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Max Roberts

Hello everybody and welcome to the max frequency podcast. I am your host max Roberts and I have the distinct pleasure of being joined By my buddy Logan Moore for the eighth time We come together to predict The summer Achilles the I can't it's e3 is truly dead Truly and

Logan Moore

This is like the first year we can actually say that it's actually really dead.

Max Roberts

It's like

Logan Moore

And that's the saddest part of all.

Max Roberts

It's the it's dead as a doornail Logan Moore hello. How are you? Well

Logan Moore

I'm feeling like I've got some podcast rust here that I'm trying to figure out and work through. Which is weird because I host a weekly show again now, which is something that I haven't done in a long time,

Max Roberts

Well, you know you and I haven't recorded a show I want to say since January we've taken a little bit of a break together

Logan Moore

but I'm still trying to get back in the flow of podcasting. But other than that, I'm good.

Max Roberts

From chapter select we'll talk about that. But also you just got off of a week-long

Logan Moore

We have.

Max Roberts

vacation aka a honeymoon Because you got married welcome to the club Yeah

Logan Moore

I did. Thank you. It's been a whirlwind. I'm glad that I don't have to plan a wedding any longer, but there's the whole part where I have to now move the rest of my stuff into where I'm living now,

Max Roberts

You They did they do eventually and be thankful at least you're just moving one person's things instead of an entire families

Logan Moore

and then I have to set it all up again. And so I'm just wondering if there's going to become a point in time where things will actually slow down to some degree. True. True. I don't have that much, to be honest.

Max Roberts

because Yeah, that was that was what made our move last year so difficult was it was not just my stuff It was Abby's and Eloise's and my parents moved next door as a whole thing. It's a lot of stuff. So

Logan Moore

The thing is with where I'm moving, so my wife, no I didn't say.

Max Roberts

My wife

Logan Moore

So she bought this house that we're living in last year,

Max Roberts

You She's not unpacked

Logan Moore

but when she moved into it, she didn't really do a full... She fully moved into it, obviously, but there's a lot of other stuff that she had in storage or whatever that she sort of tucked away. Yeah, we've sort of not finished the unpacking process of that move from last year.

Max Roberts

You

Logan Moore

We threw a lot of boxes full of unnecessary things in the garage, and they have just been sitting there. And so before I moved in here, it became apparent that we need to go through these boxes now

Max Roberts

You All your sweet sweet video games

Logan Moore

and unpack these things or get rid of them or donate them. A lot of what was in them have gone to Goodwill. But yeah, so that's what we've been doing on top of not only moving me, but trying to make space for all of my belongings. What was once her walk-in closet.

Max Roberts

You

Logan Moore

Yes, the video games were the first thing to come here.

Max Roberts

That's that's actually that that's truly the crazy thing what is

Logan Moore

Surprisingly, the Jordans are nowhere to be found in this home yet. They are still across town. The other day I was almost about to go to the office and I was like, "I don't have a pair of sneakers to wear to the office."

Max Roberts

Time to wear flip-flops

Logan Moore

I do. I've been just kind of rocking Crocs a lot lately.

Max Roberts

Oh my gosh

Logan Moore

I'm truly embracing the dad lifestyle over here.

Max Roberts

I I wore Crocs when I was like 12 and I was made fun of for wearing them, you know now everyone's got Crocs

Logan Moore

So... It's weird. It's definitely come full circle.

Max Roberts

Mm-hmm

Logan Moore

Because I remember thinking that too back when we were around that age.

Max Roberts

Yeah, they're they're good go-to's I

Logan Moore

I'm like, "Crocs are lame. Who the heck would want Crocs?" And now I have leggings. I wear them by default all the time. So...

Max Roberts

I hope for you that someday soon you'll have the That misses incredible moment where you finally have finished unpacking the final box Yeah

Logan Moore

I hope so. I actually think of that specific moment from that movie a lot too.

Max Roberts

Yes, just hopefully your house doesn't blow up at the end of it

Logan Moore

Yeah, I hope so. That would be not ideal, but you know...

Max Roberts

I don't know. It's your if your policy covers it. I don't know you might find out

Logan Moore

I don't know. Depends on how much money we'd get back in the insurance. And if no one would die, then maybe. But it probably wouldn't play. I don't think I could claim the \$10,000-\$15,000 worth of video games that I have and get the insurance money back for those properly. So it's probably a lost cause. Maybe.

Max Roberts

Who knows you just got to document everything you have. You just have to make sure you know what's in your collection

Logan Moore

That's true. Actually, I have done that.

Max Roberts

It's always fun

Logan Moore

So maybe we could submit that claim.

Max Roberts

I believe in you

Logan Moore

But please don't blow up this house. Please no.

Max Roberts

Please don't blow it up and don't move soon cuz that then you'll really feel it You

Logan Moore

That is the one nice thing.

Max Roberts

For yeah would have been would have been to the apartment with grant then your brother and back to your parents and then to Nashville

Logan Moore

Is that I have been moving so much the past six or seven years. Or not so much. I guess I've made three or four different moves over that span of time. Um... Yeah. Mm-hmm. Yeah, and then now to here. So like this seems like the last one. And so that's a relief.

Max Roberts

Yeah, good

Logan Moore

Um...

Max Roberts

Awesome

Logan Moore

But yeah. I mean we've obviously... Yeah, so hopefully that's the end of that.

Max Roberts
Yes in the

Logan Moore
And I shoot all future podcasts from this current viewpoint that you see me sitting at here. So this just becomes the de facto room that I record in until I'm old and gray.

Max Roberts
One would hope one would hope

Logan Moore
Mm-hmm.

Max Roberts
Before we get into our annual predictions and all that jazz I did want to do a little PSA a little public service announcement for chapter select Yes, we are still working on the show But Logan and I have taken like a summer vacation of video games We did play What we played Metroid Prime remastered that episodes in the bag We've played Castlevania one that episode is also in the bag

Logan Moore
And that's been really nice.

Max Roberts
but then we were like what if we played other video games and so It has been you've been you've poor you got the platinum in MLB the show, correct? I

Logan Moore
Yeah, I did this year.

Max Roberts
Think that explains the amount of time

Logan Moore
I've played a lot of live service games, which is probably the most strange.

Max Roberts
You Those

Logan Moore
Like I have gone back and played other things in my backlog. Like Elden Ring's been the most prominent thing I've gone back and finally played. But yeah, I've played hundreds of hours of Fortnite and MLB The Show this year. And it's bizarre, but I've also enjoyed it.

Max Roberts
That's you know, that's not terrible. I'm really happy that you've gone back and played Elden ring

Logan Moore
Same.

Max Roberts
I know how much you like souls like that just felt I've been wanting you to play that for so long.
I

Logan Moore

I will say I'm at like a... Sorry to cut in, but I'm at like a weird point in that game now where I could feasibly beat it pretty soon.

