



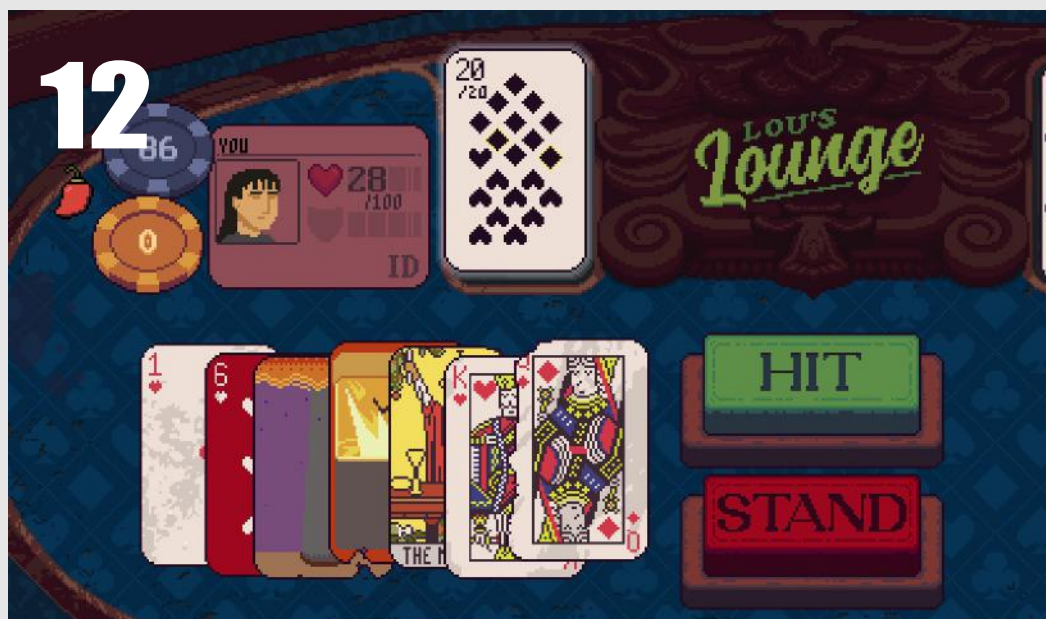
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~STRANGE~ ANTIQUITIES

**Developers of the celebrated occult puzzle game
Strange Horticulture announce their highly
anticipated new game!**

Developer: Bad Viking
On: Windows

Publisher: Iceberg Interactive
From: STEAM



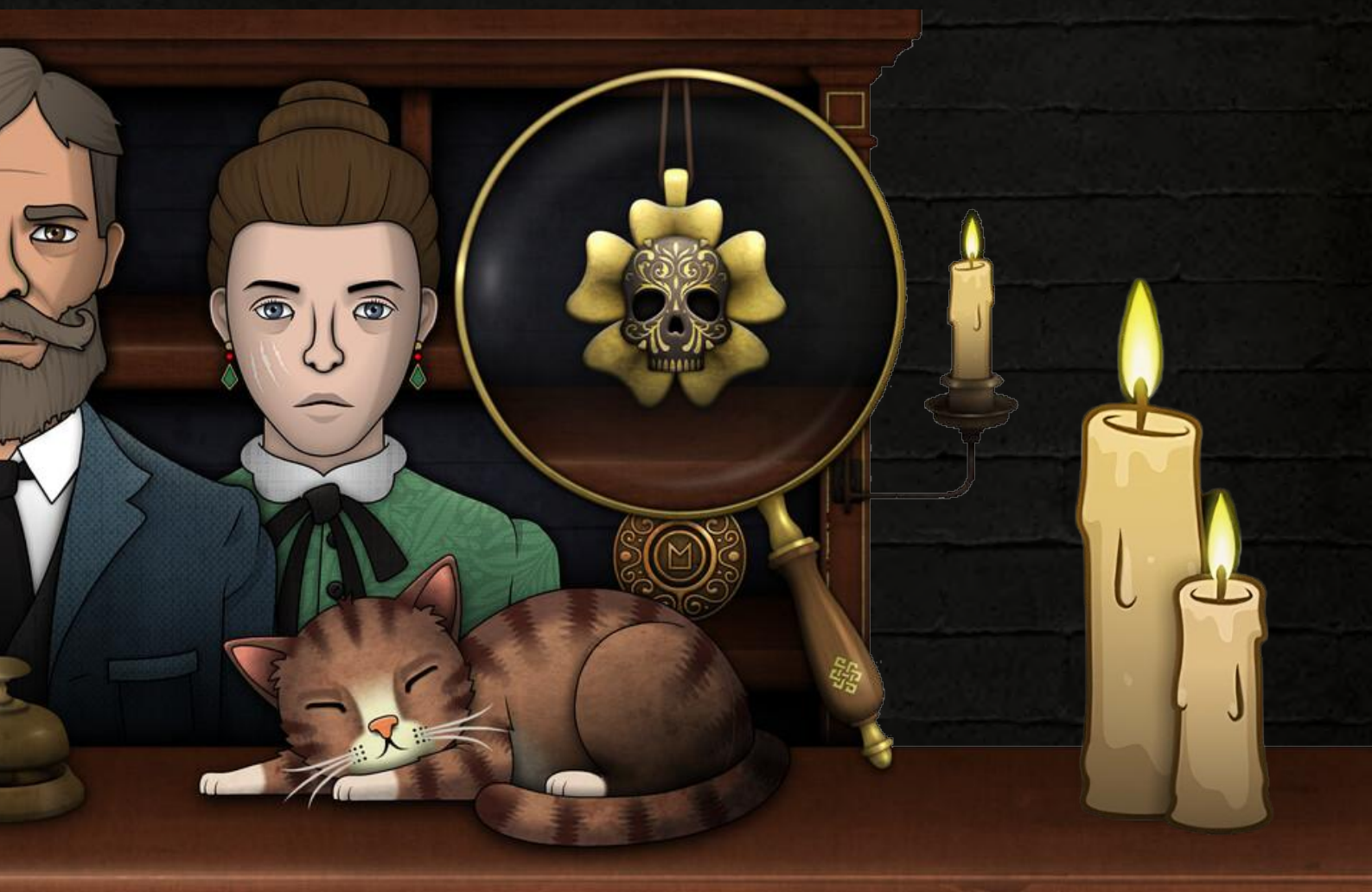
Since the release of [Strange Horticulture](#) in 2022, fans have been itching to delve further into the mysterious town of Undermere, and the myriad characters that populate it. Well, the wait is over – we are happy to share our news, because the time has come! Having struggled to keep this under wraps, we can unveil a new store, a new occult mystery to unravel, and a new cat...

