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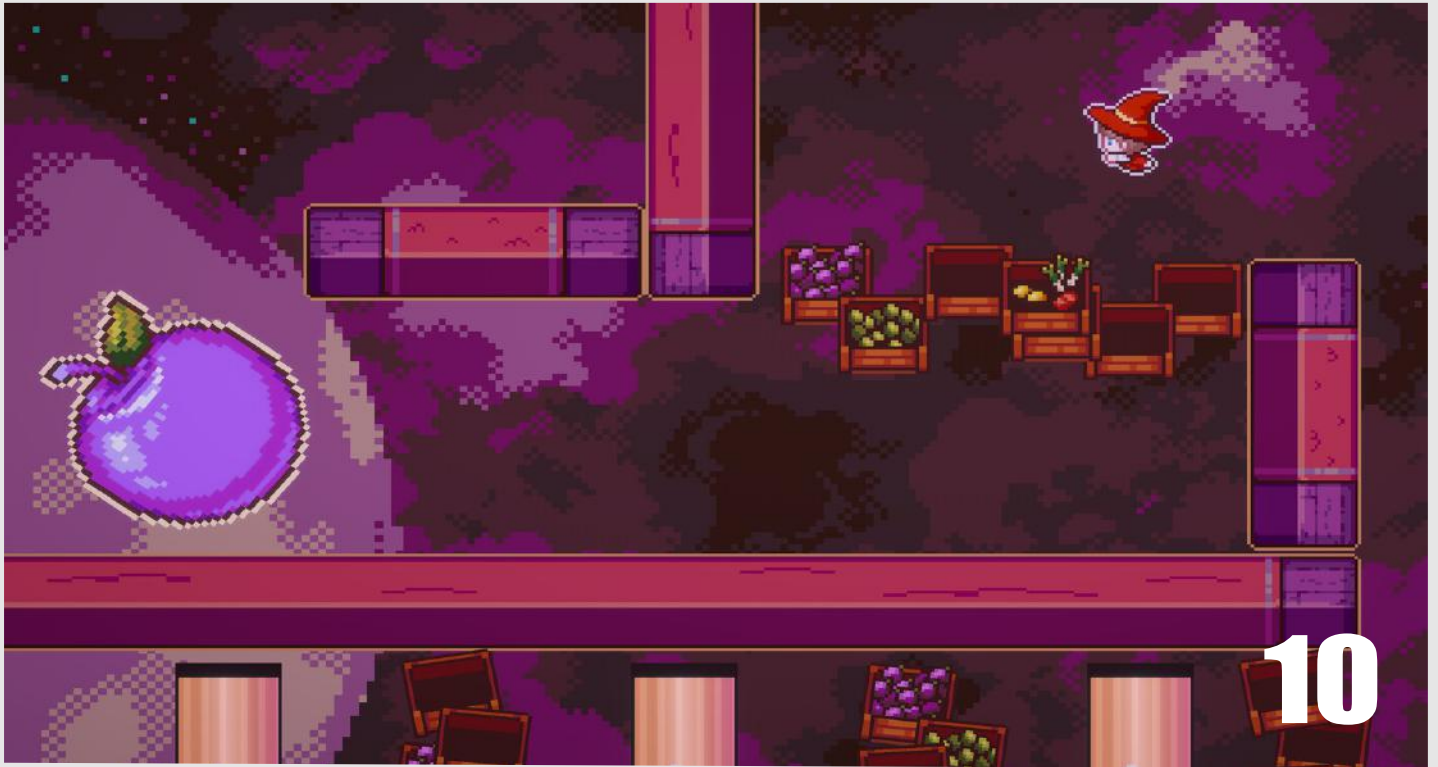
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# LIL' GUARDSMAN

Big decisions, big hair, lil boots

**Developer:** Hilltop Studios

**On:** PS4/5, XB1/S, SWITCH, Windows, Mac

**Publisher:** Versus Evil

**From:** [STEAM](#), [HUMBLE](#), [GoG](#)

**"WE WANTED TO MIX THE DEDUCTIVE PUZZLE-SOLVING AND BRANCHING STORYLINE OF PAPERS, PLEASE WITH THE WARMTH AND HUMOR OF MONKEY ISLAND AND GRIM FANDANGO" - HILLTOP Co-FOUNDER AND Co-GAME DIRECTOR ARTIOM KOMAROV**

I don't know about you, but I fell in love with the game from the minute I saw the art style. The character designs have so much style and personality I can already see the stories behind each person approaching the gate.