Max Roberts

You

Logan Moore

But I'm pretty sure once you beat it in order to then like start a new game or whatever you have to like go to... I don't know. Maybe you can make a save right before the final boss or whatever. I don't know how the endgame stuff works, so maybe I'm wrong with this. Basically what I'm saying is the DLC comes out in like two or three weeks. And so I'm like maybe I just table all of the like final five to ten hours of stuff in this game, put it on hold, dive into the DLC content, play that, and then go back and do the actual ending of the game. But then I feel like I'll be so overtuned for the end of the game. I don't know. It doesn't really matter, but...

Max Roberts

Yeah, that's an interesting problem it's not like you can't play the DLC after you beat the boss
You

Logan Moore

So the DLC is not... So my fear basically is that I know in the DLC you have to beat one of the specific bosses in order to then access the content that is going to be part of the DLC. The boss that you have to beat is like one of the final ones in the game. So I'm afraid if I start... If I beat the game and then I start like New Game Plus or something like that, which is something I kind of want to do, then that all of a sudden starts the whole process over of it's like, "Oh wait, I can't now access the DLC." Unless there's like multiple save files and stuff like that, which I feel like there might be.

Max Roberts

I would think there is. It can't be a Breath of the Wild situation where you only have one save file.

Logan Moore

I think there is. You can't manually make the save files in the game though. That's the thing.
So...

Max Roberts

Come on. Come on From Software.

Logan Moore

So I'm not exactly sure how it all works. I mean you can do some save tricks with it. Yeah, you can back it up to the Playstation cloud or whatever and then you can re-download your saves and trick it that way.

Max Roberts

Here's what you do. Back it up.

Logan Moore

So there are ways, but I think at this point I am just gonna hold off and just segue this long playthrough I've had into the DLC content, do that, and then we'll go back and we'll beat the game proper after I beat all the DLC stuff. Because why not? But that will probably stretch this into a 140 or 150 hour playthrough of this game.

Max Roberts

That's not a bad idea. That's a lot of time.

Logan Moore

It still is giving me those surprises where I'm like, "Where am I?" Like I'll just show up somewhere and like, "How did I get here? What is going on?" There's like these teleporter things in the game. It's real weird. It's real crazy. Yes.

Max Roberts

Yeah, there's elevators. Yeah. Sounds like a crazy game. I played the most maxed games possible called The Last of Us Part 1 and The Last of Us Part 2 Remastered. Platted those.

Logan Moore

Those are some max games for sure.

Max Roberts

Yeah, and it was a perfect back to back because I timed my Part 1 playthrough right before Part 2's remastered launch on PS5. So that felt really good to play through those games yet again. And then I finally, finally, finally played The Great Ace Attorney 2 Resolve and beat that.

Logan Moore

You have been playing those. I know you've been talking about those to us a lot lately.

Max Roberts

Yes. So the Great Ace Attorney games are truly a duology. It's almost like, you know how the Daniel Craig, Casino Royale, and Quantum of Solace are essentially the same movie? They pick up right where each other left off. It's kind of like that. Like the Great Ace Attorney games, the ones where you're in ye old England. It's essentially one game, not two separate games. But I did take a year break between them so there was like a little bit of catching up in the middle. But the way the overarching narrative builds is immaculate. So that game was great. And so now I've only not played, I guess three Ace Attorney games. I have not played 5 and 6, which were the 3DS ones, which are now on modern consoles. And then I have yet to play the Investigations game, which is like the third person-y point and click adventure.

Logan Moore

I was gonna say that's like one of the spinoff games they made, wasn't it? Of course it is. You did? Was that your gift to yourself?

Max Roberts

It's also one of the most expensive, but I got it for Christmas last year. So we're okay. Pretty much, yeah. I had some cash and I saw this really clean copy at the store and was like, "I gotta do it. I just gotta get this." Because it was the last one I needed to have all of the DS games.

Logan Moore

Which one is it?

Max Roberts

So I was like, "Ace Attorney, Miles Edgeworth Investigations." And so that game has a sequel that came out only in Japan, a lot like The Great Ace Attorney, which was only in Japan until they translated it. So fans are kind of hoping now that everything is ported to modern hardware and has been translated. Investigations is technically all that's left. So some people are hoping that that will happen. Some people are just hoping that Ace Attorney 7 will finally come to pass. I'm fine with whatever. Just more Ace Attorney games, please.

Logan Moore

When was the last one of those games made? I mean it's not... Yeah, did they release one on Switch or was it the last one for...

Max Roberts

Like a new one, the last new one, the last one would have been The Great Ace Attorney.

Logan Moore

That's what I thought.

Max Roberts

Those were, I think, the most modern current releases. The last Phoenix Wright game was 6 on the 3DS. And then since then, they have been porting trilogies, essentially. Trilogies and duologies. So it is good to finally have those. And then also, I just beat Federation Force, which obviously we'll talk about on its own episode. But I finally got through that. So that's all I'll say about that. [laughs]

Logan Moore

I stayed up last night playing it for a little bit. Hopefully I'll meet you there and we'll record that episode soon-ish.

Max Roberts

Yeah. Yes. That's next on the docket. And then I think I'm gonna jump into Tears in the Kingdom after I finish Animal Well. Which is...

Logan Moore

I told you that I think that's another one I want to do. Because I mean it's Zelda. I've played like every other Zelda game and somehow I have not played that. Which is just bizarre to me.

Max Roberts

Exactly. It came out the week I moved. I was just, there was no way I was playing it. It's been a very busy year. But, I'm ready to...

Logan Moore

I've tried to turn this year into the year of me revisiting these very long open world games that I have previously not played. So like Elden Ring is pretty much off the docket now. Tears of the Kingdom is another one. I keep telling people this and people are like "Why do you want to do that?"

Max Roberts

Yeah. Right, work stuff.

Logan Moore

I want to play Starfield. I want to go back and play Starfield. I really enjoyed the 20-25 hours I played of that game. That's the thing. I liked what I played. I naturally fell off because I had to start focusing on other things. So I want to go back and play more of it.

Max Roberts

Would you start over, or just pick up your save and go?

Logan Moore

No, I think I'll just pick up where I was at. Because it wasn't that long ago. I mean it was less than a year ago I was playing that game up through October or something like that last year.

Max Roberts

Okay. October or something? Yeah. Yeah. You definitely have had a lot of open world RPG kind of games on your list. That, Elden Ring, Red Dead, Zelda, so... Yeehaw, cowboy.

Logan Moore

I was going to say Red Dead is the other one too that I have. Lingerin' there. Kind of.

Max Roberts

I showed my dad the house buildings on the other day. Which, I don't know if you're familiar with that, but you'll know it based off that name and though.

Logan Moore

The one thing I will say about Red Dead that has given me a little bit of relief is that my thinking with that one has always been "I have to play Red Dead before Grand Theft Auto 6." Otherwise I don't know if I'll ever get around to Red Dead. And luckily the other day, Take Two or whatever, was like "Oh, GTA 6 is coming out in Fall 2025."

Max Roberts

I have a year.

Logan Moore

It's like "Okay, cool." I have another 6 month buffer or whatever. Because originally I thought that game might have been a Spring game. Spring 2025.

Max Roberts

I have a year. I think a lot of people did.

