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LOCAL JESTERS MAKE VIDEO GAME

Amid the depths of a dark and distant time, a plucky troupe of Sydney students started on what they were sure would be a quick and easy three month project. Intended as a love-letter to RPGs like D&D, the game would highlight the chaotic and ridiculous situations they'd all experienced playing them. That was in April of 2020.

Over the next 18 months, the group set about mixing up ideas in a soup of seemingly incompatible genres and mechanics into what was eventually labelled "a town-building, collectible card gaming satire". It became a way for the team to get together online after work, and try to make each other laugh, producing hundreds of handwritten articles covering stories from bridge troll union disputes, to siren buskers, and rat shortages!

Going by the name Caps Collective, they managed to get a demo up for the ever-observing eyeballs of the public at Steam Next Fest, eventually limping to a full release by November of 2021, followed by two additional content updates.



The team was dumbfounded to see the game listed amongst Kotaku Australia's top 10 Australian Games of 2021 and later as one of three finalists in the 2022 AGDAs emerging games category, but no moment was sweeter for them

than finally seeing their game played by so many in-person on the PAX show floor the following year!

Caps Collective has since continued its commitment to working on quirky, open-source experiments, building out free tooling and resources for game devs, and making new friends, all the while still trying to get a good laugh out of one another along the way!

LITTLE GUY SPOTTED IN TOWN

Don't even worry about it, he's just like, a cool little guy, a little dude. He's not hurting anyone, don't even sweat.

BANNED SPELLS

The following spells have been deemed illegal for non-authorized casting:

- *Zone of Tax Evasion*
- *Repress Trauma*
- *Powerword: Gaslight*

~ Lycanthropills ~



Because it's the full moon somewhere!

BEST LEFT UNREAD

Local arcanist Aldrich the Curious uncovered a devastating book in the local library this morning, looking for a magical remedy for a blocked sink. Upon opening the book *'The Endless Drain'*, a vortex of immense, and seemingly endless appetite consumed the general vicinity whole.

The damages incurred by the event included everything but the somehow still blocked kitchen sink, in spite of the arcanist's best efforts.

"Perhaps this DIY thing isn't for me." he added. "Next time I'll be sure to call on Drains the Plumbing Wizard for all my unclogging needs!"

REDUCE, REUSE, REANIMATE

Residents are reminded to take care in their waste disposal habits this dumping day. Make sure to separate your corpses and cursed items before disposal, lest they accidentally cause another undead uprising.

"We have separate pits for a reason..." stated our resident expert in necromantic sanitation management stated, "so let's all do our part and recycle, not revivify."

FANTASY
TOWN
Regional Manager

a game Caps
by Collective