Become the custodian of a store dealing in occult antiquities. Explore the quaint and gloomy town of Undermere, where strange goings-on and dark mysteries abound. Find and identify arcane artefacts, use your collection to aid the townsfolk with their unusual problems – and remember to pet your cat!

Taking place several years after the events of Strange Horticulture, hunt down and identify powerful objects and arcane artefacts, and use them to assist the residents of Undermere with their curious and unusual problems.

Prepare for a new adventure, filled with more mystery, puzzles, and dark twists and turns.

GET EXCITED FOR A NEW STRANGE... STRANGE ANTIQUITIES IN THE [GAME REVEAL TEASER!](#)





**A NEW, DARK, AND COSY STANDALONE ADVENTURE
SET IN THE WORLD OF UNDERMERE. IT IS A PLACE
OF ANCIENT WOODLAND, CANDLE-LIT LIBRARIES,
AND MACABRE FOLKLORE, WHERE STRANGE
THINGS HAPPEN AS OFTEN AS IT RAINS.**



#BLUD



**#BLUD IS COMING TO PC ON JUNE 18TH
CLICK ON THE POSTER TO WATCH THE RELEASE TRAILER**



PAPERHEAD

FAST-PACED PAPER CUT HORROR FPS

Developer: Paperhead te4m

Publisher: HyperTrain Digital

On: PC

From: [STEAM](#)

**[PAPERHEAD] IS A FAST PACED MOVEMENT BOOMER-SHOOTER WITH A
HARDCORE SOUNDTRACK**

Use pencil as a weapon and explore what exactly went wrong in the secret research facility and why suddenly papercut people were able to ...bleed. A charming and cute cardboard world with more meat than expected. Even paper can instill fear!

Why would cardboard bleed? Watch the [GAMEPLAY TRAILER](#) and sketch out some ideas.

EXPLORE THE ABANDONED RESEARCH FACILITY AND DRAW YOUR WAY OUT OF [REDACTED]. KEEP UP WITH THE ESCAPE PLAN ON [PAPERHEAD](#) BY WISHLISTING IT, OR GIVING THE [DEMO A TRY](#).



MAGICAL BAKERY

Welcome to a flour-filled magical world!

Developer: SUPERLUMEN

Publisher: SOEDESCO

On: PC, PS5, XBOX/S

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

AN ENCHANTED BAKERY THAT SELLS ALL SORTS OF SWEETS AND PASTRIES WITH A TWIST—THEY MAY CONTAIN TRACES OF MAGIC!

Experience a life full of magic, challenges, and the joy of creating sweets that will leave a spellbinding impression on your customers. Become the ultimate magical baker and prove yourself worthy to inherit the Magical Bakery!

As a young magical baker trainee of the Academy of Magical Bakers, it's time to put your magical skills to the test! Create delectable treats and decorate them with magical sprinkles to solve your customers' problems, warm their hearts, or simply make their day brighter.