Logan Moore

So now that it's Fall it's like "Okay." I've got a little bit longer than I thought I may have had originally. So that's good.

Max Roberts

It is good.

Logan Moore

Thanks for watching!

Max Roberts

That game will be a big one.

Logan Moore

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Max Roberts

And speaking of big ones, I don't know, that was a terrible segue. I'm going to talk about how big of a one failure of a... Never mind, I can't carry this. I can't save that one.

Logan Moore

you

Max Roberts

Before we dive in to our 2024 predictions, per tradition, we must review how terrible we did last year. And it's pretty rough. I went through and graded everything. We can just quickly run

through these. We do it for the big three. Nintendo, Xbox, and PlayStation. Part of me was even wondering if we'll have Xbox be a category here in a few years as a hardware manufacturer.

Logan Moore

I mean you would think so they're just gonna become kind of I mean I

Max Roberts

You would think... Publisher or hardware?

Logan Moore

Mean they're not going away. They're not that's the thing they're not going away like even if they dip out of the hardware space

Max Roberts

Right.

Logan Moore

They're not going away, so like

Max Roberts

I always have just thought of the big three as hardware.

Logan Moore

Yeah for sure

Max Roberts

You know, the first party angle. But it does seem like Xbox is going the way of Sega.

Logan Moore

you

Max Roberts

I don't mean that in a negative way. They seem to be more publishing rather than hardware. But we shall see. Anyway, last year, we kicked off with Nintendo. Per your request, Logan, you said Nintendo wasn't going to have anything all summer. You were correct. Because all they had was Pikmin in the summer, pretty much. When I went back and looked at least. So, good job. You reviewed that game, right? You reviewed Pikmin?

Logan Moore

Yeah, I like pick one for quite a bit actually that game is way larger than You would think it is too because even after I reviewed it and finished it or thought I had finished it Then it turns out there's like an entire additional mode to that game. Which is it's a whole This whole huge expansive thing of its own and I was like what like are you serious like this is tucked in here, too? And I didn't even really discover that until after I had already Written a review and finished it so

Max Roberts

Finished the review? Yeah.

Logan Moore

That game is really large especially for like a Pikmin game

Max Roberts

It's a beefy one. It's interesting that all the Pikmin games are on Switch now.

Logan Moore
Yeah

Max Roberts
But not other series that we may or may not talk about.

Logan Moore
That was close hit it I

Max Roberts
You said the Paper Mario the Thousand-Year Door remaster launches in late 2023. A miss. But you were correct that it existed. And...

Logan Moore
Was gonna say it hadn't been announced yet

Max Roberts
Announced, yes.

Logan Moore
So the fact that I was kind of keyed into that just maybe like four months early was

Max Roberts
Yep. And it just came out.

Logan Moore
Did

Max Roberts
And it looks great, feels good. I don't think we've played...

Logan Moore
Are you playing that

Max Roberts
I booted it up just to see it.

Logan Moore
Okay

Max Roberts
And just be hit with the wave of "Oh my gosh, it's real."

Logan Moore
you

Max Roberts
But no, I'm not playing playing right now.

Logan Moore
The heck knows what's up with that

Max Roberts

You said the Super Switch will be announced in fall. Have a showcase in 24 and launch in the first half of 24. That is like a run on all fronts. Maybe if you change those dates to 25 that might pan out. But, uh... No Super Switch. Metroid Prime 4 will be shown as a Super Switch and launch in 24.

Logan Moore

You And it could be for super switch but

Max Roberts

It could launch in 24 and it could still be shown. But it did not happen last year as far... All of this still could happen, but not announced or shown in the summer.

Logan Moore

Yeah

Max Roberts

And then an exclusive Resident Evil game will be announced. Which is, I've noticed, a theme of yours, but there is no new Resident Evil game for the Switch. I said that Detective Pikachu and Kid Icarus are announced...

Logan Moore

You

Max Roberts

Uprising are announced for Switch. I did not get that. Detective Pikachu did show up, but not Kid Icarus. I said that Pokemon would come to NSO. That's not happened. I said Donkey Kong would be a new game for Switch. I guess there was Mario vs. Donkey Kong, but that doesn't really count. I said Super Mario Galaxy 2 would come to the Switch. They have crushed my dreams. I said Tears of the Kingdom would get DLC tied into Wind Waker and Twilight Princess. But that did, uh... Or that those games would have ties in two Tears of the Kingdom. And that did not happen either. So I was falling flat on all fronts. You, sir, got a point. A point for negativity.

Logan Moore

Got a little something got a little something in there

Max Roberts

A little something.

Logan Moore

For this year or for last year

Max Roberts

Alright. Xbox. You wanna share your Xbox predictions? No, no, no. For last year. Last year.

Logan Moore

Last year I said they would show off avowed and state of decay 3 neither happened although we have since seen

Max Roberts

No, they did show a Vowed.

Logan Moore

Did they show up out last year

Max Roberts

They did show a little... Mm-hmm. They did show a little bit. No State of Decay, though.

Logan Moore

Okay, so vowed showed up and no state of k3 avowed has since been shown off further in a post to come out this year But we'll see I said persona 3 remake would be announced. I got it it happened

Max Roberts

You did. [laughs]

Logan Moore

I

Max Roberts

You played it.

Logan Moore

have DLCs coming out for that looks after that that was that was another one that I was glad that I got to play as we kind of Table chapter select things for a bit. I said id software would tease their next game and it would not be doom related That says correct, but I'm pretty sure that's false they didn't tease anything and I

Max Roberts

Did I...

Logan Moore

Don't think that happened at all. So that definitely didn't happen in fact, so I got that one wrong

Max Roberts

Hmm. I wonder why I checked that off, then. Huh.

Logan Moore

I said Elden Ring DLC would debut at Xbox's showcase didn't happen And then I said a stealth release from double fine would happen and that didn't happen Although I do wonder what they're doing over there. So

Max Roberts

Yeah, you kinda... Yeah, I wonder what they're cooking.

Logan Moore

Yeah

Max Roberts

I said Indiana Jones would be shown off because the movie was coming out. That was a big fat flop. Perfect Dark Korea Merges. No. And it sounds like Perfect Dark is in so... such a bad place.

Logan Moore

Yeah, maybe we'll talk about that more later

Max Roberts

[laughs] I said that the Game Pass Family Plan would come to North America alongside a price bump.

Logan Moore
you

Max Roberts

There was a price bump, but I don't think the Family Plan is here yet. I couldn't find that. I said that the Splinter Cell remake would be on the stage. That did not happen. And I said that Gears of War Collection would be announced with possible Unreal 5 efforts. Did not happen. It did not. Again, I'm amiss. You got a point. So you're too...

Logan Moore

I wonder when I wonder when the splinter cell remake is going to be revealed though because you would think that's getting kind of close

Max Roberts

They said it was an early production last year, like when they were showing off concept art and stuff for the anniversary.

Logan Moore

But when was that revealed or when was that like announced it it was like two two and a half three years ago at this Point I want to say Maybe I'm totally wrong

Max Roberts

It was a while ago. Which is why I thought it could show up, but then they said last year, "Oh, here, we're in pre-production."