When deciding who to let into the castle, you have a multitude of items to help you (so don't always judge a book by its cover). You have a decoder ring, truth spray, a trusty bullwhip, and more.

Lil' Guardsman has so much packed into it, check out the key features for more, and don't forget the new [TRAILER!](#)

**NARRATIVE DEDUCTION GAME LIL' GUARDSMAN IS COMING TO SWITCH, PLAYSTATION, XBOX AND PC ON JANUARY 23RD**



## Key Features

**Fantasy / Comedy Narrative** – See the Sprawl and its fantastical & quirky citizens through a royal wedding to one of two kingdoms vying for an alliance, and a subsequent siege by whoever you've angered in the process. Your decisions can determine the fate of the city and its people!

**Interrogation Puzzles** – Interrogate over 100 fully voiced characters in just the right way to earn a perfect score.

**Tools of the Trade** – Spend your hard earned gold wisely on powering up your guardsman toolkit, and strategically deploy these to admit or deny the right people or...goblins?

**Rewind Time** – Use your trusty Chronometer3000 to go back and get a higher score... but be careful not to break space and time in the process.





# ROTTEN FLESH

Brave the cosmic evil forces for the good boy

**Developer:** Steelkrill Studio

**Publisher:** Steelkrill Studio

**On:** Windows

**From:** [STEAM](#)

**“THIS IS AN IMMERSIVE HORROR GAME WHERE YOU HAVE TO FIND YOUR DOG BY SHOUTING FOR “ROY” ON YOUR MICROPHONE.”**

Survival horror games that rely on you being as quiet as possible are the most tense and anxious experiences ever. Alien Isolation comes to mind as one of the biggest to push this mechanic. However, none come to mind that forces you to make noise while simultaneously trying to be quiet as a mouse.

It perfectly encapsulates that heart-stopping feeling in a horror movie when you know there is danger, and you know you should leave them behind, but you love Roy too much and cautiously call their name while avoiding broken glass and tables.

Rotten Flesh will test your resolve and love for dogs. Can you save Roy?

Check out the [TRAILER!](#)

**COSMIC SURVIVAL HORROR ROTTEN FLESH IS COMING TO PC ON JANUARY 22ND**



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**PLAT THE FIRST EVER STEAM DEMO DURING STEAM  
NEXT FEST IN FEB!  
CLICK THE POSTER FOR THE GAMEPLAY REVEAL TRAILER**

You are entrusted with the peculiar case of Victor Dousvalon. This old history professor is known for shrouding his past life in secrecy for everyone around, including his own daughter Catherine. But an apparently harmless accident decides him to hire you to help Catherine trace back the steps of his life.



Why does he not simply tell himself his own story?

Why does Catherine, who has been so distant with her father these past years, suddenly wants to know about him?

Your first case will decidedly be a delicate one...

# CHRONIQUE DES SILENCIEUX

Crack open the murder board, pins and red string!

**Developer:** Pierre Feuille Studio

**Publisher:** Pierre Feuille Studio

**On:** Windows

**From:** [STEAM](#)

**“SET IN 1970S SOUTHERN FRANCE, YOU PLAY A ROOKIE PRIVATE EYE TASKED TO DIG OUT THE SECRETS OF A STUBBORN OLD MAN. THINK ON YOUR FEET WHILE YOU FOLLOW YOUR LEADS : ASK QUESTIONS TO WITNESSES, DETECT THEIR LIES, HYPOTHESIZE WHY AND FINALLY CONFRONT THE SILENT ONES RUNNING FROM THEIR PAST.”**

**D**etective stories will never get old. They have been found throughout history, from Oedipus in Ancient Greece to several

stories in One Thousand and One Nights, and Judge Dee in China.

We relish a mystery. The thrill of the chase, having that A-HA! Moment, and the smug pat on the back when you get the killer.

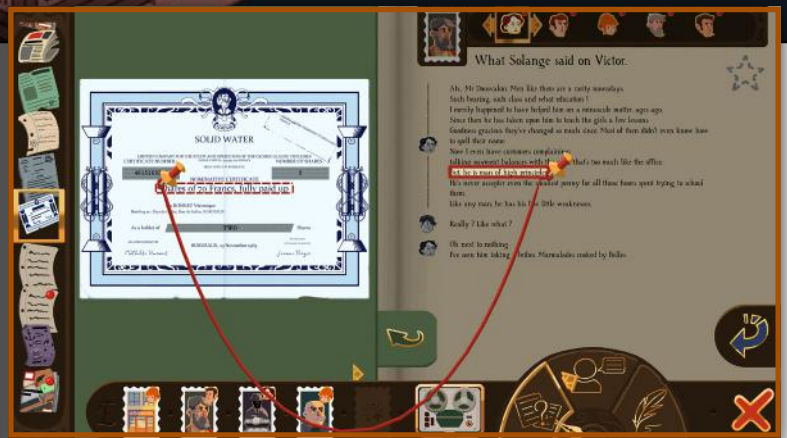
What immediately pulled my eyes to Chronique des Silencieux was the red string. Maybe I've been spending too much time with my cat, but watching the string dangle as you connect clues is very satisfying. The feeling of self-accomplishment makes you feel like a true detective.