Your destiny awaits! Prove your mastery by passing exams at the Academy of Magical Bakers. Every Sunday, the examiner will visit to check your progress, so rise to the challenge and show your magical skills! Level up to unlock recipes and ingredients, and even harness the power of elementals. Inherit the shop from the old witch owner and bring new life to this magical haven!

TASTY RECIPES CAN BE FOUND IN THE [ANNOUNCEMENT TRAILER](#).

COOKING AND MANAGEMENT GAME [MAGICAL BAKERY](#) IS OPEN FOR BUSINESS ON PS5, XBOX SERIES, AND PC IN 2024.





The cards are on the table! Blackjack roguelike adventure gets official publishing deal and all-new demo

Developer: Purple Moss Collectors

Publisher: Yogscast Games

On: PC

From: [STEAM](#)

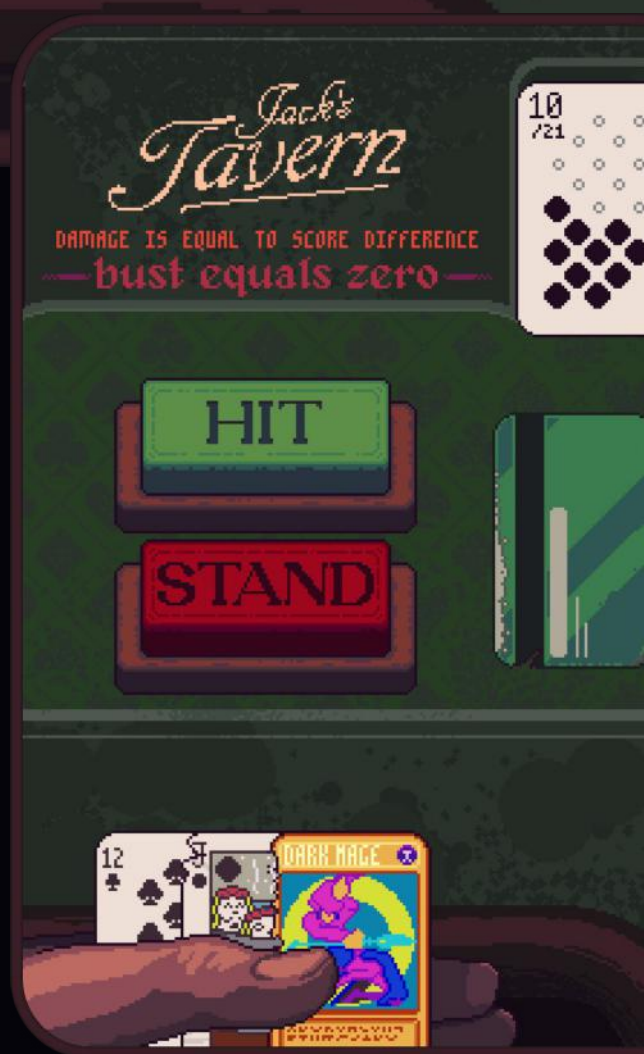
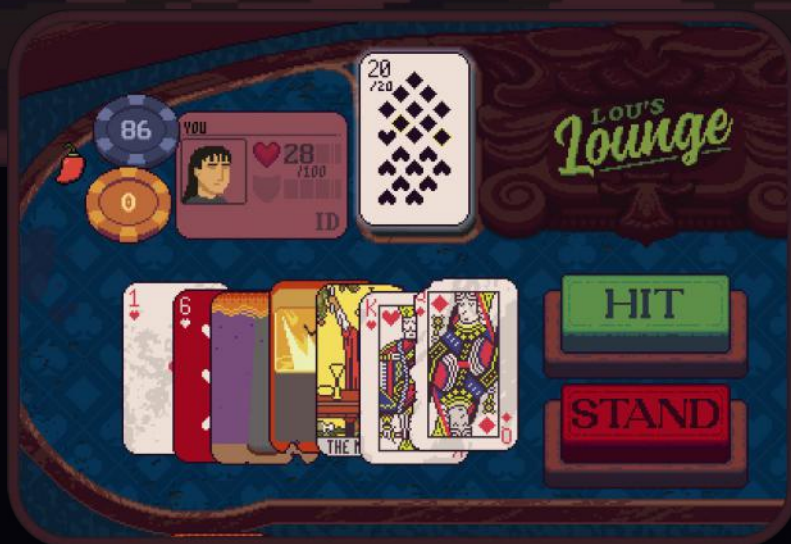
The adventure begins in a tavern packed with the rough and ready, where everyone plays a very different version of traditional Blackjack. Players will have to try their hand at this newfangled card game in order to take down the greedy capitalists exploiting the Blackjack-addicted townsfolk.