Logan Moore

You 2021 so we're nearing three years December 2021 So two and a half years, it's been two and a half years

Max Roberts

But then they... yeah.

Logan Moore

For it's for a remake though So like, you know, I mean triple-a development takes so long nowadays that you know, who knows but it is a remake so they've got the core of the other game that they're clearly working off of so You

Max Roberts

And then in late '22, they showed off a very early look. So, I don't know. Hopefully. I've just stopped hoping for Splinter Cell stuff. You know, they canceled that VR game they were making. Especially after the Assassin's Creed 1 was received so well, but whatever. Ooby gonna ooby. Alright, PlayStation 2023. What'd you have?

Logan Moore

So for PlayStation last year I had the Last of Us part 3 would be announced Just straight-up didn't happen. Nothing. I Said Marvel's or were Marvel's Wolverine won't be shown off, but it will be mentioned. It didn't even get mentioned I mean we have

Max Roberts

Well, I mean, technically since then, we've seen more of it than they ever... [laughing]

Logan Moore

It didn't happen there I said Final Fantasy 7 remake part 2 and would be shown And would get a 2024 window this all happened, but it happened at Keeley con

Max Roberts

Half right.

Logan Moore

So all of this did end up happening just wasn't at the PlayStation event Ghost of Tsushima - would be announced didn't happen And then I said blue point games would reveal their next remake that didn't happen. That's got to be close though

Max Roberts

Nope.

Logan Moore

You

Max Roberts

One would think.

Logan Moore

Thanks, Jim

Max Roberts

I said, "This one probably hurts the most." I said, "The Last of Us Factions game is properly revealed and it launches on PC day and date." "That game has since been cancelled in its entirety." The Last of Us Online. I said, "Twisted Metal Game is revealed to coincide with the TV show." That didn't happen. I said, "PlayStation Studios team was working..."

Logan Moore

Yet another yet another one though to note there that game reportedly got cancelled behind the scenes so

Max Roberts

Yes. And then, "PlayStation Studios team is making a major PSVR2 game." No.

Logan Moore

How is that a no like that's what's crazy to me is that that is a no

Max Roberts

Yeah. It shouldn't be a no. It should be a... That should have been a slam dunk.

Logan Moore

How are they how are they investing that much R&D and

Max Roberts

I don't know, man.

Logan Moore

marketing and all sorts of other time and energy and costs into that device and then They they don't support it. It's so bizarre You know whatever though take take an L. Take an L on this

Max Roberts

It's weird. I'm so frustrated.

Logan Moore

Realize that you failed Reallocate that money to handhelds. Let's do it come on. It's time that the handheld scene is finally back I

Max Roberts

Well, they did. They made a handheld.

Logan Moore

Know and that was clearly then that thing flew off the dang shelves, so you got to think internally right now They're like all right. It's time to make a dedicated handheld once again

Max Roberts

You would think with all the deck stuff, the rumors of Xbox, all these PC handhelds that are just flooding the market, it seems.

Logan Moore

Yeah, yes

Max Roberts

You would think that Sony would be like, "All right, maybe we can enter this market again with the PlayStation Portable Vita 2."

Logan Moore

you you

Max Roberts

I said, "A new Uncharted game is revealed from San Diego team." That did not happen. And then I said, "Spider-Man 2 gameplay was shown off and they confirmed there was co-op." That did not happen.

Logan Moore

There was something I still don't know what the heck that was

Max Roberts

But, again, we do know that there was a co-op Spider-Man game in development.

Logan Moore

You

Max Roberts

It was a very high concept trailer, clearly, that was leaning into Spider-Verse.

Logan Moore

Yes, which is hard it's hard to make prediction

Max Roberts

Vibes. Whatever. A lot of things happened to Insomniac in the last year. I'm just gonna say, I don't have any predictions from them.

Logan Moore

Well I was gonna say not to guide your own podcast here, but you want to just Start here with PlayStation and what happened? within the past day of when we're recording

Max Roberts

Yeah, we need to start with PlayStation.

Logan Moore

Mm-Hmm

Max Roberts

We are recording on the 31st of May and yesterday there was the state of play. Because it was kind of like the soft launch of summer video game stuff and soft is probably the good word for it because it was such a snooze fest, I thought, of a state of play.

Logan Moore

you

Max Roberts

But we did lock in some predictions before the state of play, so I thought that we could go through those quickly as well. We already know if we're right or wrong and then talk loosely about the state of play before diving into our other predictions. So, Logan, what were your five predictions? Do you have them in front of you?

Logan Moore

Yeah, I do actually I just went and found them no, I just went and found them I said that

Max Roberts

Okay.

Logan Moore

There will be only one newly announced sony first party game at the event. I'm I think that's correct

Max Roberts

Correct. It is just Astrobot. Yep, you are correct.

Logan Moore

It was just astro bot So I got I got it. I got one starting off on the right foot there I said a goodbye message from Jim Ryan would play and then would be followed by Hermann Hulst saying hello. I'm your new Daddy That did not happen unfortunately

Max Roberts

Neither one of them showed up.

Logan Moore

Yeah, I mean it makes sense

Max Roberts

I was a little surprised to not see Herman, though. I thought Herman would be there.

Logan Moore

They should have had Jim come up right after the concord sequence, and he should have said hello I'm Jim Ryan, and I greenlit this game, and I'm no longer at the company. Goodbye, and that could have been that

Max Roberts

You can thank me for this.

Logan Moore

I said Sony would tease the existence of a PS5 pro. They they did not I said that

Max Roberts

I thought for a second they did. In the Astro trailer there's an all, there's like a black PS5 without the plates on it.

Logan Moore

you Oh, yeah, yeah

Max Roberts

And I was like, "Is that?" And then I realized it was just a PS5 without the plates. I was like, "What is it?" I thought it was a cool tease, though.

Logan Moore

No, but Yeah

Max Roberts

I don't.

Logan Moore

This is the one that's Surprising to me I said the new astro game will be compatible with both PS5 and PSVR to and will launch this year all Aspects of that are right except for the PSVR to part. It's not right I mean it will come to PS5 and will launch this year, but how it's not for PSVR to which of all games

Max Roberts

I would think, and from all studios.

Logan Moore

You thought would be Yeah, I'm glad it's not personally because I liked Astros playroom more than rescue mission, but like You can come up with some sort of comp. Yeah, you could yeah, you could have had some compatibility with it

Max Roberts

But if it could have just been both, like, either way, one would think.

Logan Moore

you would have thought like it's really strange and Then I said Resident Evil remakes would appear Multi-petite yeah, and that didn't happen

Max Roberts

Here's that thread. You had Silent Hill, though. Silent Hill for horror and Monster Hunter from Capcom. So, you were, like, semi-close, but not really.

Logan Moore

You Let me ask do you regret your purchase of that at all

Max Roberts

So, my predictions. I said Astrobot. And the reason I kept this was because the second part of that was button no PSVR2 support. Like, that's the level of despair I'm at with the PSVR2. And so I did get that correct.

