will see a better increase in his Abilities the more "J.League" players are registered in the Game Plan.

From next week, S. Nakamura (EPIC) possessing this booster will appear!

E. Cantona will be appear as EPIC

Epic: English League Attackers: From December 18th to December 25th

- E. Cantona (Epic)
- D. Yorke
- R. Keane

format) and the newest format: 'eFootball™ Championship Club Event'.

Co-op Event Room

Co-op mode has now expanded to allow for users to enjoy solo or alongside their friends. They will be able to join with other solo players to create three-per-

eFootball™ Championship 2024 will see a new chapter

for the official esports tournaments for the eFootball™ series.

Whilst the eFootball™ Championship Open will remain the same, KONAMI can today confirm the announcement of a new type of tournament: eFootball™ Championship Club Event.

Club Events will see users from anywhere in the world compete in-game to become the top fan for each of the participating clubs. Firstly there will be online qualifiers for each region before all regional winners will congregate for a final to decide who will represent the club in the World Finals.

The first Club Event – 'eFootball™ Championship 2024 FC Barcelona' will begin on Monday, 11th December under the support of FC Barcelona. Throughout the tournament period there will be in-game rewards, such as special edition Big Time cards, as well as club merchandise up for grabs for eFootball™ and football fans to enjoy!

# We Would Play That!

# REVIEWS

There are all kinds of cool family friendly video game ideas out there. This column features ideas of video games we would play. We hope games like these are created in the near future. Can you make it happen?

Over the years there have been a few Christmas video games for families to enjoy. Many of them have been on the short side though. Very few have given the actual, true, real, and genuine meaning of Christmas either. We need some video games all about the birth of Jesus Christ. We also need some video games about the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. If you did not know that is the true, real, and genuine meaning of Easter.

This whole vein of thought could bring us to something else of interest in terms of video games we would play. What

about a whole series of video games devoted to the true, real, and genuine meaning of holidays? Maybe even have the final level or first level showing what it has become. It would make for some interesting video games. There are plenty of holidays that could be done as well. For example there is St. Patrick's Day, Labor Day, Fourth of July, Cinco de Mayo and more.

It would be great for gamers to learn about what the holidays actually mean. It would be great for gamers to play games that focused on the struggles others had back in the day. There could be such a comparison done in some of these games too. Imagine at one point seeing workers threatened to get beat up if they do not work for sub-par wages, and compare it to now where you are threatened with murder if you do not vote for Democrats. That kind of contrast showing how unions

have changed and left the workers would be great to see. Another example is how freedom turned into some people drinking too much and damaging their own bodies. We go from those sacrificing themselves for others and the greater good to self indulgent behavior that only harms those around them.

Are there holidays you would like to see video games made about? Could you think of some levels that would be interesting for video games that give a light education into the true origins and meanings of holidays? Maybe have a level in a Christmas game where some evil characters are telling you: "Happy Holidays," and your character pondering why they are trying to hide Christmas. There are so many opportunities for some great video games that would help make this world a better place as opposed to making it a worse one.

Welcome to our reviews section. We have a couple of rules when it comes to our reviews. The reviewer must give an honest accounting as to why he/she liked or disliked something. No fanboy reviews allowed here, or at the very least they are discouraged (after all everyone has their own personal biases, likes, and dislikes). Everyone also has different tolerances, and weaknesses - we strive to keep that in mind in our reviews. We have been burned ourselves by reviews saying a certain game is great, only to be greatly offended by that game. Reviewers must be kind in their reviews. A game may be horrible, but there is no need to degrade the developer, publisher, artists, etc. There is also no need for name calling.

We review video games on five separate criteria: graphics, sound, replay/extras, gameplay, and family friendly factor. Review scale can be found here. The editor in chief coordinates reviews to have as much cohesion as possible. We are very open about the way we review video games. Each section starts with a 75 score, and can earn or lose points based on the content of the game, using our grading scale (found on the website).

Parents, please do not take any of our reviews as gospel. Different people are offended by different things. We work hard here at Family Friendly Gaming to discern the good from the bad in the teachings of each different video game. What may seem harmless to our reviewer(s), could be a big deal to you. We encourage you to spend time with your children and investigate each video game yourself. Each review is written with you in mind, and we try to mention each problem we find. We are not perfect, and miss things from time to time - just as the ESRB does. The ESRB rating is merely a start, and since they ignore many of the moral and spiritual factors important to parents all across America, we do our small part to fill that huge void. We are a small ministry and your prayers are so very important to us.

Questions, suggestions, comments, or got a game you would like for us to review? Then please email us at: [Gamereviews@familyfriendlygaming.com](mailto:Gamereviews@familyfriendlygaming.com).

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## 1 Peter 1:13-17

13 Therefore, with minds that are alert and fully sober, set your hope on the grace to be brought to you when Jesus Christ is revealed at his coming. 14 As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance. 15 But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; 16 for it is written: "Be holy, because I am holy." 17 Since you call on a Father who judges each person's work impartially, live out your time as foreigners here in reverent fear.



## Sonic Superstars

SCORE: 66

I do not even know where to begin with Sonic Superstars. First and foremost I have been a fan of the Sonic video games for a very long time. I really liked Sonic Frontiers. There have been a few stinkers over the years but generally I enjoyed the Sonic the Hedgehog video games. Sonic Superstars is the exact opposite experience for me. I do not like Sonic Superstars. In fact I despise this video game. I am uninstalling Sonic Superstars and will only play it again if I am paid to do so.

The first thing about this game that confused me is there is one or two acts in each of the areas. Every so often we get a third level that is specialized. So we would play Amy or Knuckles for example. The jumping in Sonic Superstars is not precise and I would miss my marks quite often in Sonic Superstars. The bosses are at the end of almost every level. This got aggravating very fast because many of these bosses are a pain to beat. Lose and go back through five to ten min-

utes of the same thing again.

Graphically Sonic Superstars looks nice. There is a story related to Fang and some character trapped in a robot body. I did not really understand all of that. There are not many levels but they are on the longer side. The chaos emeralds are earned through mini levels where we swing from object to object trying to catch the chaos emerald before time runs out. They start easy and then get much more difficult.

Each chaos emerald in Sonic Superstars grants the player some new power that can only be used in certain areas and certain places in the levels. Again the controls were a bit of a pain here. We change into certain different things in specific areas of levels in Sonic Superstars. There is a new area called Golden Capital Zone in Sonic Superstars. This is similar to the Pinball Carnival Zone. By the way I have always hated the pinball levels.

Sonic Superstars feels more geared toward the hardcore gamers. If you die fifty times on the same boss you either give up or try again. Sonic Superstars does nothing to help frustrated and stuck gamers. I normally like to see all of a game. Sonic Superstars made me want to quit and never come back. Sega missed a real opportunity here. In Sonic Frontiers we can run around (even while fighting a boss) and make more rings for ourselves. Violence and gambling are the main issues with Sonic Superstars beyond its annoying difficulty.  
- Paul

System: Nintendo Switch/PC/PS4/PS5/Xbox One/Xbox Series X  
Publisher: Sega  
Developer: Sonic Team  
Rating: 'E' - SIX and OLDER ONLY  
{Mild Fantasy Violence}



Graphics: 70%  
Sound: 70%  
Replay/Extras: 70%  
Gameplay: 50%  
Family Friendly Factor: 70%

## Baby Shark Sing & Swim Party

SCORE: 68

Baby Shark Sing & Swim Party contains some real bummers in it. First off there are too many different versions of the baby shark song in Baby Shark Sing & Swim Party. For example we get baby shark 80s, disco, hard rock, heavy metal, opera, and more. Baby Shark Sing & Swim Party brags about thirty songs but there is little variety in them. Unless you want to count the knock off five monkeys jumping on the bed song.

Another real bummer in Baby Shark Sing & Swim Party is there are only two kinds of levels. The first one is a rhythm mini game where we press, tap, or hold the right buttons as the button hits a certain spot on the screen. The second kind of level is where we go around on a rails like level collecting cards, and stars. It is

possible to earn three stars in each of the sixty levels. Thirty of them are one way, and thirty of them are the other way.

Due to copyright claims we were not paid for our hard work of live streaming Baby Shark Sing & Swim Party. We had to pay for the game and then all of those audio copyright claims means we lost money playing Baby Shark Sing & Swim Party. Other video game companies make sure to include a streamer safe mode. They realize we will not want to play their games if they make us lose money after already treating us like slave labor.

Graphically Baby

Shark Sing & Swim Party looks below average and does not have a lot of animations. There are plenty of levels devoted to Halloween. Nothing for Christmas in Baby Shark Sing & Swim Party. There are ghosts, skeletons, witches and more within Baby Shark Sing & Swim Party. If you think Baby Shark Sing & Swim Party is just a cash grab I will not argue with you.

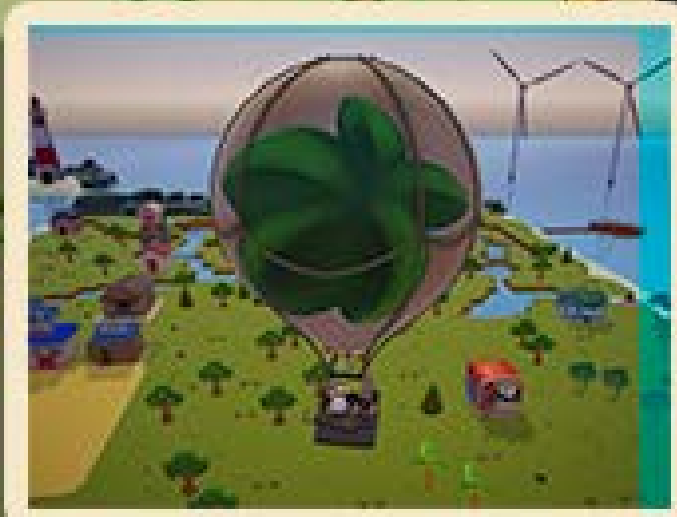
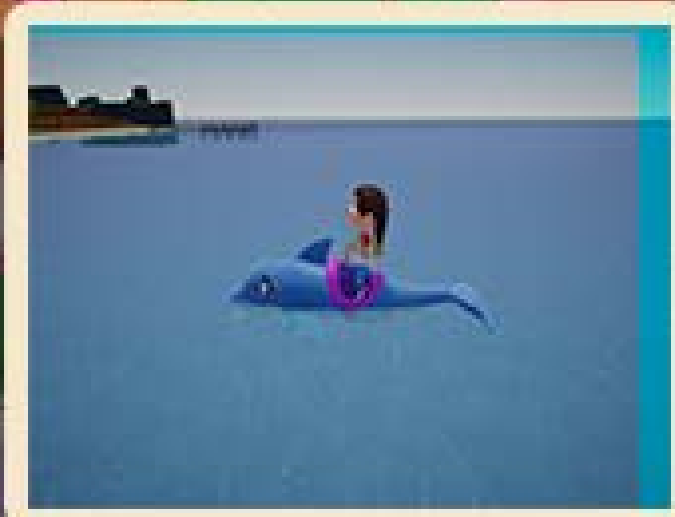
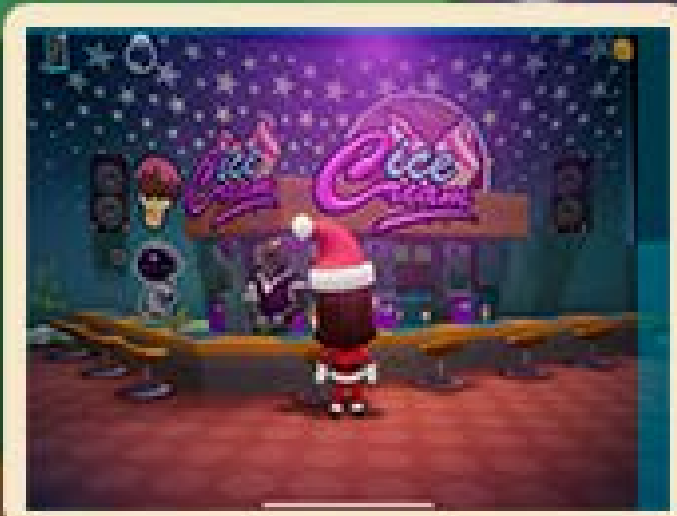
Baby Shark Sing & Swim Party is on the easy side. I was able to easily get three stars in all of the levels the first time I played them. Kids may find there are challenges in certain later levels of Baby Shark Sing & Swim Party. There are little scenes between levels explaining where the shark family is and where they are going. I wish Baby Shark Sing & Swim Party had more level diversity.  
- Paul

System: Nintendo Switch/PS4/Xbox One/Xbox Series X  
Publisher: Outright Games  
Developer: Reco Technology  
Rating: 'E' - Everyone SIX and OLDER ONLY



Graphics: 70%  
Sound: 70%  
Replay/Extras: 55%  
Gameplay: 75%  
Family Friendly Factor: 70%

# Isla Sinaloa



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Tour de France 2023



SCORE: 80

I have been playing the Tour de France video games for some time now. I do one live stream a year of these racing video games. Much of Tour de France 2023 is comfortable and feels like the previous years. There are a few nuances that I ran into while playing Tour de France 2023 though. I ran into problems making certain things work. I also cannot figure out how to pick up more water during the race.

Normally what happens to me in the Tour de France video games is I blow myself up too early and do not have enough energy to sprint toward the end. Tour de France 2023 was a little bit different. I did not blow myself up too early. In fact all these other racers went past me and I wound up finishing with all kinds of energy left over. The announcers are not always very helpful with that.

I feel like Tour de France 2023 is trying to teach us to stay with the herd. Although I wonder



what it would be like to get ahead early and then pace myself to the end. I wonder if that would result in a victory. Tour de France 2023 contains a variety of different updates to it. There is still only one racer model and two ladies that hand out the award. The dresses on those ladies change with each racer they award though.

We can race the twenty-one stages within the real race in Tour de France 2023. There is training within Tour de France 2023 if you want to learn how to play the game. I

found the controls continue to be annoying. It is also a pain to hold that trigger button just so to stay at one speed. I ran into issues getting the follow another racer to work. I ran into issues with the water. I really had to dig into the controls to figure out how to do some things.