So, step into 1970s Southern France, dust off your notepad and dig into an adventure with a compelling historical narrative, eye-catching illustrations, and a soundtrack inspired by classic cinema, Giallo mystery and crime thrillers.

Find out more on Chronique des Silencieux at the source. I would start with the new [TRAILER!](#)



**COSY DETECTIVE  
ADVENTURE  
CHRONIQUE DES  
SILENCIEUX IS COMING  
TO PC ON JANUARY  
29TH.**



Today's the big day for you and your sister! Mom won't come home until tonight - time to lay down your master plan!

Step 1: Raid the house for ritual components.

Step 2: Defeat Mom's Wand.

Step 3: Bewitch life into your stuffed plushie.

Step 4: ???

Step 5: Infinite benefits...



# THE CAULDRON KIDS: THE SUMMONING OF MR. VERMICELLI

Your best friend is a pig

**Developer:** Pet Golem Games

**Publisher:** Pet Golem Games

**On:** Windows, Mac

**From:** [STEAM](#)

**“PICK YOUR TWIN! WILL YOU PLAY AS CASSIE, THE CHAOTIC AND CLUMSY SISTER, OR AS LAYLA, THE RATIONAL MASTERMIND? EACH TWIN COMES WITH HER OWN COMPLETELY ORIGINAL SET OF DIALOGUES AND A TAILORED COLOR-CODED HAT”**

**T**wo sisters left alone at home concoct a plan to steal their mom's wand to cast a spell on their frog plushie... I'M IN!

The great wand heist to bring to life your favourite toy has to be the most adorable story I have come across in a while. Pair that with the personality of the two sisters, and it's a winning formula for the most wholesome experience ever.

The Cauldron Kids promises a silly and heartwarming journey as you explore a magical house and play minigames.



The pixel art is beautiful, the soundtrack is a retro SNES-inspired nostalgia trip, and there are numerous accessibility options so anyone can hang out with Cassie and Layla on their mischievous adventure through the cosy chalet.

Before we lay down the master plan, get familiar with *The Cauldron Kids: The Summoning of Mr Vermicelli* in the new [TRAILER!](#)

**BEWITCHING NARRATIVE ADVENTURE THE CAULDRON KIDS: THE SUMMONING OF MR VERMICELLI IS COMING TO PC AND MAC ON JANUARY 25TH.**





# LAST EPOCH 1.0

Uncover the Past, Reforge the Future

**Developer:** Eleventh Hour Games

**On:** Windows, Mac, Linux

**Publisher:** Eleventh Hour Games

**From:** [STEAM](#)

**“COMBINING TIME TRAVEL, EXCITING DUNGEON CRAWLING, ENGROSSING CHARACTER CUSTOMIZATION AND ENDLESS REPLAYABILITY TO CREATE AN ACTION RPG FOR VETERANS AND NEWCOMERS ALIKE.”**

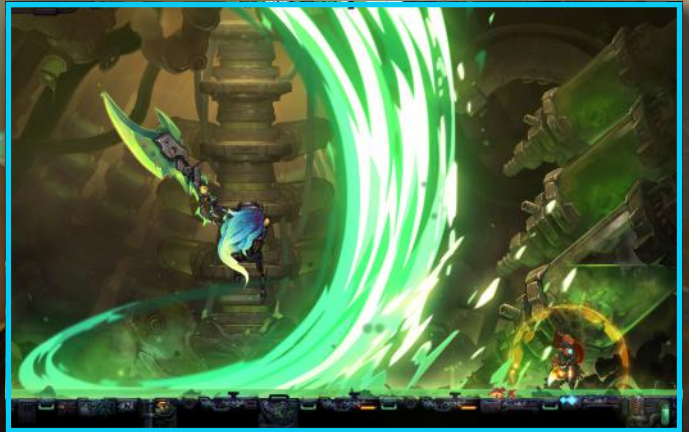
**A**fter many years and over 8 huge updates, Last Epoch is finally leaving Early Access behind. The dev team's incredible hard work shows their passion and determination to make an unforgettable experience for players.