Logan Moore
Okay

Max Roberts
Oh, I like it. I'm excited to play Resident Evil 4 in VR. I am bummed there's not more to play from a first-party perspective.

Logan Moore
Okay

Max Roberts
I bet I don't regret the purchase. It's fun. I like VR stuff and playing around with it. Do I regret it from a financial perspective? Yeah, probably.

Logan Moore
You

Max Roberts
My bank account doesn't appreciate it, but playing games, I think it's dope. What I played of Resident Evil Village in it was awesome. I'm sure 4 is gonna be really good. I just haven't played it yet. And there's a lot of VR games I want to play. I just haven't bought them yet. So, I like it. But my next prediction was PSVR2 games are depressing. There was a whopping two PSVR2 games at the showcase. Both of them were previously announced. And that Alien game...

Logan Moore
Dude the alien one was like the trailer for that was like absolutely nothing new like they added like 10 seconds of like in-game footage or something like that You

Max Roberts
They showed gameplay, which they hadn't shown before. But here's why it bums me out. I was like, "Oh, maybe this will be good." And then on the PlayStation blog, there's a post about it. And I'm meaning to write about it. But this paragraph says, "While heart-pounding combat is at the core of Alien-Rogue incursion." And that's when I just laid my head down and said, "This is where it all goes wrong." At least we'll always have isolation. Heart-pounding combat should not be the core of the Alien game. Horror should be at the core of the Alien game. Oh well.

Logan Moore
I mean, I think you can add combat and it can be heart pounding combat, but I don't know if Yeah, if it should be

Max Roberts
At the heart of it, though, it's the core of the game? I don't know about that. It should be more like isolation. Whatever. They're depressing. And there were only two of them there.

Logan Moore
Yeah, yes You

Max Roberts
Which was also... Then I said, "I bet on the wrong live service game." I said, "We get that gameplay of fair games." I chose poorly. I chose between that or Concord. And I chose fair games. I said Ghost of Tsushima 2 is very real. I thought this would be the tease. And here it is. And you'll learn more about it someday later. But no. And then I have one prediction that we

will find out. This is slightly cheating. We'll find out next Friday. Which is... There will be Judas gameplay at Kili's Summer Games Fest. But it will be branded as on PS5. Like it will have the PS5 tie-in with it. So I guess it's kind of cheating a little bit, I guess. But I think Judas is showing up. And I think it will be a Kili's thing. And it will be tied with PlayStation.

Logan Moore

I would like that I would like that I would like that you want to see more of that game excited for that. Oh Yeah, I think as a whole I mean this is a larger conversation as a whole but I think that whole summer games

Max Roberts

Do you agree it was a snooze?

Logan Moore

Excitement period here has just totally died. Like there's I Mean this year specifically is kind of a weird one because obviously Xbox is Floundering and just shut down two studios and is gonna dedicate a huge portion of its own

Max Roberts

I think they've shut down more than just two.

Logan Moore

Yeah, they shut down - they reallocated one and they shut down another smaller ones. They shut down for total I guess But obviously tango and arcane are the two big ones. I mean they just had a rough 2023 I mean so Xbox is just I'm not doing great Nintendo's in this weird holding pattern that they've now acknowledged that they're basically in so it's like

Max Roberts

Hmm.

Logan Moore

Even this coming month's direct or this month's direct It's like I'm interested and excited to see what they're gonna do, but it's like Not the same sort of interest level that you would normally have with something like this because it's just like okay, we know That you're not gonna really pull out any heavy hitters until the next console is out. So, okay And then

Max Roberts

It's the calm before the storm for them.

Logan Moore

This is just a weird year like and it's not like anything is necessarily bad this year I feel like we're still getting a lot of good games actually and a lot of good stuff is coming out But the big three per se are Very much laying low. I mean maybe Xbox is the one that isn't necessarily laying low, but it's hard to really Think too positively about them right now, I guess I don't know Given everything that's happened with that ecosystem this year. So I'm definitely not looking forward to the coming weeks

Max Roberts

No, you and I are on the same page.

Logan Moore

As I normally would this time every single year

Max Roberts

It feels like it's just kind of like suddenly happened. Like it's just, oh, we're in the summer. I don't know. I'm struggling to get excited. You know, Ubisoft Connect, they're like, you're going to see more Assassin's Creed Shadow? Shadows? The Japanese game, whatever it's called. Shadows. Because there's two Assassins. So you're going to do that in Star Wars. Like Ubisoft's pretty cut and dry there. I truly don't know what Kili's going to have. And that's not good.

Logan Moore

Shadows Well, like let's just I just want to hold on right there too like I hate that Keely continues to be the master of ceremonies for

Max Roberts

And then...

Logan Moore

everything like Like I enjoy the game awards or whatever like we get together every year and watch that and I like that event and I enjoy it and Keely's obviously always been a big figure in the gaming industry, but I hate that Everything flows through him now. It's like dude like

Max Roberts

Not even that, he claims everything. You go to the Summer Games Fest website and the state of play was on the website. It's like, this is a part of Games Fest. It's like, no, it's not. Sony did this. Sony's doing this on their own.

Logan Moore

Yes No, it's not Sony had there was not a lick of branding on the state of play that said anything about Game Master Summer Game

Max Roberts

Same thing with Xbox. It's like he just claims anything in summer is his.

Logan Moore

it's just like Here's the thing But here's the thing and I guess e3 kind of used to be that same way we're like all of these big conference but The con that was different because the publishers would like like call them They are this is our e3 press conference and welcome to e3 everybody. We're here for e3 this week, you know like

Max Roberts

And they were all right before the expo where you would then see the games that were shown at the presentation. And you'd get hands on time or just see more demos. Like it all fed into itself. And so I understand.

Logan Moore

The show itself, yes Mm-hmm. Yep And Keely's Keely's trying to do the in-person thing for people who don't realize this or maybe who aren't in the media space. He's truck

Max Roberts

That's what I was just going to say.

Logan Moore

yeah, he's trying to do that, but last year I went to that and It wasn't that big of a deal and I think that's mainly because a lot of the big heavy The the big players within the game and games industry weren't really taking part in any major capacity with it And then on top of that

They have extended the event by one day this year and I don't really think that if it needs to be even longer Especially if they've got the same sort of people

Max Roberts
It's...

Logan Moore
I don't know. I don't know what that's gonna look like this year. So but yeah Yes

Max Roberts
I know our buddy Tomas is going. Because he told me he was getting ready to head out. But I know you're not going because of everything we talked about at the top of the show. So I'm curious, but I just...

Logan Moore
You He usually gets one thing it seems like that is very well

Max Roberts
This is the biggest reveal of my entire life.

Logan Moore
Yeah He usually gets one thing that seems like it's

Max Roberts
Thank you.

Logan Moore
Like gone under the radar and that no one expected him to happen. So that's always kind of exciting but other than that like even with his event now, you know, he's Already dropping teasers come see this game. It's summer game fest

Max Roberts
Thank you.