The edges of the road contain invisible walls in Tour de France 2023. This year they stop us drastically and we get stuck. In past years we could use the walls to slow down. I am not a fan of that change because tapping the brakes almost completely stops us. I had to go overseas to get a physical copy of Tour de France 2023. I also had to deal with an audio copyright claim on my live stream. I feel like Tour de France 2023 should be better.  
- Paul



System: PC/PS5/Xbox Series X  
 Publisher: Nacon  
 Developer: Cyanide Studios  
 Rating: 'E' - Everyone SIX and OLDER ONLY



Graphics: 80%  
 Sound: 80%  
 Replay/Extras: 80%  
 Gameplay: 75%  
 Family Friendly Factor: 85%



# Just Dance 2024 Edition

SCORE: 70

I did not even bother contacting Ubisoft this year for a copy of Just Dance 2024 Edition. We spent the money on purchasing a copy on the Nintendo Switch. Since I know the phone controls are horrible on the PS5 and Xbox Series X I decided to go with the one that controlled the best - which happens to be the Nintendo Switch. How is it the least advanced device has the best controls? This is where Just Dance is as a franchise after dropping Kinect support.

The lamest part about Just Dance 2024 Edition is there is no physical copy of the game. You can buy a case and you will get a digital download code. This is the same for Nintendo Switch, PS5, and Xbox Series X. On top of that you must connect to Ubisoft servers to play Just Dance 2024 Edition. Lag is probably why some of the dances do not register moves properly. One day songs would register moves better than other days. Doing the opposite moves with a second Joycon also scores higher

System: Nintendo Switch/PS5/Xbox Series X  
Publisher: Ubisoft  
Developer: Ubisoft Paris, Ubisoft Bucharest, Ubisoft Mumbai, Ubisoft Pune, Ubisoft Shanghai, Ubisoft Kyiv  
Rating: 'E' - SIX and OLDER ONLY [Mild Lyrics]



sometimes.

If you want to pay for Just Dance+ on a monthly basis then you can get access to three hundred songs. Or you could just play the older versions of the game. Just Dance 2024 Edition started with forty songs and keeps adding. In fact as I was recording each different dance more and more songs were being added. Just Dance 2024 Edition is pretty KPOP heavy too. I did not find any songs I want to purchase. There is no kids section in Just



There are plenty of avatars, borders, and more to unlock if you care about those things. - Paul



TITÍ ME PREGUNTO  
BAD BUNNY

HOW YOU LIKE THAT  
BLACKPINK

Dance 2024 Edition either.

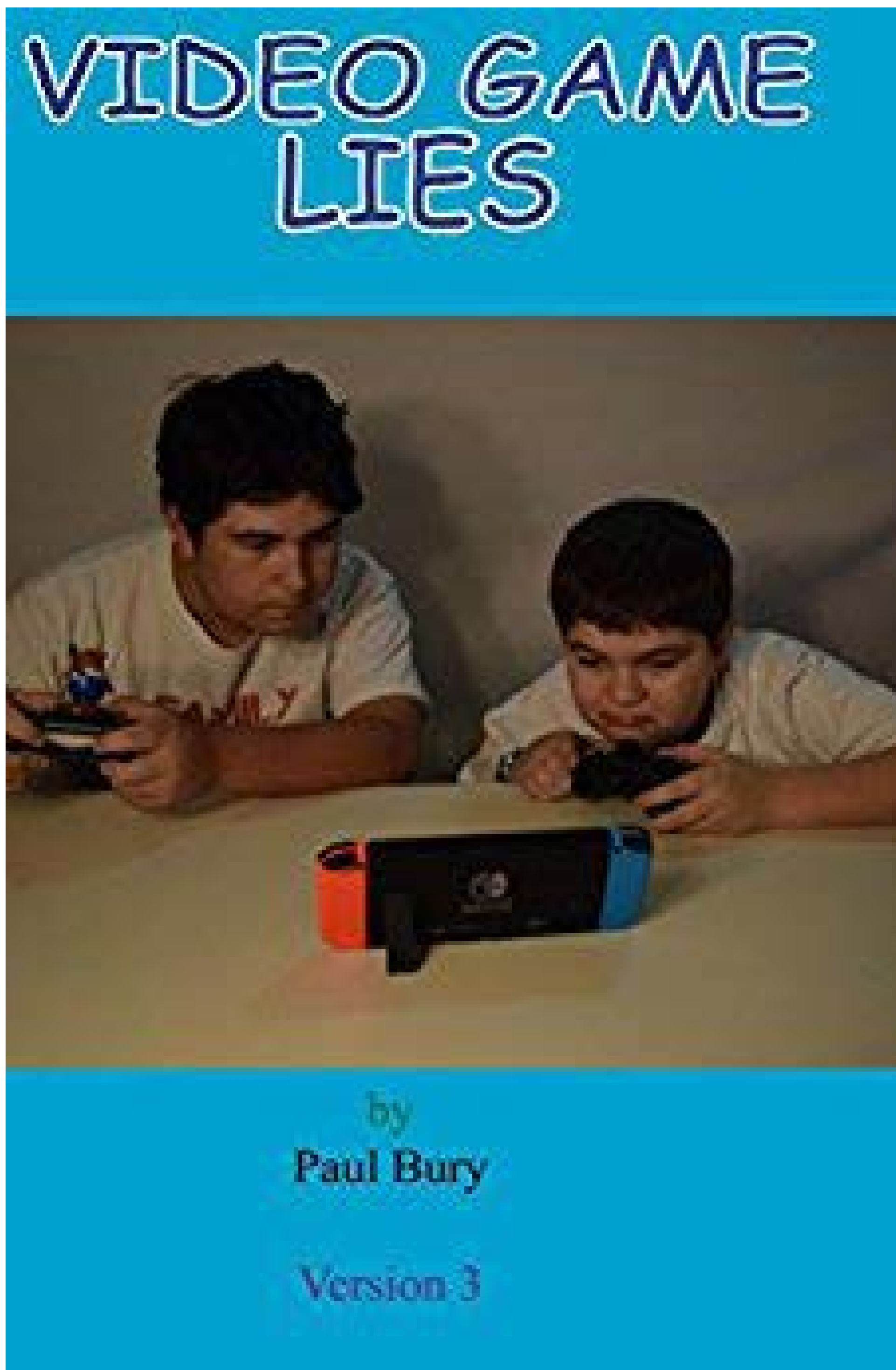
The controls in Just Dance 2024 Edition give me all kinds of fits. If players do the moves just like the screen it will not always register right. I found some adjustments that would make the controls register better in scoring at times. Other songs refused to work for me. This is very frustrating when you do the right moves and the game does not score it right. Just Dance 2024 Edition does feel a bit better than Just Dance 2023 to me. I feel like it is going in the right direction.

There are some freaky dancers in Just Dance 2024 Edition. Obviously some people who need some serious therapy to be able to lead normal lives. Just Dance 2024 Edition celebrates those people and does not encourage them to get the help they need. Multiple family members can get some exercise thanks to Just Dance

2024 Edition. There are plenty of avatars, borders, and more to unlock if you care about those things. - Paul

AND MORE!

Graphics: 70%  
Sound: 60%  
Replay/Extras: 85%  
Gameplay: 70%  
Family Friendly Factor: 65%



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# Harvest Moon The Winds of Anthos

SCORE: 67

A big shout-out and thank you to everyone who participated in the viral live streams of Harvest Moon The Winds of Anthos. I purchased a copy of this farming video game on the Xbox Series X. Harvest Moon The Winds of Anthos is one of the largest Harvest Moon video games I have ever played. There is a bit of a problem with that though. There will be spoilers in this review of Harvest Moon The Winds of Anthos.

The storyline revolves around a volcano going off many years back and this false goddess using almost all of her power to save the towns from the volcano. There are these sprites that were turned into walls in Harvest Moon The Winds of Anthos. They saved the towns from the lava. The player must fix up the towns, and do chores for the villagers to return the sprites to normal. This will also save the false goddess from her weakened state. Not much of a goddess if she is so weak.

We find little sprites all around in Harvest Moon The Winds

of Anthos. They will give us seeds. If you want to farm you will need to seek them out. We can also fish, and repair things like bridges in Harvest Moon The Winds of Anthos. At one point we get to move our farm to other areas so we do not spend all day running around this world. The world in Harvest Moon The Winds of Anthos has a decent size. The time flows too fast in my opinion. If you stay out all night you will keep losing stamina until you sleep until the next day. This can wreck havoc on your crops.

Harvest Moon The Winds of Anthos looks okay, and there are some interesting weather elements that happen. Like it may be raining in one area and not another one. Rain helps with the crops. Red sprites are easy to approach. Players must sneak up on blue sprites. The golden or yellow sprites give us a fruit that can increase our stamina if given to the false goddess. Mining is fun but a bit obnoxious at the same time. Falling rocks, and the radar caused me issues early on.

The teleportation statues are very important in Harvest Moon The Winds of Anthos. We get to save time thanks to them. You will need to activate one first to be able to use it in the future. Plenty of quests to perform within Harvest Moon The Winds of Anthos. Animals are present in Harvest Moon The Winds of Anthos as well. Harvest Moon The Winds of

Anthos starts really slow. Once you can move the farm Harvest Moon The Winds of Anthos is a bit better.  
- Paul

Publisher: Natsume  
Developer: Natsume  
System: Nintendo Switch/PC/PS4/PS5/Xbox One/Xbox Series X  
Rating: 'E' - Everyone SIX and OLDER ONLY



Graphics: 70%  
Sound: 70%  
Replay/Extras: 80%  
Gameplay: 65%  
Family Friendly Factor: 50%

# Edens Zero #5

SCORE: 60

I just finished reading the Edens Zero #5 manga book. Most of Edens Zero #5 was pretty predictable. I guess I have watched and read enough of the Japanese entertainment to know what direction they will take. Plus many themes we know from Fairy Tail can be found in Edens Zero. The recycling of characters and content is a bit on the lame side still. Especially characters like Happy. There will be spoilers in this review.

As expected Hermit leaves the digital world. She goes into a room and sulks. Hermit does not want to help humans. We do find out why in Edens Zero #5. Many years ago Hermit helped a human scientist exterminate a lot of the robots. Hermit thought she was going to be helping them. She was lied to. Hermit was then imprisoned and subjected to experiments by this doctor. Eventually she was freed from

captivity. That is why she does not trust humans.

As expected Shiki talks Hermit into saving all of them when the hacker from the digital world attacks their ship. Hermit wants them to just evacuate at first. Shiki helps her change her mind and they

can now be friends. I expect Hermit will need to adjust to life with humans again. Her smile is what impresses others about her. It was neat to find out Hermit's back story in Edens Zero #5.

We meet a new character in Edens Zero #5 as well. It turns out there were two Homuras at one point. One of them is an imposter. Amira is the imposter that is a member of the G.I.A. The Galactic Intelligence Agency. This charac-

ter was trying to be a mole into a criminal empire. Shiki and his crew mess up those plans pretty badly. I am sure we will run into that character again in the future. It also looks like Shiki and his crew are going to be going after the same criminal empire at some point in the near future.

The issues families can have with Edens Zero #5 are

violence, lack of attire, enticement to lust, lying, false gods, bigotry and more. Edens Zero #5 lays down a good foundation of robots being oppressed and mistreated by humans. Androids are considered a lower class by some in Edens Zero #5. How will that manifest in the future? Shiki does not care if you are human or an android. Shiki cares about the hearts of others. I personally care more about someone's deeds over their words. Anyone can say anything. Do you follow through with what you say? Are your actions in alignment with how God educated us to live? Or do you choose the path of rebellion?  
- Paul



System: Manga  
Publisher: Viz Media  
Author: Yuki Tabata  
Rating: 'T' for THIRTEEN and OLDER ONLY {Fantasy Violence}

Graphics: 57%  
Writing: 62%  
Replay/Extras: 60%  
Story: 63%  
Family Friendly Factor: 58%

# The Expanse Season Five

SCORE: 50

I looked everywhere for a physical copy of The Expanse Season Five and could not find a legitimate one. So I had to watch this show on Amazon Prime instead of actually using a physical copy. That is a major downer, and really lame Amazon. There will be spoilers in this review. Ten episodes make up The Expanse Season Five. They are in the forty minute to one hour range. It is a really strange season that loses a lot of the direction from the past seasons.

The Ring and other planets are barely touched upon in The Expanse Season Five. Marco works with the Martians to get a lot of their ships for the belt. Marco calls them the free navy. Marco steals the proto molecule from Fred Johnson and gives it to the Martians. They are using it on another planet to turn things on. Alex dies in The Expanse Season Five. I did some research and found the actor was accused of misconduct and so he was not allowed to work again while there was an investigation. I am so sick and tired of these

haters trying to destroy someone.

The issues families will have with The Expanse Season Five are bad language, violence, blood, nudity, sexual deviancy, and more. Naomi goes to great lengths to get back to her crew in The Expanse Season Five. She is thought dead in The Expanse Season Five at one point. Amos frees a prisoner and gets her off planet in The Expanse Season Five. We learn a bit more about Amos in The Expanse Season Five as well.

Like his real name is Timmy. Baltimore sounds horrible in The Expanse Season Five.

There are some interesting space battles and allegiances decided in The Expanse Season Five. Marco is trying to unify the factions with threats in The Expanse Season Five. I do not expect that fear will hold them together for long in the next season. Drummer already broke ranks and saved Holden. Major characters die off in The Expanse Season Five. Earth is attacked with meteorites in The Expanse Season Five. Some stealth technology is put on the rocks before they are hurled at the planet.