Boasting a collection of over 250 cards, some extremely weird and wonderful and each with their own special effects, every new run promises nuance as players build different decks and experiment with strategies. Completing a run also unlocks new starter decks that demand different playstyles, allowing them to steer their decks in new and interesting directions. Will they unleash corporate hell with the Business Card, or wreck mystical havoc with Tarot Cards? The choice is theirs, and will ultimately determine their success.

FOR PLAYERS LOOKING TO TRY THEIR LUCK, THE TEAM IS DELIGHTED TO SHARE THAT THERE IS A PLAYABLE DEMO NOW AVAILABLE ON STEAM. IN ADDITION, [DUNGEONS & DEGENERATE GAMBLERS](#) WILL ALSO BE A PART OF THE STEAM NEXT FEST LINEUP IN JUNE, SO THERE'S PLENTY OF OPPORTUNITY TO SEE WHAT'S ON THE CARDS.

BEFORE YOU CHECK OUT YOUR CHIPS AND COUNT YOUR WINNINGS, YOU SHOULD WATCH THE [ANNOUNCEMENT TRAILER](#) TO SEE HOW LUCKY YOU CAN BE.

"WITH THE DEMO NOW LIVE, I CAN'T WAIT FOR PLAYERS TO EXPERIENCE DUNGEON & DEGENERATE GAMBLERS INCREDIBLE TWIST ON A CLASSIC CARD GAME RULESET, WHICH RESULTS IN A FANTASTIC ROGUELIKE DECKBUILDING ADVENTURE UNLIKE ANY OTHER. YES, INCLUDING THAT ONE." SAYS SIMON BYRON, MANAGING DIRECTOR, YOGSCAST GAMES.





THE SIGNAL

Goose Byte announces the first open playtest

Developer: Odd Bug Studio

Publisher: United Label

On: PS4/5, XBX/S/1, and PC

From: [STEAM](#)

EXPERIMENT WITH THE LATEST SYSTEMS, AND DISCOVER WHY 16,000+ PEOPLE HAVE ALREADY WISHLISTED THE SIGNAL.

Anounced last August, The Signal has already received accolades, with early onlookers describing the game as “No Man’s Sky meets Fallout” (PCGamesN). The Signal looks to bring a fresh perspective to the survival genre, focusing on creativity, narrative building and a touch of moral quandary to your gameplay. To succeed in this world, you must decide whether you will bend nature to your will or work with it to create a utopia.

The latest playtest offers the public an opportunity to push the limits of the pre-alpha. Experimenting with the latest systems which have been added to the game; including capsules, which allows you to

“WE WANT YOU TO BREAK THE BOUNDARIES OF OUR GAME” SAYS GOOSE BYTE.



do everything from instantaneously chucking down a hoverbike, to projecting a bear into space.

Step into uncharted territory in *The Signal* [PREALPHA TRAILER](#) and face a planet filled with wonder and peril.

THE PLAYTEST WILL RUN FROM 23RD MAY 9AM EST TO 6TH JUNE 9AM EST. CHECK OUT THE [FULL LIST OF THE LATEST FEATURES](#) FOR WHAT TO EXPECT AND HOW TO SIGN UP.





BUREAU

of CONTACTS

**BUREAU OF CONTACTS COMING TO PC ON JUNE 27TH
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SANCTUA

Conceal your curse, or not?