Logan Moore
It will get a look at the next entry in this series it's summer like he kind of drops these teasers before it and it's like I Don't know like the past couple years It started to feel like all of his stuff is more of a commercial and all these things are commercials at the end of day like we're consuming products or whatever and Yeah, I don't know it's I just don't like that it all flows through Keeley I guess the other day

Max Roberts
Yeah, I'm not I'm not a fan either of that. I do you think.

Logan Moore
I hope not

Max Roberts
Do you think Kojima or Druckmann show up as is like a soft tradition for him or he says, and if Druckmann shows up, does it leak the day before?

Logan Moore
It we just had Kojima show up for 10 minutes at the game the game awards this past year and I don't even know what the frick he talked about like

Max Roberts
10 minutes.

Logan Moore
Yeah

Max Roberts
I think if I think if Kojima has anything, it would be at Xbox's stage this time to show off overdose. And I don't. Maybe, but I don't even think that will happen. I think if anything, Kojima happens this year, it'll be at the end of the year.

Logan Moore
You He's told that as much to me so

Max Roberts
It's definitely not going to be Death Stranding. That game already has a 25 date. Like, they'll show more of that when it's closer. And then Neil, I don't I think Naughty Dog is going to say anything until that game is pretty much done and dusted. So, yeah, they're there. No, but I do just find it funny, you know, he had Neil out on that stage two years ago now to be like, look at the concept art for The Last of Us online.

Logan Moore
I Think so Oh further yeah, yeah

Max Roberts
And who's excited for The Last of Us Part One, which totally didn't leak hours before the show.

Logan Moore
Yeah, what what do you think happens first do you think Naughty Dog reveals its next game or do you think? Last of Us season 2 airs Really

Max Roberts
Oh, season two will air. Yeah, because that's next year. We have a date for that. It's filming. We know. We'll get a trailer for it.

Logan Moore
Yeah, but I mean you have to think you have to think So there's game fest next week potential which probably won't happen So then after that there's the potential of a showcase maybe this fall for PlayStation and then maybe game award and then maybe game awards

Max Roberts
Sure, there could be Gamescom. I... yeah.

Logan Moore
Games calm is pretty not gonna happen I'd say it's either a fall showcase or Jeff somehow gets the reveal for game awards. Those are the two big options. I would say otherwise. Yes season 2 will air first Some point at some point PlayStation does have to start getting people a little hyped for you know next year though, so

Max Roberts
I don't think so. I don't think we see anything from Naughty Dog this year. I think though they have all those other teams that can do that.

Logan Moore

Yeah, I mean what do they have net what do they have next year

Max Roberts

When he goes to Susimo. There goes Susimo, Bluepoint, whatever. So they have Death Stranding 2.

Logan Moore

Yeah

Max Roberts

Whatever Bluepoint's working on, theoretically, that could be next year. You know, that Uncharted game is just like rumors been floating around about that. I could see that being something that shows up at a showcase and is like, "Uncharted, the great circle."

Logan Moore

That one has been out there for how many minute yes You

Max Roberts

So we'll see. We'll see. But I don't think... I think Last of Us season two airs before Naughty Dog reveals a game. For sure. That's where my gut is. So if I'm wrong, I'll be delighted. Let's move on to Xbox. Now that we don't know each other's predictions, now the real fun begins. Because we had to share, or you had to share your list with me just so I could keep it written down and keep track of things. I guess you didn't have to, but whatever. I knew your predictions. So Xbox, Logan. They're on Sunday this year, as is tradition. What do you think Xbox is going to show off this year?

Logan Moore

So, I mean there's already a lot of things floating out there so I tried to obviously it's never fun to predict things really that are Kind of out there, but that being said I will start with one that is already out there

Max Roberts

Yeah. Okay.

Logan Moore

But I'll mainly predict like when it's releasing This is funny because it kind of pick piggybacks off the one from last year where I said a It's offer would reveal its next game. It won't be doom now. I'm gonna say no it will be do

Max Roberts

Um...

Logan Moore

Because that's what all the reports are saying So I'll say this new doom game is going to be revealed and I will be out in less than a year So I am thinking it will be out Probably early 2025 is what I'm thinking Dude sign me the Frick up. Let's go. That sounds awesome. Like I I trust it

Max Roberts

How are you feeling about the medieval Doom rumors?

Logan Moore

completely so

Max Roberts

I... There's no secret of my beef with Doom and its length the last two iterations. And mostly hammed up. Like, Doom is fun. Very fun. But it is far too long.

Logan Moore

Yeah, go for it Yeah, yes, yes, mate Gordon

Max Roberts

And then, obviously, all of the stuff that happened with... Is it Mick Gordon is the composer of Doom 2016? That whole thing with Marty, who's still at it as far as I know. That is... It's embarrassing and a sham. That needs to change.

Logan Moore

You Yeah, I mean he's like the boss over there, yeah You

Max Roberts

So I have some issues with it itself now. And Microsoft, I suppose. I have a lot of issues with Xbox executive leadership. And I know you're upset with them too. In particular. But outside of that, just Doom medieval as a concept? Sure. Why not? We've sent a space marine to Mars to fight demons from hell. Why not send him through time or into a medieval setting? You know, whatever. That seems goofy.

Logan Moore

This is being pitched is like the doom prequel it's called like doom

Max Roberts

Oh, no.

Logan Moore

Internally is supposedly being called like doom year zero or something like that I think if you've played if you've well, here's the thing This is the reason why I like it if you played doom eternal it talked about all of this stuff. That was like the history over the roots of the doom Slayer and like what he was doing before the events of the doom games and all this Stuff and it was sort of like medieval like and so I can already piece together in my mind like oh

Max Roberts

Sure. Like, they're planting the seed.

Logan Moore

This is what they're gonna lean into and they're gonna tell that story next Which is weird like the link all the doom lore and history together in these ways, but it sounds awesome

Max Roberts

Sure. I wonder mechanically how it works. Like, the grappling hook was kind of a thing. Do medieval people have grappling hooks?

Logan Moore

Like I would absolutely play that game. That's gonna be really cool I feel like so I feel like I've been trying to think about this and I feel like the thought of it like you know Medieval doom immediately makes you think that like there would only be hand-to-hand combat weapons or something swords and stuff like that

Max Roberts

Oh, swords. Oh.

Logan Moore

They're still gonna have they're still gonna have guns. I feel like you can't not have guns in a doom game I just think there is going to be a larger You know hand-to-hand or melee combat sort of implementation of the game

Max Roberts

It leans right into that whole... I'm forgetting the term, what they call it. But that execute system. Yeah, glory kills. Where you had to get in there to get to hell.

Logan Moore

The glory kills Mm-hmm. Yes And they introduced a sword near the end of doom eternal and like there's a lot they can do *silence*

Max Roberts

I'm sure. It'll be fine. I'll lean into an easy one. Right out of the gate. There's a gameplay demo for Indiana Jones. We see the game in action for like a chunk of time.

Logan Moore

Okay, I see it

Max Roberts

I think that's super easy. I feel like that's a slam dunk guarantee that we see that.