Civilization breaks down on Earth after the meteorites hit the planet. Chrisjen Avasarala starts The Expanse Season Five in a lowly position and winds up rising back to power. The funny thing is she does not

even seek it. She works with Bobbie to unearth another great conspiracy. The one that involved Marco and Mars working together to attack Earth. Tribes are a big theme in this show.  
- Paul



System: Amazon Prime  
Publisher: Amazon  
Developer: Amazon Studios  
Rating: '16+' for SIXTEEN and OLDER ONLY {violence, alcohol, foul language}



Graphics: 40%  
Sound: 40%  
Replay: 60%  
Story: 60%  
Family Friendly Factor: 50%

# Christmas Town

SCORE: 95



I made a conscious effort on Black Friday 2023 to try and find some good, wholesome, uplifting, helpful, genuine, real, true, and wonderful entertainment to review. Part of that is to have products for the Christmas Buying Guide in 2024. Another part is it can get draining to see all the garbage and report on it. From time to time I want to see something uplifting. There will be spoilers in this review of Christmas Town.

Yolanda picked Christmas Town for one of the movie nights we had recently. Christmas Town stars Candace Cameron Bure, and Tim Rozon. The first thing about Christmas Town that stuck out to me is how friendly, nice, and helpful the people are in this movie. I come from a small town, and have been to other small

towns. I never saw people like the ones in Christmas Town. I think this is how Hallmark Channel wants the world to be. To be blunt it is a very nice place.

Candace Cameron Bure plays Lauren Gabriel in Christmas Town. Tom Rozon plays Travis Mabry in Christmas Town. These two are the characters with a love interest in Christmas Town. They do kiss at the end of the movie. Lauren is on her way to another city to become a full time teacher. She leaves behind Boston,

her job, and her boyfriend. Lauren wants to start a family and her boyfriend is not into that. So she leaves him a letter.

By the way Christmas Town was released in 2019 in case you were curious. Lauren winds up helping in Grandon Falls and gets

involved with the people and the town. She winds up working at this local bakery, and eventually getting a teaching job. Lauren adopts a boy because she was in the foster care system and knows what it feels like to never get adopted. Her boyfriend shows up and they wind up breaking up for good.

Lauren finds out here father came to this town a few times before he died. He also bought this angel there. Travis happens to have this angel so it was fate they got together and put the angel back together. Christmas Town is extremely clean. Christmas Town has the predictable chick flick plot that I was able to call out way before anything got there. I wanted Lauren to get to her final destination but she is happy helping in that town.  
- Paul



System: DVD  
Publisher: Hallmark Channel  
Developer: Lighthouse Pictures  
Rating: 'NR' - Not Rated



Video: 90%  
Audio: 100%  
Replay: 90%  
Functionality: 95%  
Family Friendly Factor: 100%



## Toaplan Arcade 2

SCORE: 62

The ninth arcade cartridge compilation on the Evercade systems is Toaplan Arcade 2. There are seven video games on this cartridge. The seven games are Wardner, Twin Cobra, Rally Bike, Hellfire, Twin Hawk, Demon's World, and Fire Shark. There are four shooters, two platformers, and one sports video game. Again Toaplan is really heavy on the shooters. Four of the games can be played really well in Tate mode.

Rally Bike is the standout game in Toaplan Arcade 2 for me. We race through different environments in Rally Bike. I learned to take it a bit slow at times to make it through the obstacles. I also learned to find gas before I ran out. The timer was the next concern. Still I had fun playing Rally Bike.

Most of the shooters in Toaplan Arcade 2 allow players to add continues with the select button and power their way through the levels. I pre-

fer games that let me continue over and over again personally. I am not a fan of arcade games that require the player to completely replay the game or the level with a continue. The shooters are definitely challenging in Toaplan Arcade 2.

There is plenty of violent content within the games on the Toaplan Arcade 2 cartridge. Demon's World did not impress me. Plus we are on one level and could not jump up to the next level.

Plenty of power ups are above and beyond our reach. I just don't get the point of that. Then I went to the directions and found out there is a double jump. Sometimes I miss things when I live stream these video games. We kill a lot of horror enemies in Demon's

### FIRE SHARK

System: Evercade  
Publisher: Blaze Entertainment  
Developer: Toaplan  
Rating: 'NR' - Not Rated



World as well.

Wardner is a bit on the challenging side. Even though Wardner is an action adventure platformer it also has some role playing elements in it. If I had all of the time in the world I would play all the way through Wardner from start to finish. It is the kind of a video game I used to enjoy when I was younger. There are tricks in Wardner too. Like we go and save a princess only to find out she is a monster in disguise. Wardner also only gives the player one hit which pretty lame in my opinion.

A lot of the music in Toaplan Arcade 2 is fun to listen to. I found myself a bit more aggressive after playing the video games included on the Toaplan Arcade 2 cartridge. As a historical gamer I enjoyed getting to learn about the games on this cartridge. Before Evercade I did not recall much of Toaplan. I may have seen some of their shooters back in the day. Too many of the shooters felt the same over the years though. I had some fun playing the games on Toaplan Arcade 2. There are better compilations though. - Paul

Graphics: 60%  
Sound: 70%  
Replay/Extras: 60%  
Gameplay: 60%  
Family Friendly Factor: 60%



## Piko Interactive Collection 3

SCORE: 65

I am very thankful I had enough money to purchase a copy of the Piko Interactive Collection 3. There are ten games on this collection. The ten games on Piko Interactive Collection 3 are 40 Winks, Radikal Bikers, Sword of Sodan, Zero Tolerance, Super Bubble Pop, Motor City Patrol, Stanley The Search for Dr. Livingstone, Metal Mech Man and Machine, Legend of Wukong, and Punch King. Some of these games were never finished back in the day. So it is neat to be able to see them now.

The issues families can have with Piko Interactive Collection 3 are violence, blood, lack of attire, enticement to lust, false gods, magic, witches, and more. Piko Interactive Collection 3 contains one platformer, one first person shooter, one RPG, one Action Adventure, one Puzzle, one Action, one



System: Evercade  
Publisher: Blaze Entertainment  
Developer: Piko Interactive  
Rating: 'NR' - Not Rated



Racing, one Driving, one Boxing, and one Beat 'Em. So there is a nice mix of different genres within Piko Interactive Collection 3.

The games on the Piko Interactive Collection 3 range from 8-bit to 32-bit. Yes there are some 16-bit games on this cartridge. Some games like Punch King feel like cheap rip offs of better known franchises. I really like Super Bubble Pop and Radikal Bikers. The Dr. Livingstone game is an interesting idea. Certain games like Motor City Patrol are not very intuitive. The same goes for Metal Mech

Man and getting out of the mech. The Legend of Wukong is a great example of an older RPG where you can randomly get really tough enemies that will kill you out of the blue. Then back to the last save.

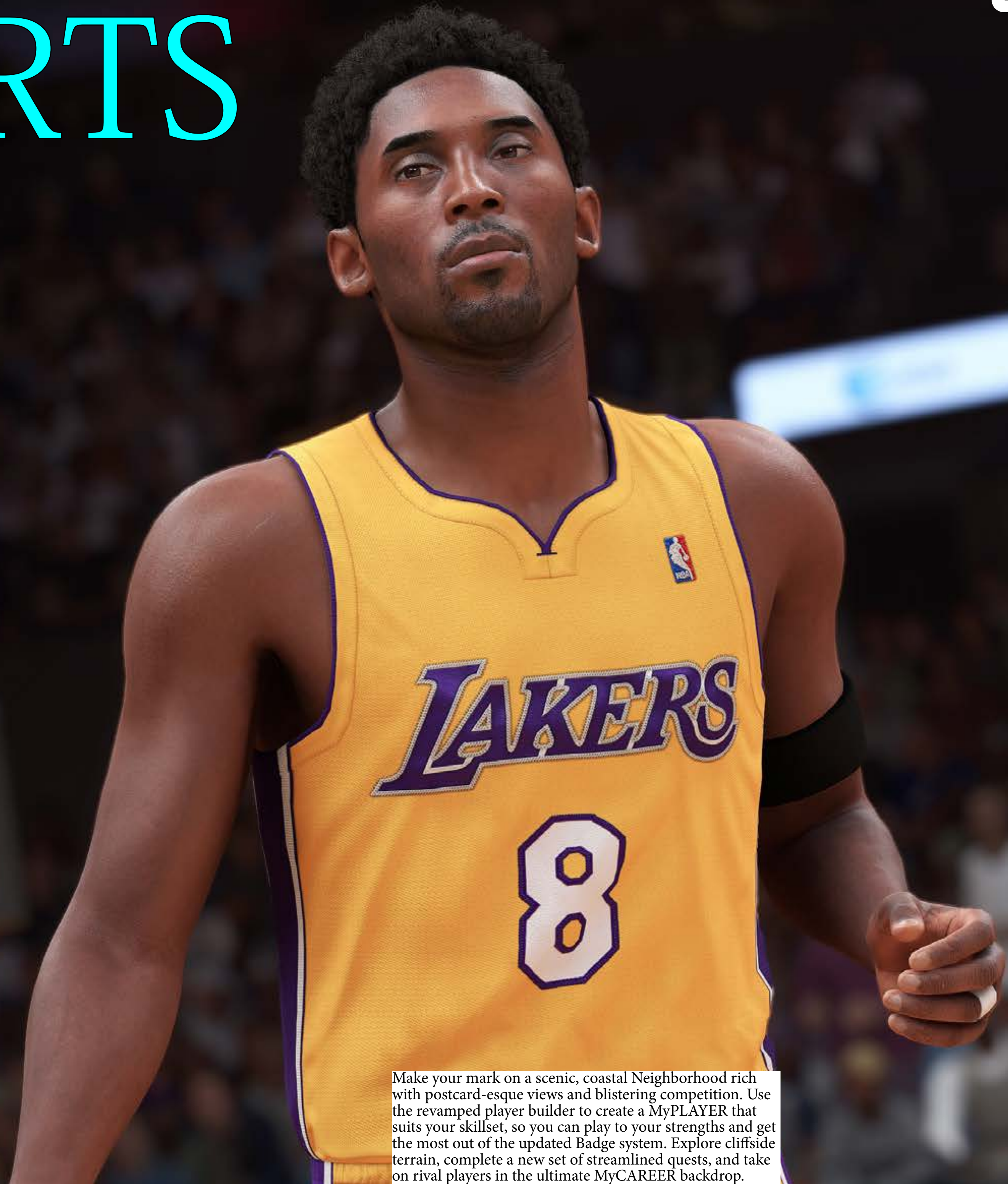
So save early and often in that game.

I remember a few of these games from back in the day like Zero Tolerance and 40 Winks. The platformer nature of 40 Winks is fun. I am not into first person shooters personally. Sword of Sodan seems small and another one that was probably a rip off of other better games. There are ten games for the price of twenty dollars so that is pretty good in my book.

Blaze Entertainment really likes Piko Interactive since this is their third collection. I like getting play games that were never released, and finding some interesting gems. Piko Interactive Collection 3 has a couple of games that I feel make it worth the price of admission. - Paul

Graphics: 55%  
Sound: 62%  
Replay/Extras: 80%  
Gameplay: 75%  
Family Friendly Factor: 55%

# 2K24 SPORTS



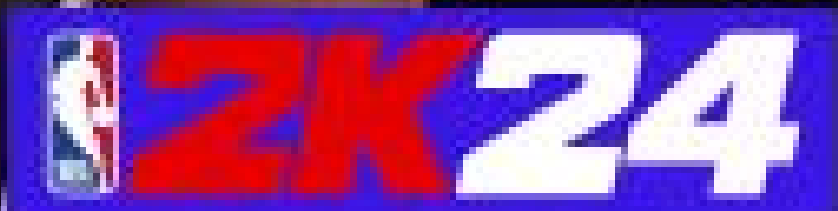
System: PC/PS4/PS5/Xbox One/Xbox Series X  
Publisher: 2K Sports  
Developer: Visual Concepts  
Rating: 'E' - SIX and OLDER ONLY  
Date: Out Now

Make your mark on a scenic, coastal Neighborhood rich with postcard-esque views and blistering competition. Use the revamped player builder to create a MyPLAYER that suits your skillset, so you can play to your strengths and get the most out of the updated Badge system. Explore cliffside terrain, complete a new set of streamlined quests, and take on rival players in the ultimate MyCAREER backdrop.



System: PC/PS4/PS5/Xbox One/Xbox Series X  
Publisher: 2K Sports  
Developer: Visual Concepts  
Rating: 'E' - SIX and OLDER ONLY  
Date: Out Now

The classic card-collecting mode is back and loaded with endless hours of customizable fun. Draw from the past and present using today's All-Stars and all-time legends to form a squad capable of dominating single player and multi-player modes. MyTEAM features a collection of innovative improvements, including an all-new salary cap mode, while maintaining its signature competitive feel.