Developer: Choose Red

Publisher: Choose Red

On: PC

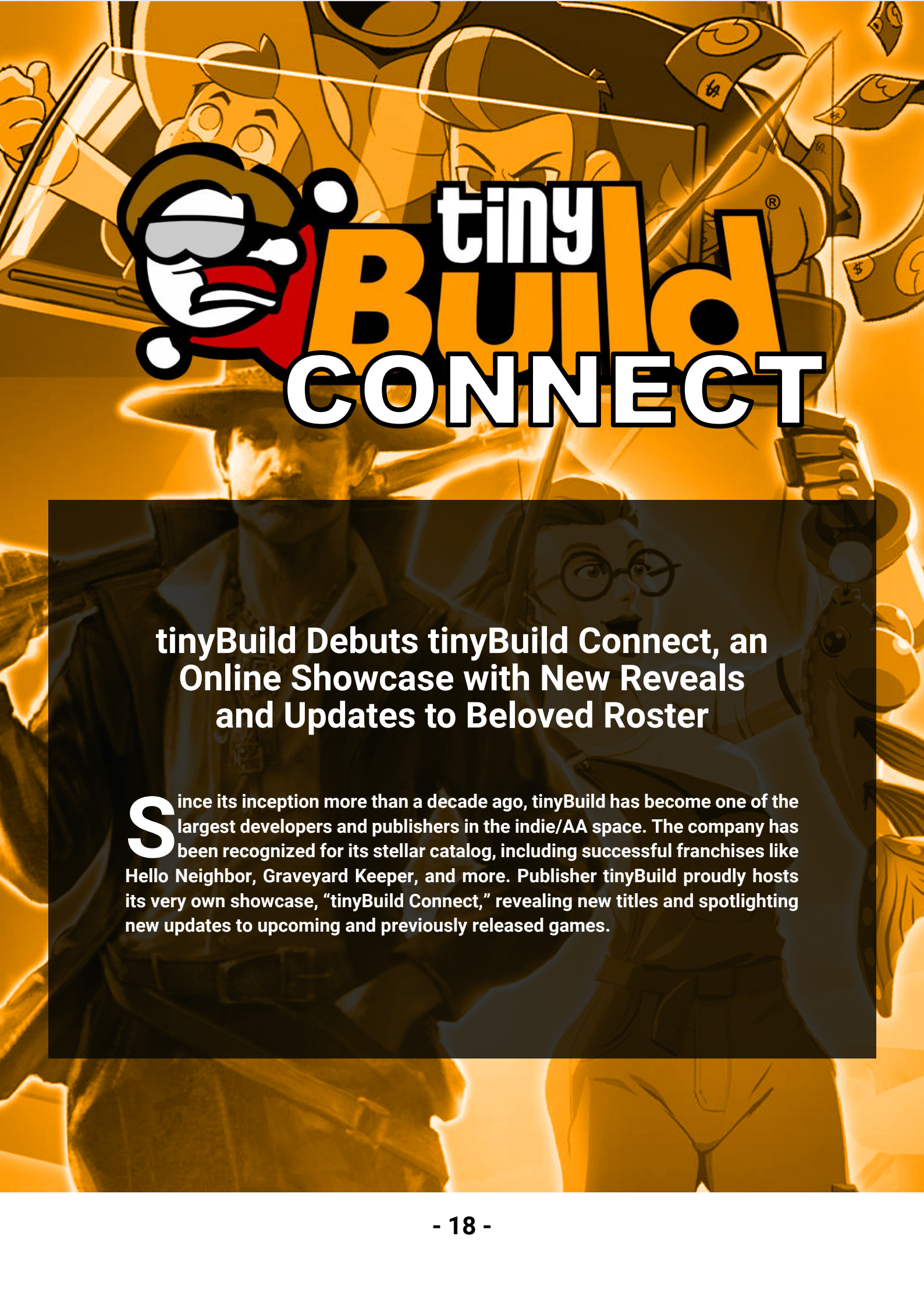
From: [STEAM](#)

THE TOMB'S CURSE IS SPREADING. WILL YOU COLLABORATE WITH YOUR FELLOW EXPLORERS TO ESCAPE WITH YOUR SANITY INTACT, OR WILL YOU TURN AGAINST YOUR FRIENDS AND BURY THEIR TRUST?

Find a way out, discover the mysteries of this lost sanctuary, gather clues and unlock the main gate before the corruption seals you all within its terrifying confines. Sanctua offers a new experience in each game, with a randomly generated tomb layout, random gadgets and mechanisms.

Should you play as the ancient, then the corruption is now your life source, and your obsession to protect your sacred chamber knows no bounds. Keep your corruption level in check to avoid fainting. Track, trap, and hunt down the explorers to neutralize or convert them.

LIFT THE LID OFF THE COFFIN WITH THE FIRST GLIMPSE OF THE GAME IN THIS GRIPPING [REVEAL TRAILER](#).



tinyBuild **CONNECT**

tinyBuild Debuts tinyBuild Connect, an Online Showcase with New Reveals and Updates to Beloved Roster

Since its inception more than a decade ago, tinyBuild has become one of the largest developers and publishers in the indie/AA space. The company has been recognized for its stellar catalog, including successful franchises like Hello Neighbor, Graveyard Keeper, and more. Publisher tinyBuild proudly hosts its very own showcase, "tinyBuild Connect," revealing new titles and spotlighting new updates to upcoming and previously released games.



**TINYBUILD
CONNECT**

**MISSED
THE SHOW?
WE'VE GOT YOU
COVERED!**

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TINYBUILD CONNECT FEATURED 14 GAMES IN AN ALL-STAR LINEUP CONSISTING OF BOTH ANNOUNCED AND NEW REVEALS:

- Everything works only if you watch it closely in [THE KING IS WATCHING](#), the roguelite kingdom builder with a Steam demo launching today
- [DRILL CORE](#), where corporate greed meets strategic planet-mining, started it's first free playtest on Steam, which players can join for free
- Pilot your tramlers across a perilous desert planet in [SAND](#), a new extraction FPS that debuted gameplay footage alongside the announcement of a beta test this summer
- Horror multiplayer extraction shooter [LEVEL ZERO: EXTRACTION](#) dropped a cryptic teaser that hints at a big announcement coming soon
- Become a sharp-eyed quack shot, gunning down enemies in Rust-like survival shooter [DUCKSIDE's](#) new open playtest on June 6
- Wreak havoc on medieval battlefields with modern guns in [KINGMAKERS'](#) first look into its destructible environment mechanics
- Open-world RPG sandbox adventure [STREETS OF ROGUE 2](#) provides a sneak peek of the major news it will announce later this summer
- [RAWMEN: FOOD FIGHTER ARENA](#) takes over Epic Games Store with free-to-play food melees on Tuesday, July 23
- Award-winning propaganda simulator [NOT FOR BROADCAST](#) gets camera-ready with a time-bending mystery with the new [THE TIMELOOP DLC](#)
- Fast-paced adventure RPG [ASTOR: BLADE OF MONOLITH](#) takes the fight to PC and consoles on Thursday, May 30
- The third installment on the beloved railway sim manager franchise [TRAIN VALLEY WORLD](#) chugs onto PC on Thursday, August 8
- Post-apocalyptic cozy survival/base builder [I AM FUTURE](#) introduces the Solar Energy Update, bringing new gameplay systems and improvements to all future-dwellers!
- Dark fantasy hack-n-slash RPG [VOIN](#) slashes through demons in a new, updated Steam demo
- Fighting management simulator [PUNCH CLUB 2: FAST FORWARD](#) gets knockout-ready with new [IRON FIST DLC](#), introducing a new storyline to PC and consoles soon





THE KING IS WATCHING

Let them prosper under your gaze

Developer: Hypnohead

Publisher: tinyBuild

On: Windows

From: [STEAM](#)

The King is Watching brings a new twist to the building genre – peasants only work under the supervision of the king's gaze. As soon as he looks away... everything stops. Protect the realm from a series of ever-challenging invading armies with infinite replayability, discovering numerous paths to success (and failure).



Strategically place buildings – and the king's stare – to balance resource gathering, production, and army training. Glance at wheat fields to kickstart harvests, or manipulate the king's eyes toward the mage guild to ensure the production of protective spells for the castle walls.

EVERYTHING WORKS ONLY IF YOU WATCH IT CLOSELY IN [THE KING IS WATCHING](#), THE ROGUELITE KINGDOM BUILDER WITH A STEAM DEMO AVAILABLE NOW. YOU MAY AVERT YOUR ATTENTION TO THE [ANNOUNCEMENT TRAILER](#).



“Having a game jam prototype played more than a million times is no small feat, and we’re excited to partner with tinyBuild to get our game to the finish line and in the hands of even more players.” said Semyon Itmaniuk, Head of the Hypnohead Studio.

DRILL CORE

Mine the planet's depths and overcome alien attacks in this unique explorative miner

Developer: Hungry Couch Games **Publisher:** tinyBuild

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

Boss others into doing the hard work for you as you manage your own mining crew to descend deeper into the planet's core. Deep dive and drill down on those deliverables by investing in a mix of barracks, factories and new tech during the day to keep your colony strong and reach the planet's core. Make important corporate decisions like building up your platform's defences with turrets and guards to keep everyone safe, or pushing on for glory and greater rewards by focusing on the dig. Be mindful though, as when night falls aliens will attack from both above and below and endanger your precious revenue.

DIG YOUR WAY TO STRATEGY SUCCESS WITH [DRILL CORE](#), COMING TO EARLY ACCESS ON PC IN Q4 2024. THE [ANNOUNCEMENT TRAILER](#) WILL BRIEF YOU.



*"So, you're the
new recruit, huh?
Alright, let me
brief you before
you start the
[playtest](#)."*

DRILL CORE



**ASTOR: BLADE OF THE MONOLITH COMING TO PS4/5,
SWITCH, XBOX/S/1, AND WINDOWS**



CLICK THE POSTER FOR THE LAUNCH TRAILER



The deceptively cute puzzle automation game about fixing a star factory. There's a whole cosmic universe out there waiting to be built if you're up for the challenge. Shine on!

STAR STUFF

From: [STEAM](#)

JUNE 7TH

Looks cute, right? Making stars isn't as easy as you might think, but you aren't alone! Your work in the factory is supported by a variety of bots with many different capabilities. Some bots are able to lift heavy objects, and some can solve complex problems with lasers - which is a pretty enviable skill. Just make sure you keep your goggles on.

JUNE 20TH

WORKERS & RESOURCES: SOVIET REPUBLIC 1.0

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

Challenge players to build a prosperous Soviet republic from a fledgling country, rising to become a rich industrial superpower. Multiple complex simulations work together to bring your nation to life, from intricate production chains, minute management of citizens, complex traffic, logistics, and economic simulations, including a fully integrated global economy that will respond to your choices. Rule your nation with total authority and remember - loyalty to the party trumps all!