Logan Moore

silence I mean we need more gameplay from them this year with whatever they're doing fewer CGI trailers we know they're gonna do the Call of Duty thing afterwards, but We need more We need more gameplay other than just you know, Call of Duty and who the heck knows how much they even show during that

Max Roberts

Exactly.

Logan Moore

So I'll start with the other big obvious thing So we know Gears of War 6 is probably going to be revealed that's been reported and rumored a lot That's not my prediction though I do think they will show gear 6 But they're going to finally Piggyback that announcement with like oh, yeah, here's the Gears of War remastered trilogy, and I think it'll be out this year *silence*

Max Roberts

I had the same prediction. I won't use it again. But I did. I said it's a Gears of War love fest with six and a collection and it's Unreal Engine 5. Like, the whole deal.

Logan Moore

I think that's the easiest way. Yes to like generate hype for that

Max Roberts

It will be the Master Chief collection equivalent. Hopefully without the bat online.

Logan Moore

silence I hope that's true. I hope so *silence*

Max Roberts

Yeah. So that's what I assume as well. So I like that. I will... I'm... The Outer Wilds 2 reappears. We see that in motion. It's moving around. Maybe get a window. The Outer Worlds 2. And then once that game comes out, they'll announce that they're shutting down the studio.

Logan Moore

The Outer Worlds *silence* There you go, that would be a good one for them to actually show right now Especially when you know the fallout hype is so high. I know it's not fallout, but it

Max Roberts

Mm-hmm.

Logan Moore

from the I mean it's literally made by the creators of fallout - so it's like

Max Roberts

It's like Fallout. Yeah.

Logan Moore

Yeah, like that one. It makes a lot of sense to to show off right now *silence*

Max Roberts

I thought so. I think it's way more likely than that clockwork game that they showed last year.

Logan Moore

Yeah, I forgot about that one I uh, I've actually been wanting to go back and play that game. I have like a distinct desire to play all of those like Fallout Elder Scrolls style games right now like that's why I want to go back and play starfield It's because I've been playing New Vegas on the side on my steam deck and I've been loving it I'm like, I want to play starfield and then I play starfield. I'm like I want to play

Max Roberts

Thanks, Jeff Bezos.

Logan Moore

The Outer Worlds. I never finished that and so I don't know something about that genre right now is just really hitting with me I'm really enjoying it. So probably cuz I did *silence* Probably cuz I took such a long period I mean that I used to play *silence*

Max Roberts

I know you didn't.

Logan Moore

Those games so much back in the day like that was like the main type of genre. I played those open-world Bethesda RPGs *silence*

Max Roberts

We had more time back then.

Logan Moore

I was playing those all the time. We did. I've just not played any of them really. Since fallout 4 which I dabbled with But that was again, or I didn't just dabble with it. I played a lot. But again, that was *silence* Nine years ago, I think at this point eight or nine years ago when it released *silence*

Max Roberts
Yeah.

Logan Moore
So there's a desire there. All right, my next one for Xbox. *silence* I don't think Perfect Dark is going to be completely MIA. I don't think it's shown shows up. I don't think it's mentioned I don't think it's anything with this game

Max Roberts
Yeah.

Logan Moore
I don't know what the frick is wrong with this game, but like everything that comes out about it is sounds *silence* Not great *silence* Yeah So I guess we'll see. I guess we'll see That's one that they should absolutely show off at an event like this because that studio got established so long ago, and then not only that but *silence*

Max Roberts
Yeah.

Logan Moore
They revealed that game I want to say like through two or three years ago now with that like, you know reveal teaser and it's like *silence* That one should show up here like without a doubt, but will it? I don't think so

Max Roberts
It was...

Logan Moore
and that's crazy to think but

Max Roberts
It was announced in 2020 at the Game Awards.

Logan Moore
silence

Max Roberts
And that's it. That's the last time we heard anything specifically about it. The initiative, the studio, was launched five years ago in June of 2018. I actually think this could be the next studio they shut down.

Logan Moore
I would not be shocked, but I mean you have to let them you have to let them release the game

Max Roberts
I think... I feel like that's it. I don't know. I think they might pull a Disney and write it off.

Logan Moore
like I don't think *silence* I don't think they can do that. I mean I guess I wouldn't be shocked, but that seems also

Max Roberts

I don't know.

Logan Moore

Crazy to me. I mean they have to that you

Max Roberts

I don't know. Like Crystal Dynamics was brought in at some point to assist, and I think isn't Crystal was just sold from Embracer? Are they still owned by Embracer or something?

Logan Moore

silence Yeah, they were like restructured within an Embracer and Embracer is now like three companies or something like that *silence*

Max Roberts

Yeah, it's silly. I don't know, man. I think the initiative is heading for the chopping block, which is just bonkers. And I've lost all hope in Perfect Art. I've seen it come to fruition. So I agree with you, it will not be at the show in any capacity.

Logan Moore

I think the crazier thing to me about this studio the initiative which was Formed in 2018 so they've been around for six years now, and they have not shipped a game I said it was pitched as like this You know big marquee studio within the Xbox and like well We're hiring the best devs and we're gonna root this studio in a place where you know Developers or live or whatever like I know that they like intentionally intentionally put it in like Santa Monica because they're like this will allow us to get talent from the Naughty dogs in the Santa Monica studios and these types of studios that are already rooted in this part of the world and like this Is great, and this is a huge opportunity for us like to my knowledge like they're still like I don't even know if they've got a hundred people at this studio obviously they've partnered up with Crystal Dynamics to make this game and so like My biggest questions surrounding this studio are less tied to the studio itself and more just like What the heck is Xbox doing like I don't think they I don't think they can manage I don't think they're good at managing studios at all and the fact that Matt booty continues to have a job and get insane bonuses and promotions and stuff like that when this is the state of your studio group like Bewildering to me to be honest like it's just it's wild You Booty is the one that is like crazy to me like that's Like I feel like Phil is kind of hamstrung in some situations I don't want to stand up for Phil Foley because a lot of what's going on falls on his shoulders but like The reoccurring theme of like what I think is most wrong with Xbox is that their studios are not managed well And at some point that has to fall on the person who's responsible for that directly which is Matt booty So I think he's the larger issue than anybody else

Max Roberts

It's crazy, man. Whatever, we'll see.

Logan Moore

Perfect dark it should show up, but it won't Like him still exist

Max Roberts

Correct. All right. I'm gonna do this one next. Everwild pokes its little head up. It does. It went through a rework apparently a couple years ago.

Logan Moore

You

Max Roberts

Kind of like little hints that it could be shown off again this year. So I think Everwild kind of pops up. I think Sea of Thieves obviously has done super well. It just made the jump to PS5. Rare hasn't made something new in quite some time. And I think that Sea of Thieves has given them obviously the capital and time to make whatever this thing is. I think Everwild kind of pops back up. I don't think they've let it go. I think it's just been reshuffled around. And I think being able to put the Rare logo up besides in front of a teaser for a new season of Sea of Thieves would be good for them.

Logan Moore

Like you I like I said, I don't know what the deal is with this game supposedly It was like just a concept more than it was an actual game And when they started talking about the game and like here's what we envisioned for this game to be like it was like none of this

Max Roberts

Mm-hmm.