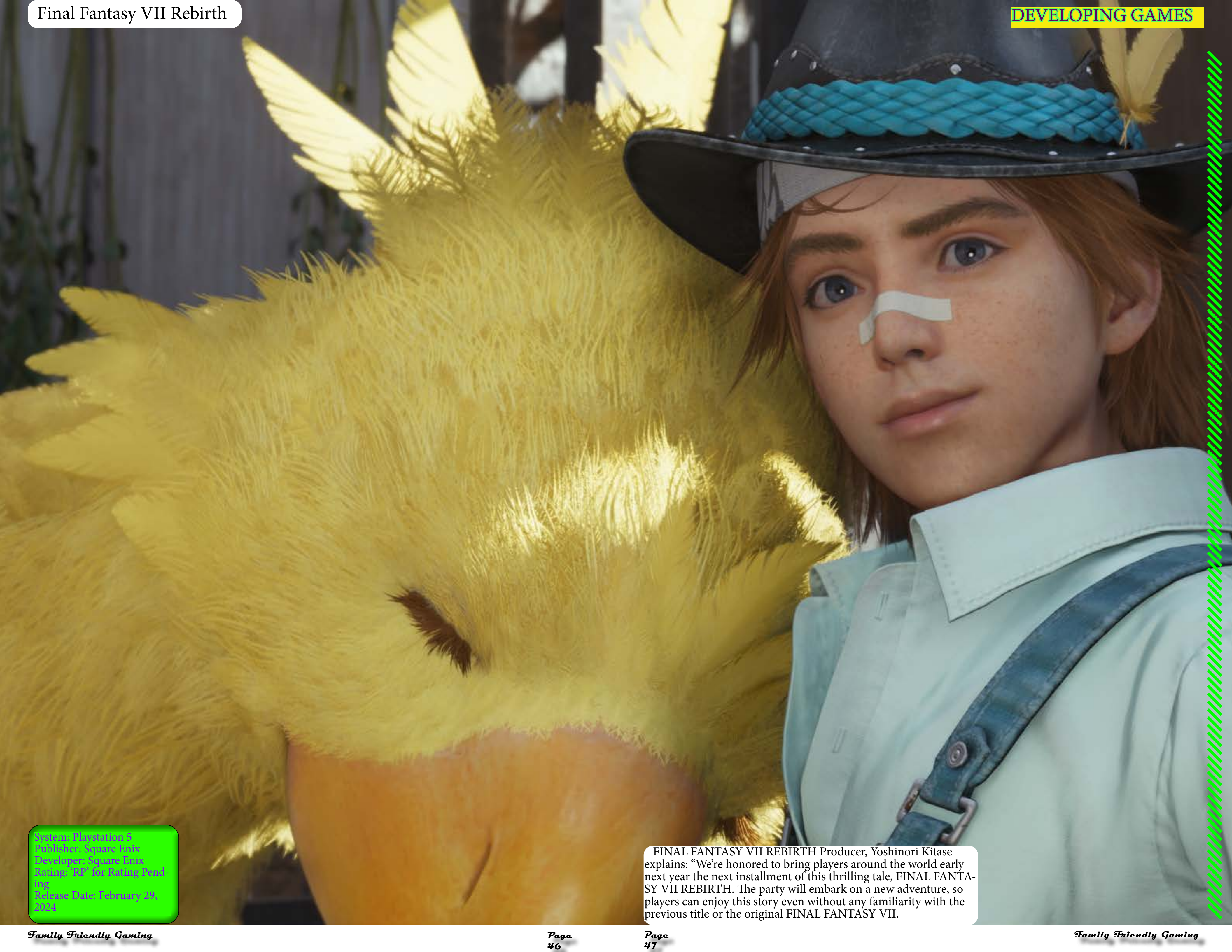
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System: Playstation 5  
Publisher: Square Enix  
Developer: Square Enix  
Rating: "RP" for Rating Pending  
Release Date: February 29, 2024

FINAL FANTASY VII REBIRTH is the second game in the FINAL FANTASY VII remake project. It's a completely standalone game that takes Cloud, Tifa, Barret and Aerith out of Midgar and into the wider world. The team embarks on a globe-spanning adventure in pursuit of Sephiroth - a vengeful swordsman long thought to be dead.



System: Playstation 5  
Publisher: Square Enix  
Developer: Square Enix  
Rating: "RP" for Rating Pending  
Release Date: February 29, 2024

FINAL FANTASY VII REBIRTH Producer, Yoshinori Kitase explains: "We're honored to bring players around the world early next year the next installment of this thrilling tale, FINAL FANTASY VII REBIRTH. The party will embark on a new adventure, so players can enjoy this story even without any familiarity with the previous title or the original FINAL FANTASY VII.





System: Playstation 5  
 Publisher: Square Enix  
 Developer: Square Enix  
 Rating: "RP" for Rating Pending  
 Release Date: February 29, 2024

In this standalone adventure, players will explore an expansive world, all brought to life with a new level of graphical fidelity, developed specifically to leverage the power of the PS5 console. As players unravel a gripping narrative rich with mysteries to uncover, they will also witness the personal journey of each party member and strengthen their bonds to work together and face off against powerful enemies.



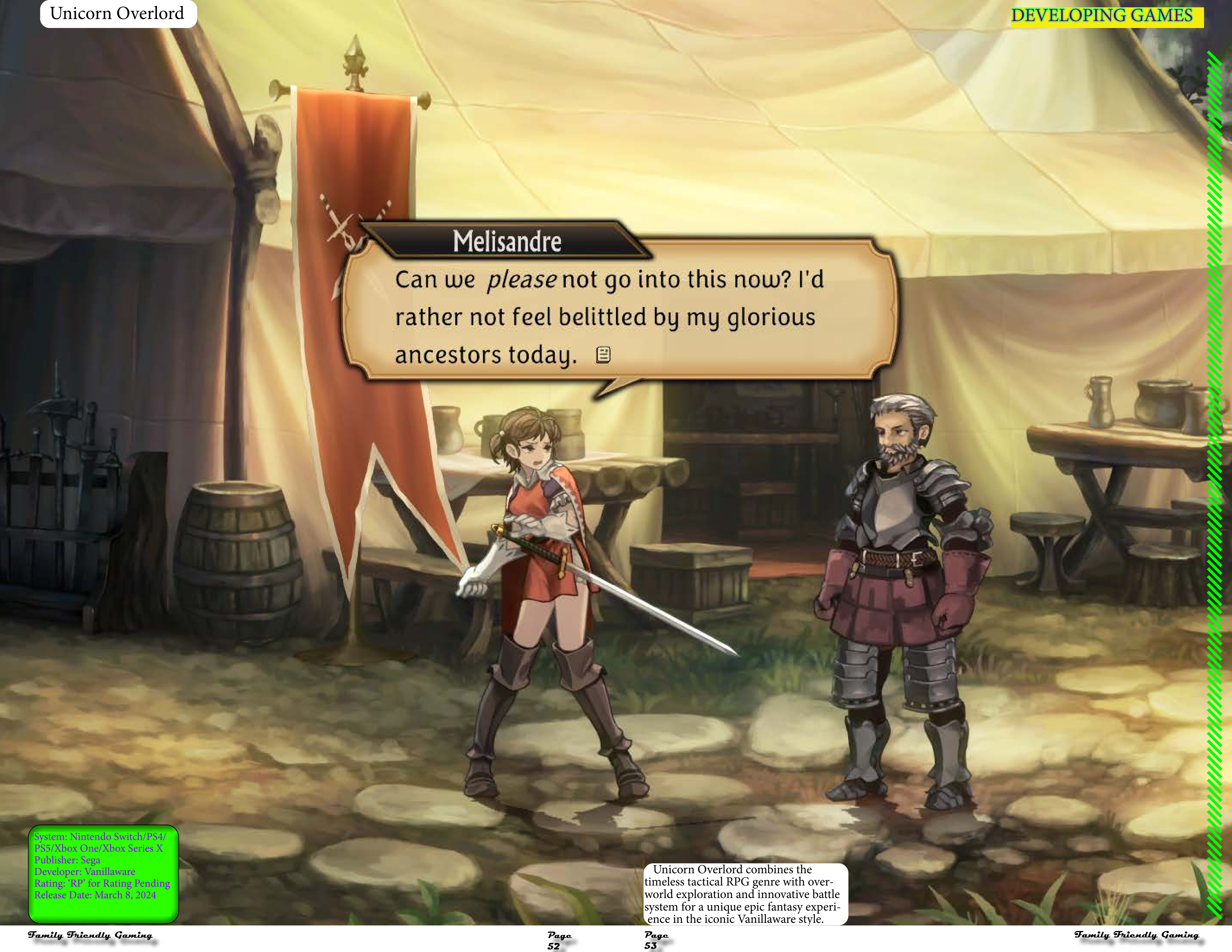
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Hit Rate  
97%  
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Assaulting Lance

System: Nintendo Switch/PS4/  
PS5/Xbox One/Xbox Series X  
Publisher: Sega  
Developer: Vanillaware  
Rating: 'RP' for Rating Pending  
Release Date: March 8, 2024

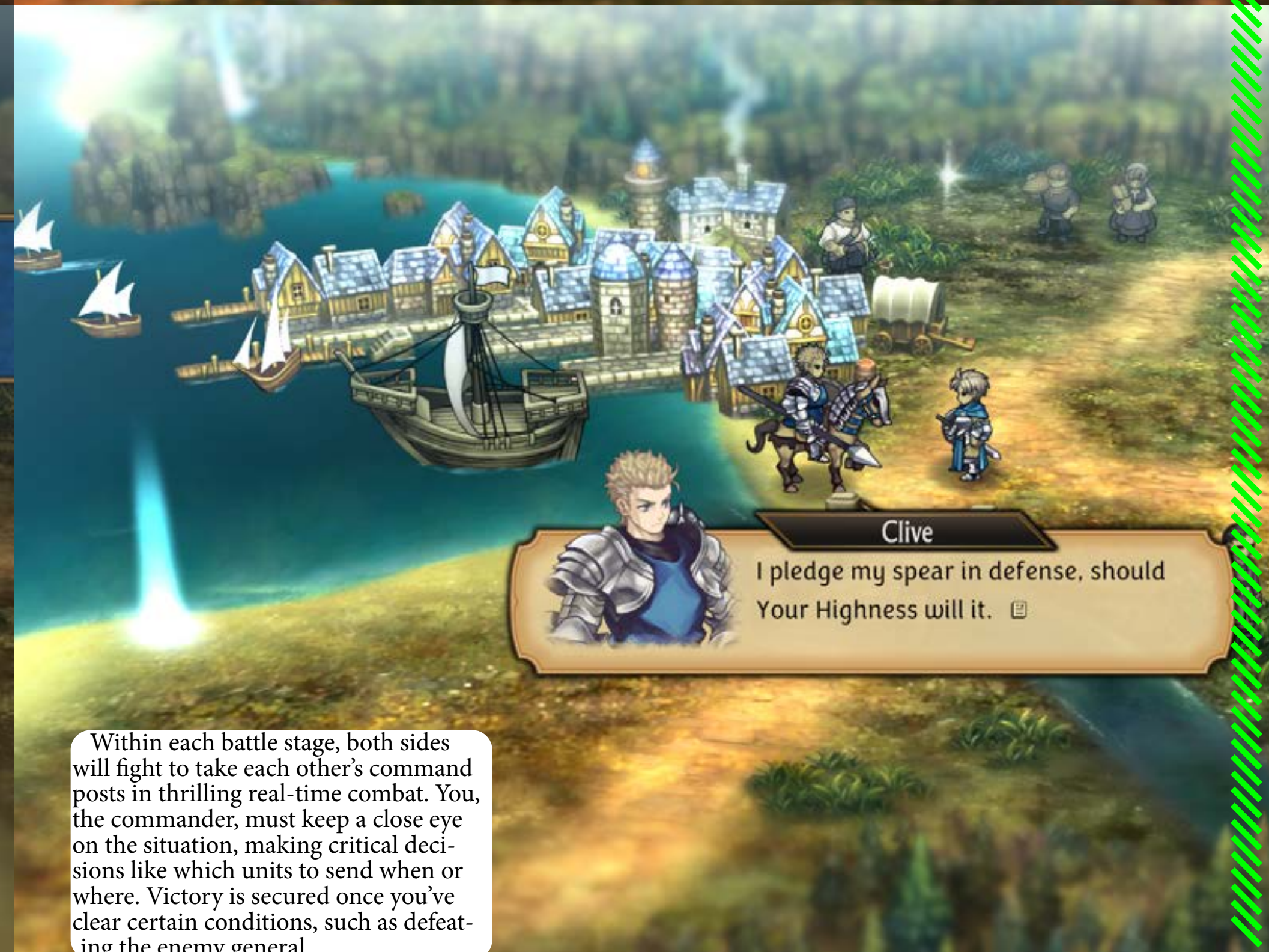
From the masterminds that brought 13 Sentinels: Aegis Rim and Odin Sphere, ATLUS x Vanillaware presents the rebirth of tactical fantasy RPG. Fight against fate and embark on a royal adventure to regain your reign alongside trustworthy allies.



**Melisandre**  
 Can we *please* not go into this now? I'd rather not feel belittled by my glorious ancestors today. 📄

System: Nintendo Switch/PS4/PS5/Xbox One/Xbox Series X  
 Publisher: Sega  
 Developer: Vanillaware  
 Rating: 'RP' for Rating Pending  
 Release Date: March 8, 2024

Unicorn Overlord combines the timeless tactical RPG genre with overworld exploration and innovative battle system for a unique epic fantasy experience in the iconic Vanillaware style.



System: Nintendo Switch/PS4/PS5/Xbox One/Xbox Series X  
 Publisher: Sega  
 Developer: Vanillaware  
 Rating: 'RP' for Rating Pending  
 Release Date: March 8, 2024

Within each battle stage, both sides will fight to take each other's command posts in thrilling real-time combat. You, the commander, must keep a close eye on the situation, making critical decisions like which units to send when or where. Victory is secured once you've clear certain conditions, such as defeating the enemy general.



System: Nintendo Switch/  
PS5  
Publisher: GS2 Games  
Developer: Hoplite Research  
Games  
Rating: 'RP' - Rating Pending  
Release Date: March 7, 2024

Turn-based strategy gameplay compels players through dramatic missions in the Middle Ages as they take command of one of five different armies: the English, the French, the Spanish, the Poles or the Hapsburgs, and see their troops fight boldly in full 3D battle action! Lead various units into battle, including archers, winged hussars, knights, longbowmen, pikemen, and catapults, with special units depending on nationality.



# Catapult

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System: Nintendo Switch/  
PS5  
Publisher: GS2 Games  
Developer: Hoplite Research  
Games  
Rating: 'RP' - Rating Pending  
Release Date: March 7, 2024

Special units feature historical figures such as Henry III, Joan of Arc, Wladylaw I of Poland, Peter of Castile and others who bestow special 'hero' powers and can affect the entire battlefield with a strategic advantage.