With the unique and interesting time travel mechanic aside, Last Epoch manages to excel at every aspect of the Action RPG genre. Boasting 100+ skill trees, a deep crafting system, and secrets to discover within the world of Eterra and throughout time.

Some players even claim it is better and more innovative than Diablo 2 and Path of Exile.

Watch the Cinematic [TRAILER!](#)

**ACTION RPG LAST EPOCH LEAVES EARLY ACCESS THIS FEBRUARY 21ST ON PC.**



# OBLIVION OVERRIDE 1.0

Embody the ninja killerbot

**Developer:** Humble Mill

**Publisher:** Paleo

**On:** Windows

**From:** [STEAM](#)

**“AS ROBOTS BECAME SELF-AWARE, THEY VENTURED FEARLESSLY INTO THE DESOLATE EXPANSE OF THE DULCE BASE IN PURSUIT OF UNCOVERING THE MYSTERIES BEHIND THE OBLIVION CODE. YET THESE DARING HACKERS ALL VANISHED WITHOUT A TRACE, SWALLOWED BY THE ABYSS OF SILENCE...”**

Launching out of Early Access is not the end of the journey. The devs are committed to continually enhancing the combat experience for adventurers.

With the 1.0 launch, stage 4 will be unlocked, bringing a richer Boss lineup and intense combat dynamics. We will also get the completion of the main storyline and the introduction of a mysterious new female mecha, Aya.

There is so much more to detail that I can't fit here, so be sure to read their [DEV LOG](#) for more information.

Check out the explosive [TRAILER!](#)

**FAST-PACED ODYSSEY OBLIVION OVERRIDE LEAVES EARLY ACCESS THIS JANUARY 25TH ON PC.**

# THE NIGHT IS GREY



**OUT NOW ON PC AND MAC  
CLICK ON THE POSTER FOR THE YOUTUBE TRAILER**



# LEGENDARY HOPLITE

Don't let them cross the gate, commander!

**Developer:** TripleBricksGames

**On:** Windows

**Publisher:** Ravenage Games

**From:** [STEAM](#), [EPICSTORE](#), [GoG](#)

**“PLAY AS DIO, A YOUNG COMMANDER INSPIRED BY THE OLD HEROES FROM GREEK MYTHOS LIKE ACHILLES, HECTOR, AND PERSEUS.”**

First, I want to say I am not a big fan of tower defence games. However, this one variation of advancing columns works for me. I'll happily stand at the back of my army, shouting commands and flinging fireballs.

I love the monster designs, in particular the boss

designs. There is an exciting variety that will encourage different tactics and approaches for each level.

The hordes of the underworld approach, and only you can prevent them from reaching the city and the secret of a powerful artifact.

Prepare for battle with the story and gameplay [TRAILER!](#)

**DEFENDING ANCIENT GREECE, THE LEGENDARY HOPLITE IS COMING TO PC ON FEBRUARY 2ND.**



# SAIL FORTH: MAELSTROM

The tempest of the Deepblue calls your name...

**Developer:** Festive Vector

**Publisher:** The Quantum Astrophysicists Guild

**On:** PS4/5, XB1/X/S, SWITCH, Windows, Mac, Linux

**From:** [STEAM](#), [EPICSTORE](#)

**“CONTINUE YOUR NAUTICAL ADVENTURE WITH MAELSTROM, WHERE THE CALL OF THE VORTEXES BECKONS YOU TO UNCHARTED WATERS. WILL YOU RETURN TO THE LIGHT, OR BE SWALLOWED BY THE ABYSS?”**

For the past couple of years, the high seas of Steam have been filled with new nautical adventures, enticing you into their depths with sunsets, exploration and fishing.

In Sail Forth, you start in a small boat, doing odd jobs and missions across an archipelago of islands. You build your pirate fleet, do battle, and encounter colossal monsters from the deep.

It's an incredible adventure that has received several free updates in the past year, with the first major expansion, Maelstrom.

This is an entire new area to explore with strange new rewards and vortexes that take you to the Underworld. As expected, you will meet new and





formidable foes and fresh mysteries lurking beneath these treacherous waters. Are your combat skills up to scratch?

With new foes come new allies, introducing the Arcane Order and the friendly Lightkeeper.