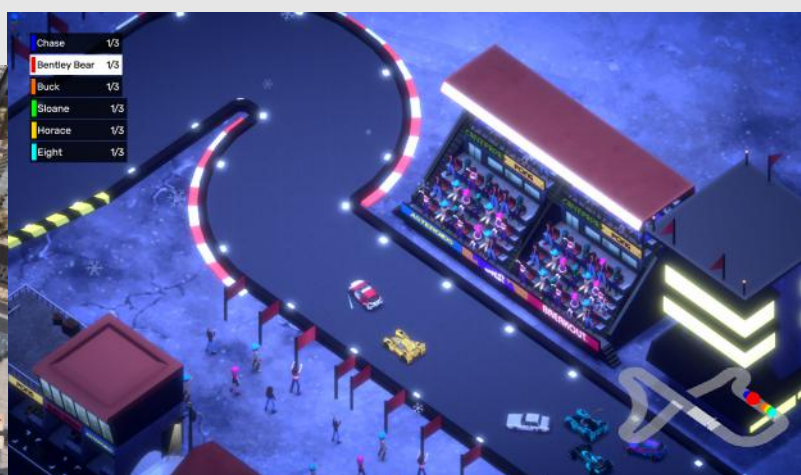


JUNE 27TH

NEOSPRINT

From: [STEAM](#)

The exhilarating Atari racing classic "Sprint" zooms back to life as a single screen arcade racer for up to 8 players, paired with a robust track builder and intuitive sharing tools, ensuring a racing experience that satisfies speed demons and architects alike. Campaign mode, Grand Prix, Obstacle Courses and Time Trials provide tons of pulse-pounding race content, and multiplayer modes make for chaotic fun. Can you conquer the speedways and claim the fastest times?



ALSO OUT IN JUNE

- FIRESIDE

- ROLLING HILLS: MAKE SUSHI, MAKE FRIENDS

- SONGS OF SILENCE

- LITTLE LOCKED ROOMS



- THE ANCIENTS

- BLOCKBUSTER INC

- CHORNOBYL LIQUIDATORS

- DRAGON IS DEAD

- EMPIRES OF THE UNDERGROWTH 1.0

- KAMAERU: A FROG REFUGE



- SUNNYSIDE

- HORROR TALES: THE BEGGAR



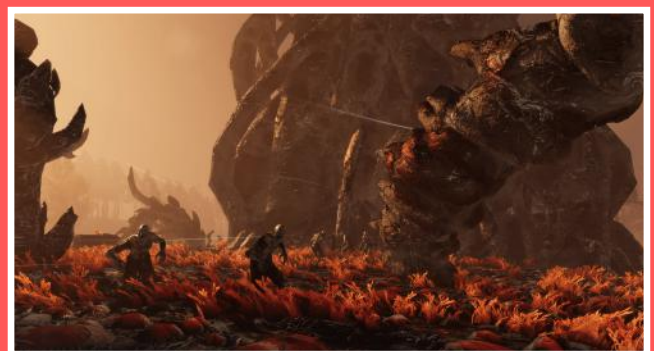
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- STILL WAKES THE DEEP

- THALASSA: EDGE OF THE ABYSS

- AARIK AND THE RUINED KINGDOM

- ASKA



- CRAB GOD: MOTHER OF THE TIDE

- THE END OF YOU

- QUINTUS AND THE FORMIDABLE CURSE



ARK OF CHARON

From: [STEAM](#)

The sacred World Tree has withered, and with it, humanity.

A new type of game that combines colony simulation and tower defense, where players embark on a journey to guide a giant, beast-like sapling of a World Tree to its nursery. Players take on the role of the tree's caretaker, controlling familiars (golems) and turning the tree into a fortified mobile fortress as they progress on their journey.

JULY 9TH



RAWMEN

From: [EPICSTORE](#)

A light-hearted, third-person, soup-slinging eggtravaganza. Food Fighting at its Finest!

Bratling Guns, Cream Pies, Hot Potatoes, Smackeral Mackerels?! and extremely large MEATBALLS?! Yep, we got it! Use a magnitude of food to slice and dice opponents, or propel yourself to greatness, and achieve the unthinkable; a shot at being the Top RAWMEN! YOU COULD BE FAMOUS!