System: Nintendo Switch/  
PS5  
Publisher: GS2 Games  
Developer: Hoplite Research  
Games  
Rating: 'RP' - Rating Pending  
Release Date: March 7, 2024



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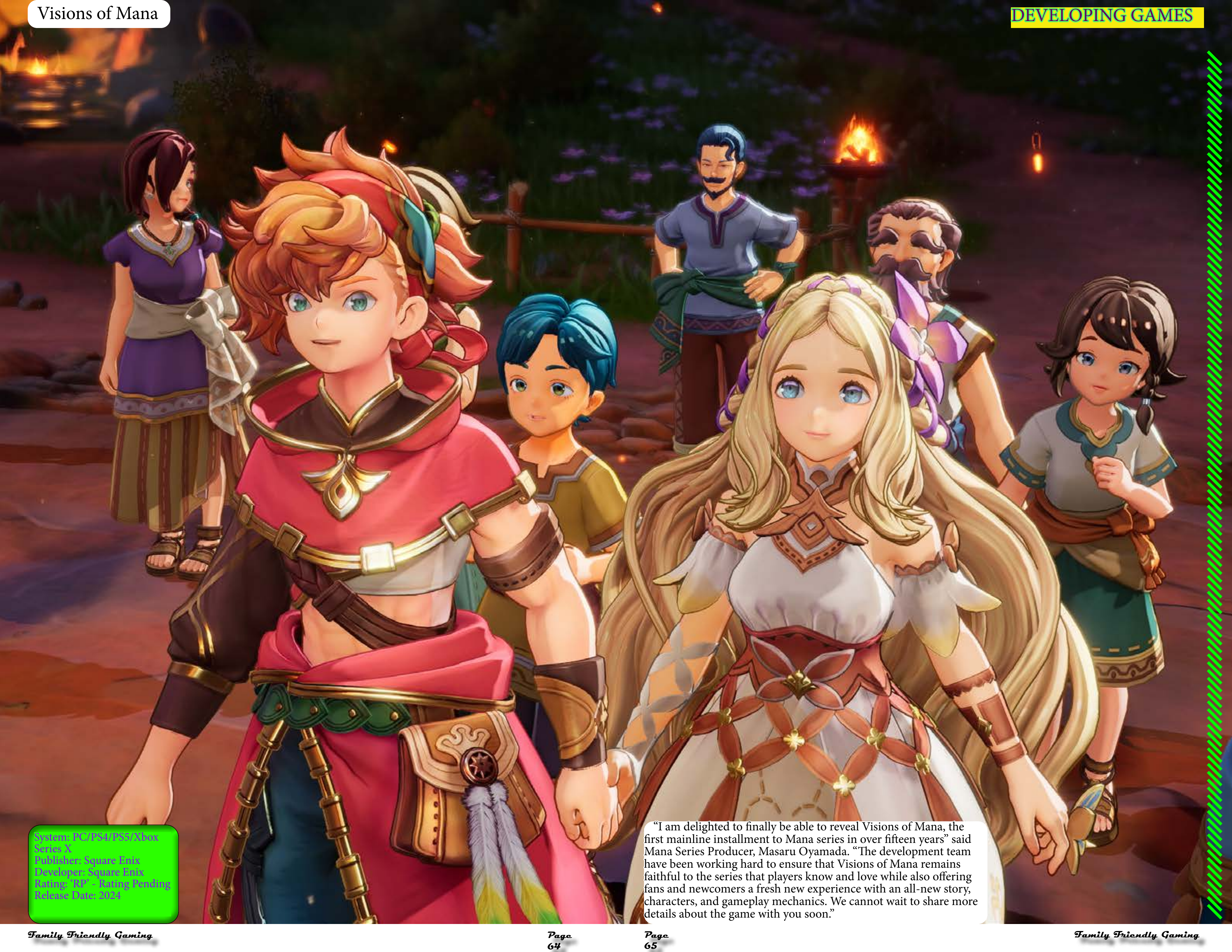
Plan wisely! Historically accurate maps provide distinct weather conditions that can help or hinder your troops. Players can utilize the environment to gain defensive bonuses and healing, or suffer movement penalties. Construct and upgrade buildings like town centers, mines, mills and farms to raise units and create resources for your empire.



System: PC/PS4/PS5/Xbox Series X  
Publisher: Square Enix  
Developer: Square Enix  
Rating: "RP" - Rating Pending  
Release Date: 2024

Since the series' debut in 1991 as FINAL FANTASY™ ADVENTURE, a spin-off of the FINAL FANTASY series, Mana games have immersed players in bright vibrant worlds, breathtaking environments, heartwarming characters and high fantasy storylines across many genres and platforms. Fans of the series can expect new designs of the series' beloved creatures from Mana series Illustrator Airi Yoshioka and a new captivating musical score composed by Mana series composers Hiroki Kikuta, Tsuyoshi Sekito and Ryo Yamazaki.



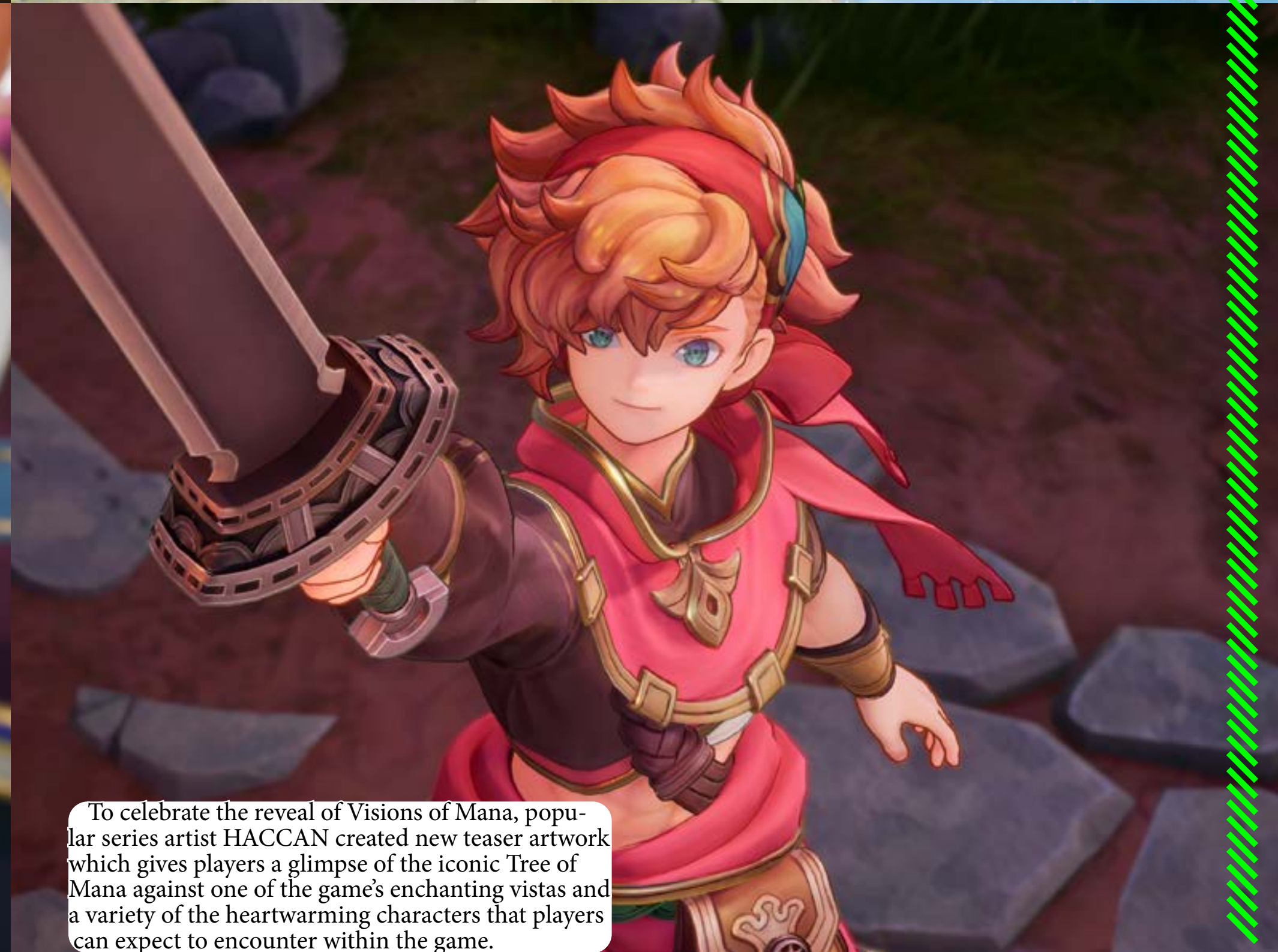


System: PC/PS4/PS5/Xbox Series X  
 Publisher: Square Enix  
 Developer: Square Enix  
 Rating: "RP" - Rating Pending  
 Release Date: 2024

"I am delighted to finally be able to reveal Visions of Mana, the first mainline installment to Mana series in over fifteen years" said Mana Series Producer, Masaru Oyamada. "The development team have been working hard to ensure that Visions of Mana remains faithful to the series that players know and love while also offering fans and newcomers a fresh new experience with an all-new story, characters, and gameplay mechanics. We cannot wait to share more details about the game with you soon."



System: PC/PS4/PS5/Xbox Series X  
 Publisher: Square Enix  
 Developer: Square Enix  
 Rating: "RP" - Rating Pending  
 Release Date: 2024



To celebrate the reveal of Visions of Mana, popular series artist HACCAN created new teaser artwork which gives players a glimpse of the iconic Tree of Mana against one of the game's enchanting vistas and a variety of the heartwarming characters that players can expect to encounter within the game.

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System: Nintendo Switch/PC/  
PS4/PS5/Xbox One/Xbox Series X  
Publisher: Square Enix  
Developer: FuturLab  
Rating: 'E' -SIX and OLDER ONLY  
Release Date: Out Now

POWERWASH SIMULATOR lets players wash away their worries with the soothing sounds of high-pressure water. Players can build their very own power washing business and blast away every speck of dirt and grime that they can find. With a unique take on the simulation genre, POWERWASH SIMULATOR focuses on player relaxation and escapism.



System: Nintendo Switch/PC/  
PS4/PS5/Xbox One/Xbox Series X  
Publisher: Square Enix  
Developer: FuturLab  
Rating: 'E' -SIX and OLDER ONLY  
Release Date: Out Now

Great Scott! Crank that water pressure to 88 miles per hour and travel back in time to hose down iconic movie sets from the Back to the Future trilogy! The future may be 'heavy', but the past sure is dirty. You've arrived on set in the nick of time to make every legendary location sparkle and every prop 'pop', even if it takes a whole 1.21 gigawatts of pressure washing power!



System: Nintendo Switch/PC/  
 PS4/PS5/Xbox One/Xbox Series X  
 Publisher: Square Enix  
 Developer: FuturLab  
 Rating: 'E' -SIX and OLDER ONLY  
 Release Date: Out Now

With filming schedules running tight, you're in for one electrifying ride to spray down everything from the Time Machine to the Holomax Theater before you're "OUTATIME". Make power wash history by blasting every spec of dirt and grime from heavy use, debris from explosive scenes and temporal ice from... well, we're not actually sure where that came from.




**Drackolyte**



**Freezing Fog**



**HP 438**  
**MP 82**



**HP 287**  
**MP**



**HP 325**



**Kasizzle**  
**HP 512**  
**MP 119**

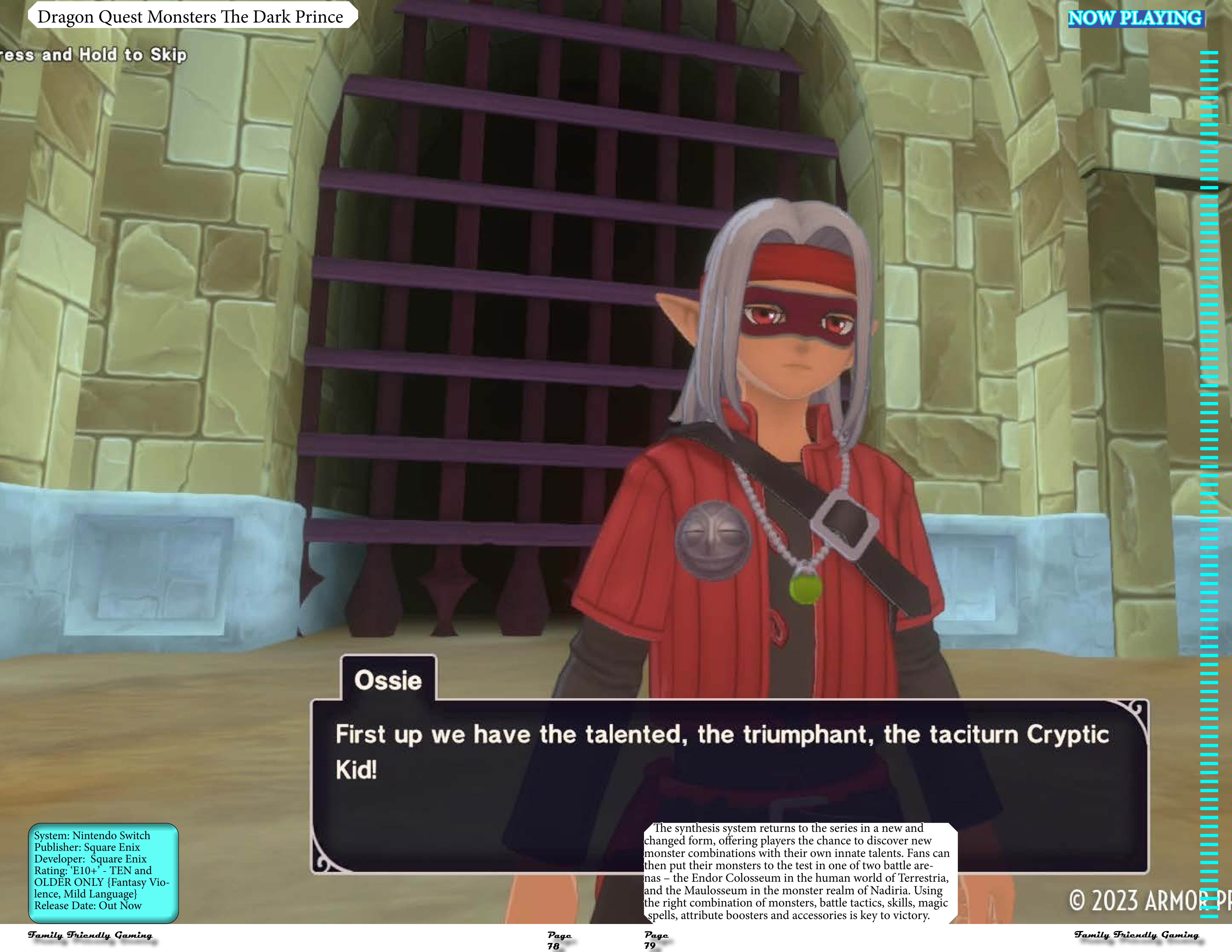
System: Nintendo Switch  
 Publisher: Square Enix  
 Developer: Square Enix  
 Rating: 'E10+' - TEN and OLDER ONLY {Fantasy Violence, Mild Language}  
 Release Date: Out Now

ARD STUDIO/SQUARE ENIX

In DRAGON QUEST MONSTERS: The Dark Prince, Psa-ro must become a Monster Wrangler, recruiting, and fighting alongside monsters throughout the fantastical world of Nadiria, where rivers of bubbling lava, mysterious ancient ruins and soaring towers of cake await. DRAGON QUEST MONSTERS: The Dark Prince features over 500 unique monsters to battle, recruit and train, along with online battles, changing seasons and a revamped synthesis system.