Leap into the vortex and check out what Sail Forth: Maelstrom has to offer in the new [TRAILER!](#)

**AND FOR ALL YOU LUCKY EARLY READERS, GRAB SAIL FORTH FOR FREE ON THE [EPICSTORE](#) BEFORE THURSDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY, AND GET SAILING ON THE HIGH SEAS RIGHT AWAY!**

**NAUTICAL ADVENTURE SAIL FORTH: MAELSTROM IS COMING TO PC, MAC, LINUX, PLAYSTATION 4, PLAYSTATION 5, XBOX ONE, AND XBOX SERIES X|S ON JANUARY 11TH. IT WILL BE RELEASED ON NINTENDO SWITCH ON JANUARY 16TH.**





# CULT OF THE LAMB: SINS OF THE FLESH

Hands down, best cult I ever joined

**Developer:** Massive Monster

**Publisher:** Devolver Digital

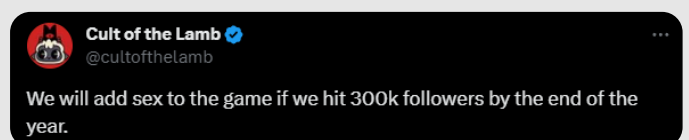
**On:** PS4/5, XBX/S, SWITCH, Windows, Mac

**From:** [STEAM](#), [HUMBLE](#), [GoG](#)

**“THE CULT’S TENDRILS EXTEND EVEN FURTHER WITH A BLASPHEMOUS BENEFICENCE OF QUESTS, FEATURES, IMPROVEMENTS AND A DELICIOUSLY EVIL NEW RESOURCE THAT REWARDS THOSE LEADERS PREPARED TO YIELD TO THE SINS OF THE FLESH.”**

**T**he adoration from fans and players is rather cult-like. The devilishly good art has inspired many to create fanart, the game is

incredibly fun and has constant updates and support from the devs, and the marketing is phenomenal.



This single post during the campaign for Sins of the Flesh launched them to over 500k followers on Twitter and started a craze of parody tweets from other accounts.



Enough about the marketing- let's talk about the update in all its unholy glory. In their most ambitious and wicked update yet, you can expect to;

- Invite your most loyal Followers to the inner circle of Disciples, rewarding them for their gluttony, vanity, and wrath.
- Shiny poops, bigger better buildings, a new broom, and a Blunderbass to blast your enemies in new creative ways.
- Last but not least, when two followers love each other very very much, you might find an egg. Nurture that egg and raise the offspring to be good lil cultists, ready to pledge allegiance to you.



This update also comes alongside the celebration of a huge milestone. Cult of the Lamb's flock continues to grow and has now sold over 3.5 million copies since its launch in 2022

Join hands, my fellow cultists, and let us watch the **TRAILER** for *Sins of the Flesh*, a new chapter from the Book of the Lamb!

**CULT OF THE LAMB'S FREE UPDATE, SINS OF THE FLESH IS COMING TO PC, PLAYSTATION 4 AND 5, XBOX SERIES X|S AND NINTENDO SWITCH ON JANUARY 16. TO CELEBRATE THE RELEASE, CULT OF THE LAMB WILL ALSO BE BLESSED WITH A 40% DISCOUNT FOR ONE WEEK (JAN. 16-23).**



# HELLCARD: ARTIFACTS

Eeny meany miny moe, artifacts will help you grow

**Developer:** Thing Trunk

**Publisher:** Skystone Games, Surefire.Games

**On:** Windows

**From:** [STEAM](#)

**“BRACE YOURSELVES FOR A FIERY ADVENTURE AS HELLCARD UNVEILS A MYRIAD OF ARTIFACTS THAT WILL ALTER THE COURSE OF BATTLE AND STRATEGY.”**

**A** term that gets thrown around a lot is “unique”. When talking about HELLCARD that term fits perfectly. I have not seen a cooperative deckbuilder quite like it in style, design and mechanics.

The paper dungeon offers fast-paced tactical battles that get you thinking in 360 degrees. Placement is crucial to victory, and in this free update, you can expect new artifacts that can turn the tide of battle.

Check out the original release date [TRAILER!](#)

**ARTIFACTS UPDATE IS OUT NOW, WITH THE THRILLING ROGUELIKE DECKBUILDER, HELLCARD, LAUNCHING THEIR FULL RELEASE ON PC THIS FEBRUARY 2024.**

# ROOTS OF YGGDRASIL



**SETTLEMENT DECKBUILDER, ROOTS OF YGGDRASIL,  
COMING TO PC ON JANUARY 24TH!  
CLICK THE POSTER FOR THE ANIMATED REVEAL TRAILER**

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