JULY 23RD

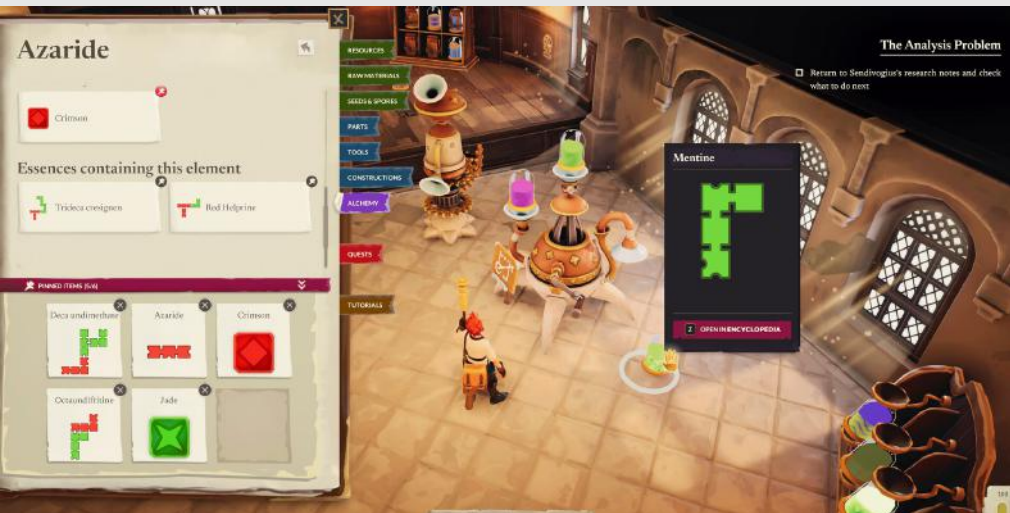
JULY 12TH

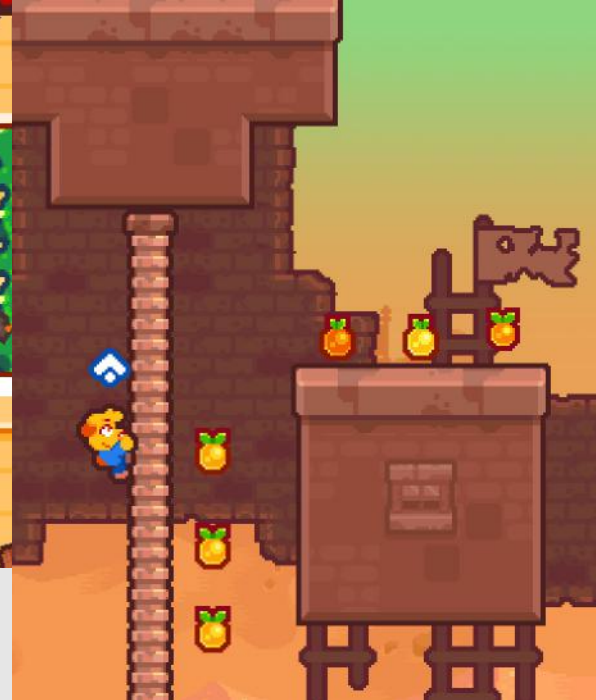
Embrace your weird and wonderful role as The Last Alchemist in the world as you build your workshop from the ground up, practice alchemy by solving puzzles, befriend and understand the Agari folk, and roam a vibrant world packed with brilliant resources to bring home and make use of.

Explore colourful and enchanting landscapes rich in resources, secrets, peculiar plants, fungi and minerals and extract essences from each item you collect, fuse them together and obtain the Properties you need to discover the wonders of this charming world. Craft your alchemical laboratory and optimise production by working closely with the Agari, these cute but cryptic mushroom folk, that will help you find the cure for your mysterious disease.

From: [STEAM](#)

THE LAST ALCHEMIST





Join Pablo and Luna, an intrepid duo of pups, as they swing, bounce, and blast their way through interdimensional landscapes on a mission to save the cosmos! Prepare for action-packed levels, challenging puzzles, and adorable canine capers in this vibrant and unforgettable adventure.

Players can sharpen their claws for two pawsome ways to play! For players who love to swing and sling? Beloved pupper Pablo returns with his trusty hook and acrobatic grappling skills ready to zip to new heights. More of a shoot-first pup? Players can unleash their inner gunslinger with mysterious newcomer Luna's arsenal of weaponry, adding a thrilling new combat mechanic to the mix.

Two dogs are better than one.

GRAPPLE DOGS: COSMIC CANINES

From: [STEAM](#)

AUGUST 15TH

ALSO OUT IN JULY / AUGUST / SEPTEMBER

- [YAOLING: MYTHICAL JOURNEY](#)
- [CATACLISMO](#)
- [GESTALT: STEAM & CINDER](#)
- [Bō: PATH OF THE TEAL LOTUS](#)
- [DUNGEONS OF HINTERBERG](#)
- [NORLAND SCHIM](#)
- [SLIDER](#)
- [WÉKO THE MASK GATHERER](#)

- [GUILD SAGA: VANISHED WORLDS](#)
- [CRICKET: JAE'S REALLY PECULIAR GAME](#)
- [FAREWELL NORTH](#)
- [DUSTBORN](#)
- [CORE KEEPER 1.0](#)
- [GORI: CUDDLY CARNAGE](#)
- [WHAT THE CAR?](#)
- [PROJECT TOWER](#)

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