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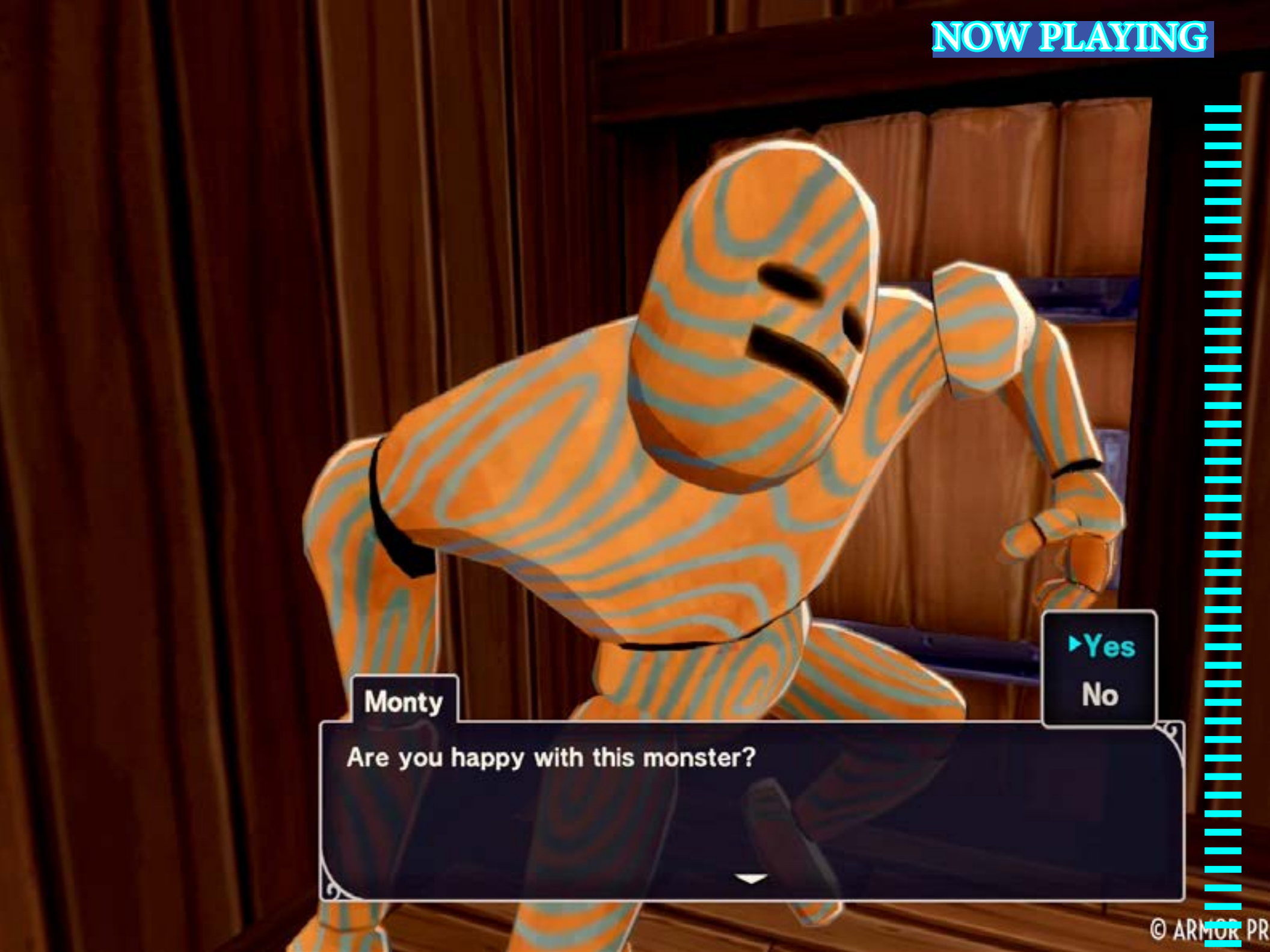
Ossie

First up we have the talented, the triumphant, the taciturn Cryptic Kid!

System: Nintendo Switch  
Publisher: Square Enix  
Developer: Square Enix  
Rating: 'E10+' - TEN and OLDER ONLY {Fantasy Violence, Mild Language}  
Release Date: Out Now

The synthesis system returns to the series in a new and changed form, offering players the chance to discover new monster combinations with their own innate talents. Fans can then put their monsters to the test in one of two battle arenas – the Endor Colosseum in the human world of Terrestria, and the Maulosseum in the monster realm of Nadiria. Using the right combination of monsters, battle tactics, skills, magic spells, attribute boosters and accessories is key to victory.

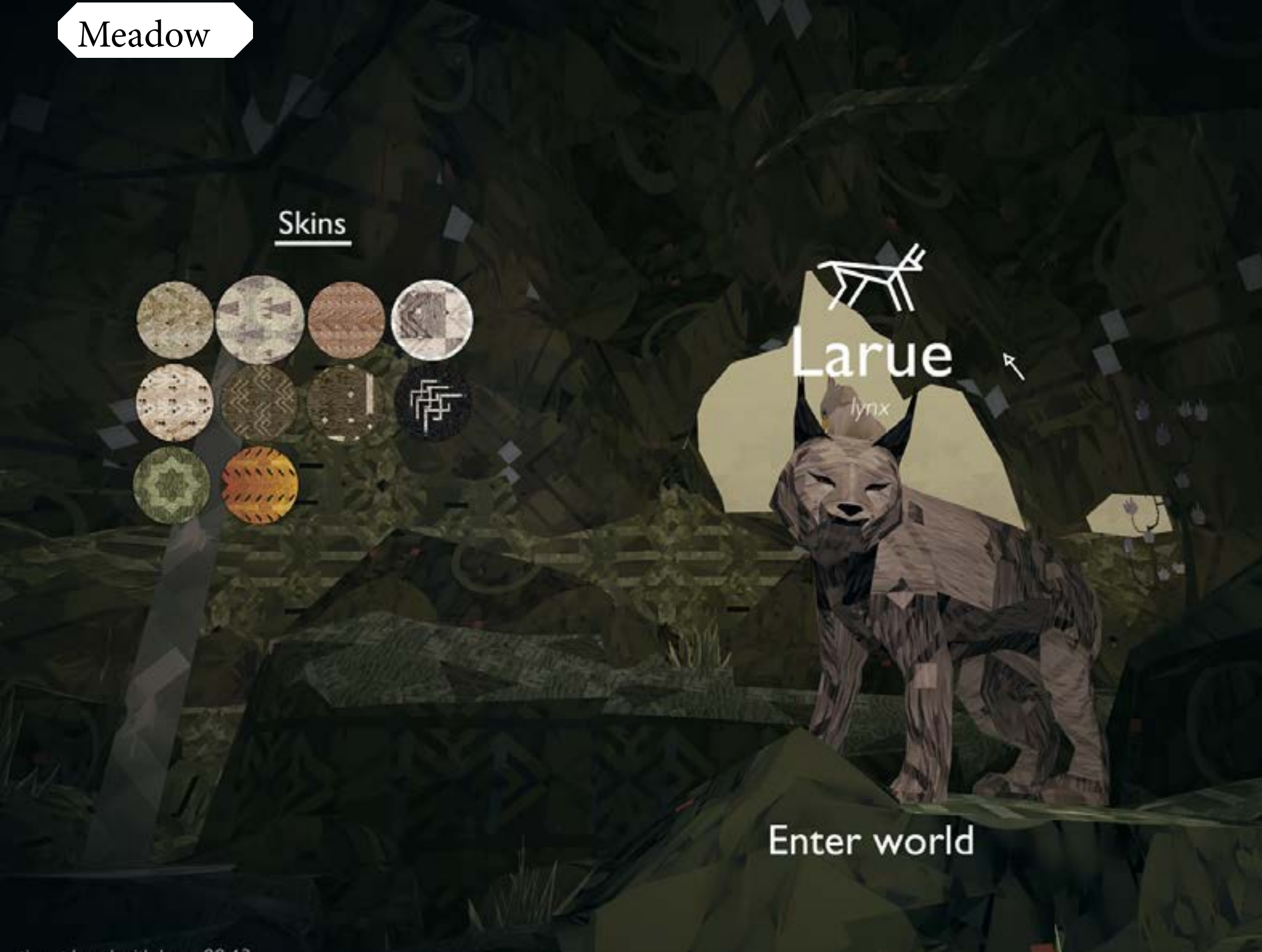




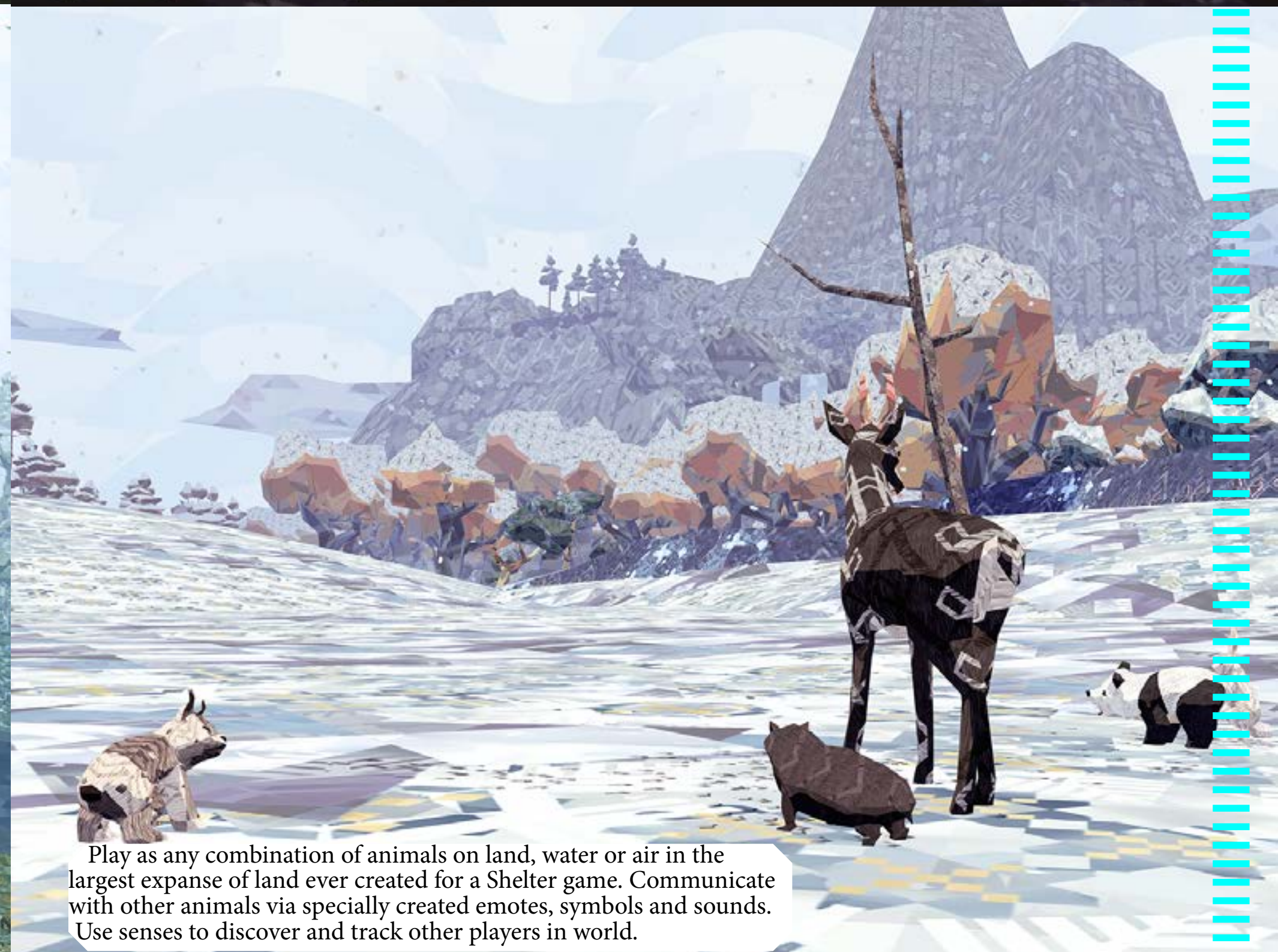


System: Personal Computer  
 Publisher: Might and Delight  
 Developer: Might and De-  
 light  
 Rating: 'NR' - Not Rated  
 Release Date: Out Now

Unlike traditional titles from the Shelter franchise, in Meadow the more time spent embracing the gameplay features in the world, the more you receive. Owning any previous Shelter related title(s) or products will also unlock in-game content. The open landscape also provides ample room for exploration with new patches and additions promised.



System: Personal Computer  
 Publisher: Might and Delight  
 Developer: Might and De-  
 light  
 Rating: 'NR' - Not Rated  
 Release Date: Out Now



Play as any combination of animals on land, water or air in the largest expanse of land ever created for a Shelter game. Communicate with other animals via specially created emotes, symbols and sounds. Use senses to discover and track other players in world.

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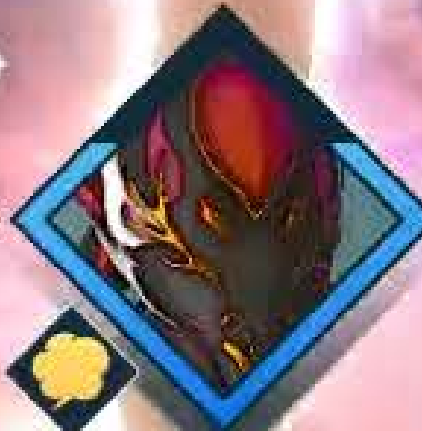
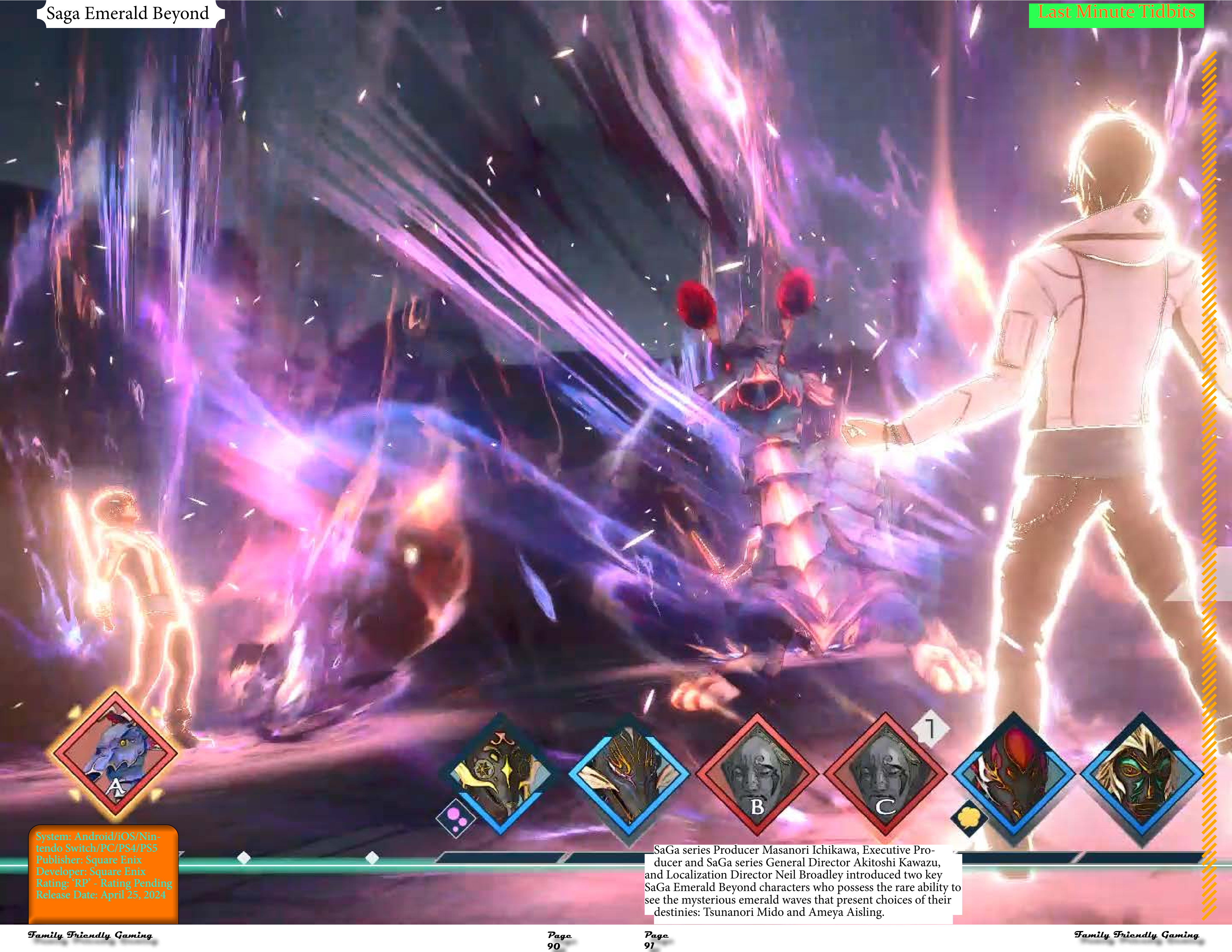
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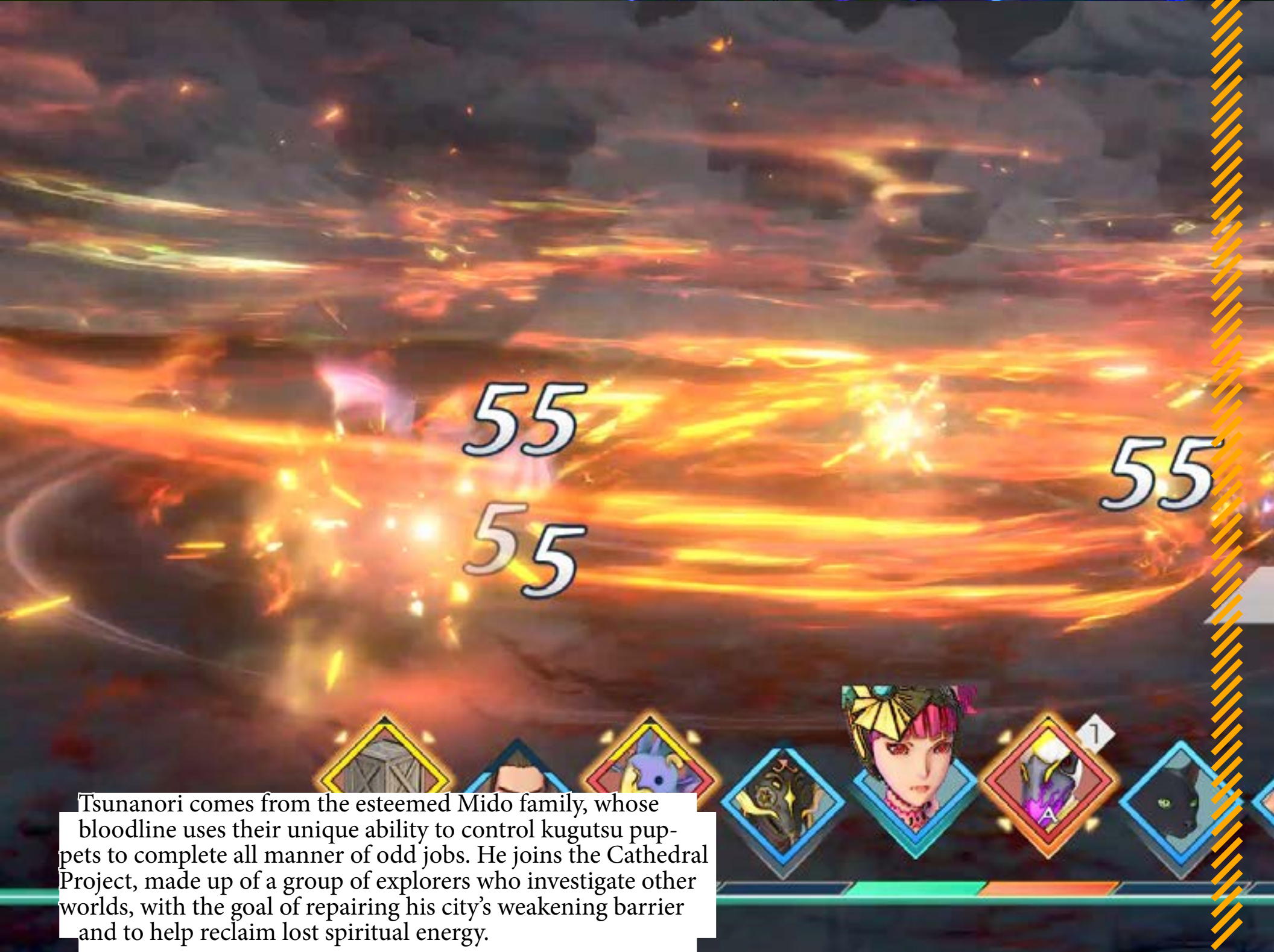
System: Android/iOS/Nintendo Switch/PC/PS4/PS5  
 Publisher: Square Enix  
 Developer: Square Enix  
 Rating: RP - Rating Pending  
 Release Date: April 25, 2024

Known by her pseudo-identity Yumeha Izumi, the Miyako City schoolgirl, Ameya is actually a witch from Pulchra whose powers were stolen from her. Ameya hopes that by following the mysterious emerald waves, she'll discover who stole her mana and become the best witch anyone has ever seen.



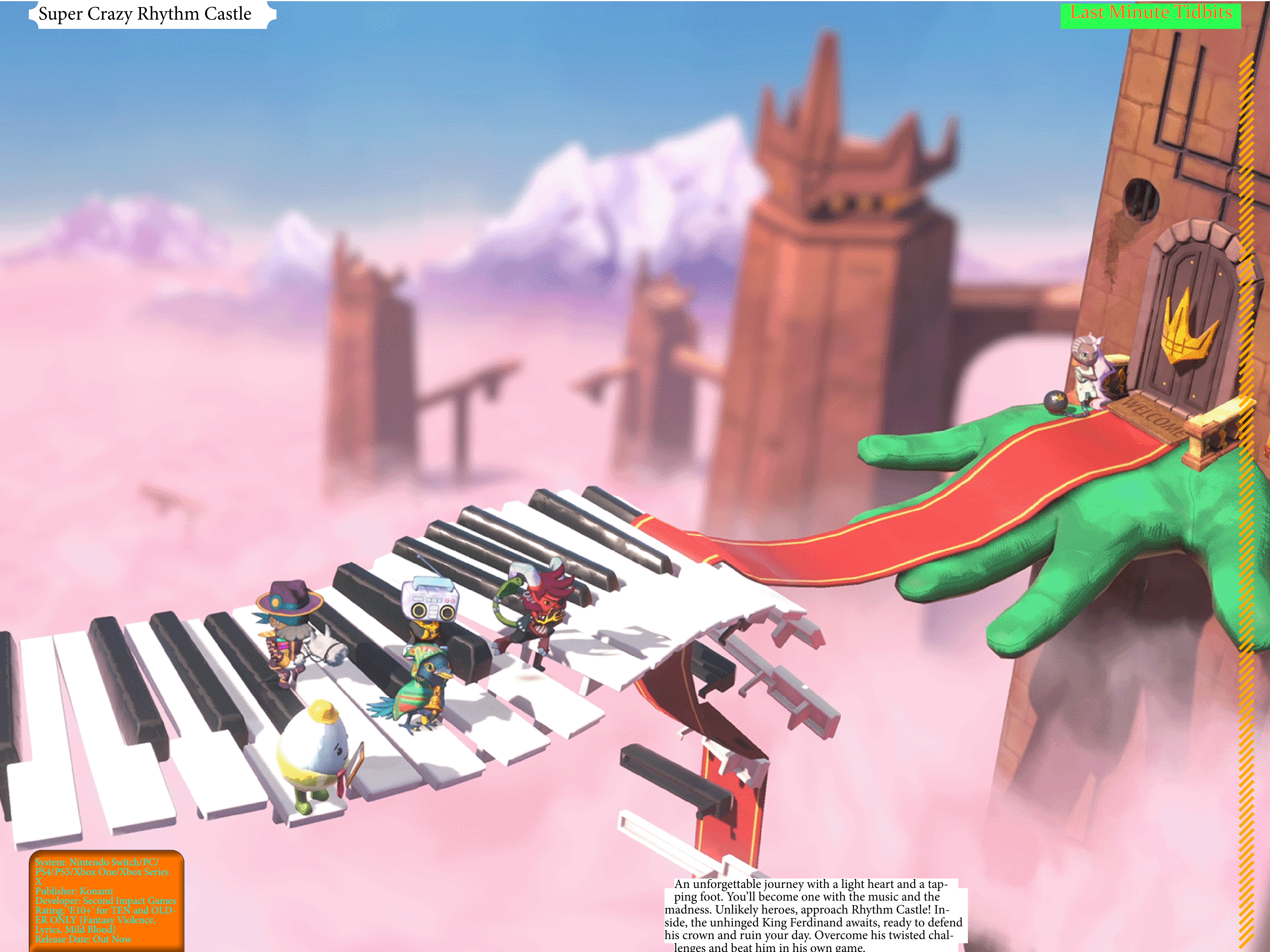
System: Android/iOS/Nintendo Switch/PC/PS4/PS5  
Publisher: Square Enix  
Developer: Square Enix  
Rating: 'RP' - Rating Pending  
Release Date: April 25, 2024

SaGa series Producer Masanori Ichikawa, Executive Producer and SaGa series General Director Akitoshi Kawazu, and Localization Director Neil Broadley introduced two key SaGa Emerald Beyond characters who possess the rare ability to see the mysterious emerald waves that present choices of their destinies: Tsunanori Mido and Ameya Aisling.



System: Android/iOS/Nintendo Switch/PC/PS4/PS5  
 Publisher: Square Enix  
 Developer: Square Enix  
 Rating: 'RP' - Rating Pending  
 Release Date: April 25, 2024

Tsunanori comes from the esteemed Mido family, whose bloodline uses their unique ability to control kugutsu puppets to complete all manner of odd jobs. He joins the Cathedral Project, made up of a group of explorers who investigate other worlds, with the goal of repairing his city's weakening barrier and to help reclaim lost spiritual energy.



System: Nintendo Switch/PC/  
 PS4/PS5/Xbox One/Xbox Series  
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 Publisher: Konami  
 Developer: Second Impact Games  
 Rating: E10+ for TEN and OLD-  
 ER ONLY (Fantasy Violence,  
 Lyrics, Mild Blood)  
 Release Date: Out Now

An unforgettable journey with a light heart and a tapping foot. You'll become one with the music and the madness. Unlikely heroes, approach Rhythm Castle! Inside, the unhinged King Ferdinand awaits, ready to defend his crown and ruin your day. Overcome his twisted challenges and beat him in his own game.

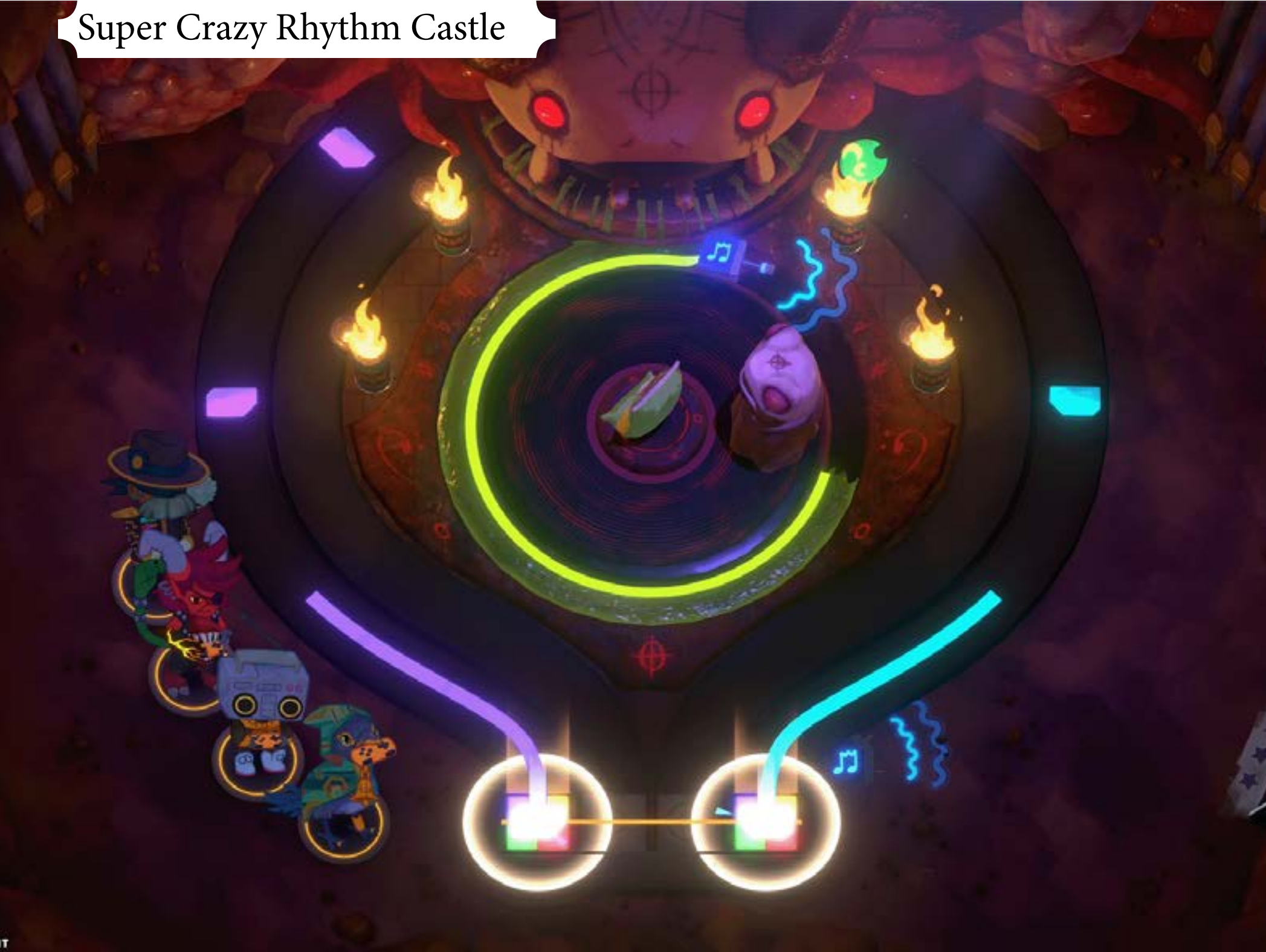




May the best king win!

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Throw beans into an ancient summoning ritual. Shut down a giant eggplant DJ. Cover tiny meat people in gravy for reasons that we promise will become clear. All while keeping the beat! Featuring over 30 tracks to rock along to. Tune in for earworm rock, hip hop, dubstep, and iconic KONAMI tracks from the Castlevania, Gradius and Beatmania series!



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Chaotic cooperative gameplay that's fun and accessible. Not a pro at rhythm games? Each player can play their music in three-button or four-button mode – or hop out to focus on puzzling while your buddy covers the music! Whether you go solo or sync up with friends, get ready to embrace the madness and take on the challenges of Rhythm Castle.



System: PC/PS5/Xbox Series X  
 Publisher: Zen Studios  
 Developer: Zen Studios  
 Rating: "T" THIRTEEN and OLDER ONLY (Blood, Violence)  
 Release Date: Out Now

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Find the real meaning of Christmas in A Charlie Brown Christmas™ Pinball! Join the Peanuts crew in putting on a play and decorating the most perfect tree there is.  
 Snowflakes fall on the playfield, shoot the ball to eat them before they melt  
 Feed Snoopy a snack by shooting his bowl



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Choose the perfect Christmas tree by shooting the right lanes  
 Decorate Snoopy's house in Multiball to win the Lights and Display contest  
 Direct the play in the Wizard mode and bring the Peanuts crew together to celebrate!



System: PC/PS5/Xbox Series X  
 Publisher: EA Sports  
 Developer: Codemasters  
 Rating: 'E' for Everyone SIX  
 and OLDER ONLY  
 Release Date: Out Now

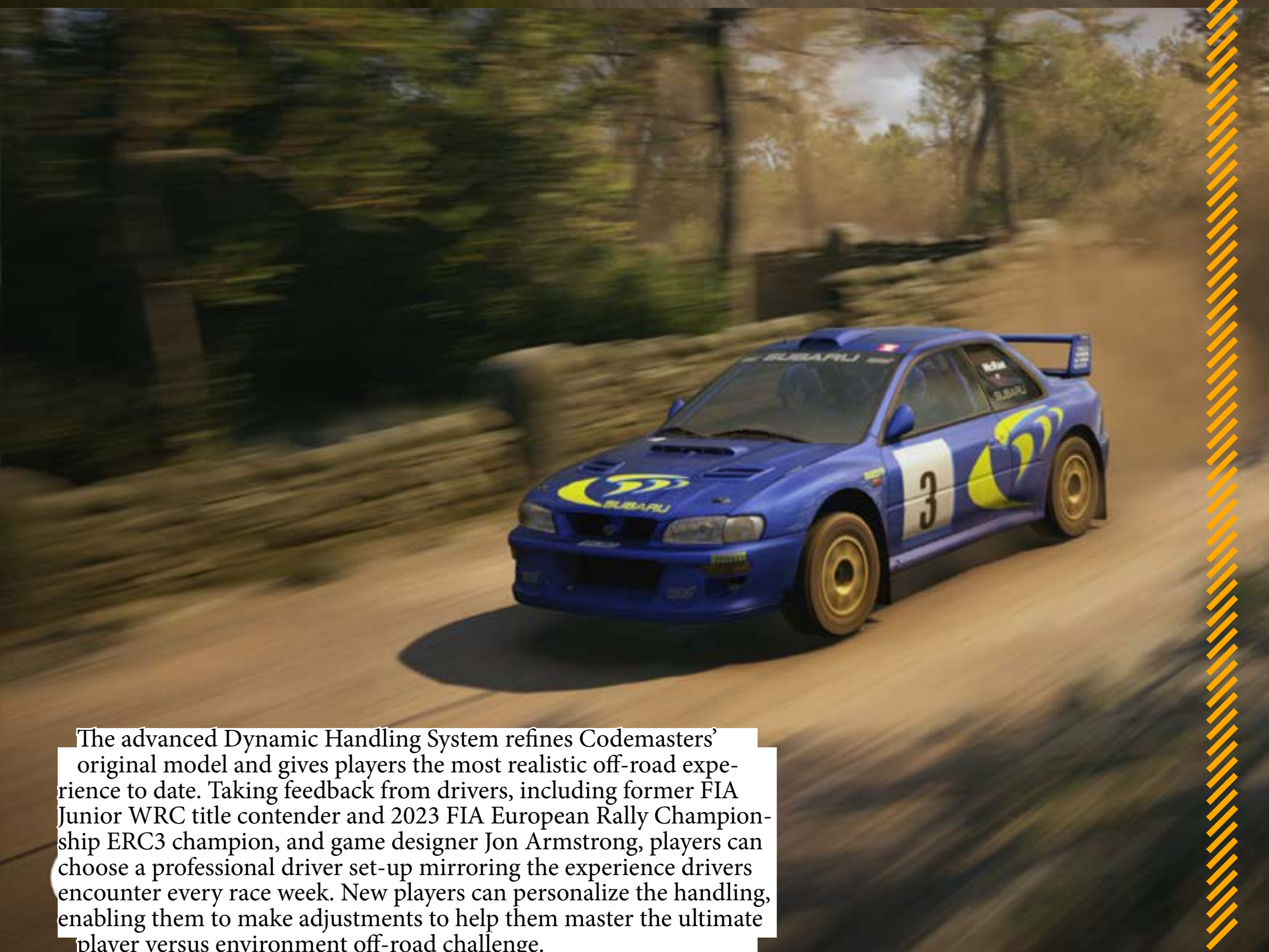
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“EA SPORTS WRC is the purest form of motorsport where every stage is a fight against the clock, the terrain, and yourself,” said Ross Gowing, Senior Creative Director at Codemasters. “This is the rally game we’ve always wanted to make, combining our studio’s deep knowledge and expertise with the power of the official WRC license representing the pinnacle of rally motorsport. The game’s new engine has enabled us to push rally to the edge of what’s deemed possible, and the additional features, including Builder and Moments, give players even more ways to interact with the sport they love.”



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The advanced Dynamic Handling System refines Codemasters' original model and gives players the most realistic off-road experience to date. Taking feedback from drivers, including former FIA Junior WRC title contender and 2023 FIA European Rally Championship ERC3 champion, and game designer Jon Armstrong, players can choose a professional driver set-up mirroring the experience drivers encounter every race week. New players can personalize the handling, enabling them to make adjustments to help them master the ultimate player versus environment off-road challenge.

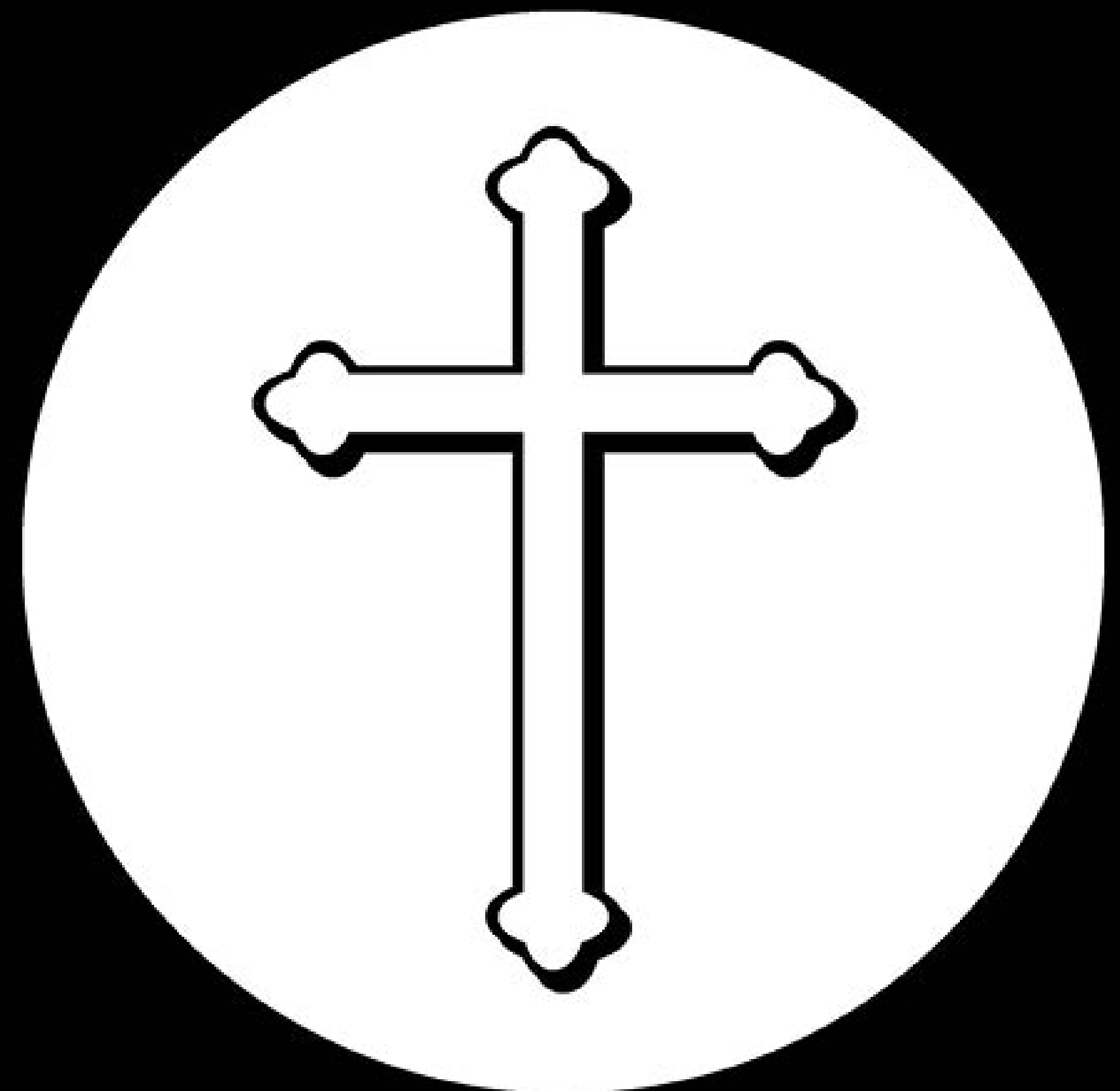
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