Logan Moore

Makes sense like what they were saying about it how they talked about it like I didn't it didn't sound like a game in a lot of ways so I Would like to see it show back up. But yeah, what exactly is this? So You

Max Roberts

So according to the Wikipedia page, it started development in 2014 in kind of a prototype. It was announced at 2019 in November. And since then, Jeff Grubb has said in 2021 that it was rebooted a ways off scheduled for 23 was what Grubb was saying in 21. VGC said it underwent a complete reboot with an optimistic target of 24. So I feel like it popping its head back up whether or not it's out in 24, I think makes sense. But they clearly have not let it go, at least according to insiders. So I think Everwild, the name at least appears. Is it the same? I don't know.

Logan Moore

Well, let's stick with that for my next one as far as names appearing We know star fields gonna show up we know they're gonna talk about that expansion and I have just written down Todd will at least mention

Max Roberts

No. Yeah.

Logan Moore

elder scroll 6

Max Roberts

No, stop Todd.

Logan Moore

He'll just be like as you know

Max Roberts

Don't mention it.

Logan Moore

We're working on elder scrolls 6 right now, but here's this DLC in the meantime I think he'll say it the words elder scrolls

Max Roberts
He will. So you're saying he will say the words Elder Scrolls six.

Logan Moore
Yes

Max Roberts
Oh, my gosh.

Logan Moore
Yes, that is that is my simple prediction You

Max Roberts
That's a good one. That's actually really good.

Logan Moore
No

Max Roberts
I like it. Oh, man. Okay. My fourth prediction. It is time. Like channel your inner Bruce buffer. It's time. Banjo game announced. Phil, here's the people and Microsoft would totally do it where they're just going to announce it.

Logan Moore
You

Max Roberts
They're just going to say a banjo games in the works. They may even give it a name. We're not going to like I'm not saying we see gameplay. They're going to say that there's a banjo game because Microsoft needs a lot of goodwill and a banjo game could help generate that. Sure, they'll shut the studio down after the banjo game comes out. But banjo will come back.

Logan Moore
Who do you think's make That they just didn't yeah, they just announced it

Max Roberts
I don't know. They could have hired it out. I don't who's who's making internally. I do find it quite funny, though. I do not think it is Toys for Bob, but I find it hilarious that Toys for Bob left Activision. And they've announced a partnership with Microsoft who is going to fund or publish their next game.

Logan Moore
You I

Max Roberts
That is very funny. That's some like bungee leaving Microsoft getting in bed with Activision kind of energy. OK.

Logan Moore
Kind of understand why they would want to do that though because it at least Prevents them from ever having to be a cod call of duty support studio ever again

Max Roberts

Until. Yeah, no, I get it. They didn't want to make Call of Duty maps like I totally get why they left.

Logan Moore

Which is what what I think they're trying to avoid It is it is it is somewhat funny I will agree

Max Roberts

I just find it funny that they're back. But man, it's I don't know. When was that Phil quote about we hear you banjo fans?

Logan Moore

I

Max Roberts

I don't know. I. True.

Logan Moore

Don't know he said it. I Mean who cares what he says at this point to be totally honest But yes, he did say that it at some point. I just can't remember when it was

Max Roberts

It was December. I'm telling you.

Logan Moore

Okay, December. I couldn't remember if I was in the past year or what

Max Roberts

It was six months ago. I. I'm not looking for like and here's the whole game. I just like I feel like this type of announcement.

Logan Moore

You I mean I read it sure. I'll take anything at this point. Just you know

Max Roberts

Would happen to help garner goodwill. Get people excited and then, you know, go from there. Maybe maybe it's just a Grunty's Revenge remaster.

Logan Moore

I

Max Roberts

Anything. Be careful with that. I think the last time people said anything, we got nuts and bolts.

Logan Moore

Mean I Mean dude, I will take just about anything to be honest. I mean Not you know within reason, but just give me something show that you

Max Roberts

How how far ahead of its time was nuts and bolts?

Logan Moore

like the IP When did tears of the kingdom released 2023 so like 15 years

Max Roberts

Not only that, but, you know, there were the games of building your own vehicles and, you know, Fortnite has this build mechanic.

Logan Moore
Yes

Max Roberts
Like. They actually in Minecraft, obviously, like they were actually ahead of their time. They just.

Logan Moore
It's like the back to the future scene you guys don't understand that but your kid your kids are gonna love it

Max Roberts
I guess chose the wrong IP to do it with.

Logan Moore
you

Max Roberts
Yeah, I guess. Pretty much exactly. This is surprising. Who would have thunk?

Logan Moore
Rare was onto something that game is still not good though. I mean the core idea and mechanics yeah, maybe but

Max Roberts
That's bolts ahead of its time. Oh, yes.

Logan Moore
Keeps still not good

Max Roberts
It's bad. All right. What's your last one?

Logan Moore
my last one for Xbox is that Fable gameplay still doesn't appear Still isn't shown even though they kind of tried to pass off What last year was was the gameplay in that like trailer they showed for it, but it was like in in general thing I don't think that was real gameplay

Max Roberts
Yeah, somewhere. All right.

Logan Moore
I think fable probably has some sort of presence or something at this showcase, but I don't think it's gonna be gameplay You already did banjo how much bigger can you go?

Max Roberts
I'm going big. Bigger.

Logan Moore
I

Max Roberts

Microsoft does the thing.

Logan Moore
Would be very happy

Max Roberts
And reveals a handheld. I think.

Logan Moore
You

Max Roberts
I think every lot of this market stuff is pointing to it. They've acknowledged, like, we've got some interesting stuff cooking. Like, can't wait to show you later. I think they've seen Microsoft specifically has seen what's happening with the steam deck and all these other PC competitors. Microsoft makes PCs. They make windows. They are actually in the midst of their arm transition. They're directly targeting MacBook Airs. Like to bring a little bit of that in there, like Microsoft is getting pretty aggressive with the hardware and PC push of things. And what better marriage of all of this than a gaming handheld, which leans into their game pass service of being able to stream or download a library of games. Hardware design. Obviously, they don't make controllers and screens that brings their laptop and hardware divisions together. Microsoft has the capability to do it. And I think now would be a time, especially since Phil has at least previously said that they're not doing like a mid cycle power console. You know, there's not some series X plus coming out later. There's still that adorably all digital one that was in a presentation at some point and probably like will have a redesign. But I think now could be especially the portal coming out and that only being a streaming device like this could be an opportunity to be like, we have the one up on Sony on handhelds by having a native device that you can control or whatever. And it just works with your Xbox games and it just works with your. I would hope with your steam games like because it could be a PC or whatever so I don't know, I see a lot of potential there.

Logan Moore
I agree with everything you have said I Just think it's too early. I think they are I think I think they're I don't

Max Roberts
I just I think they could reveal it like a sizzle reel, they did the Scorpio. Remember that.

Logan Moore
Yeah, but I feel like a handheld is different you're not gonna want to reveal that until you're like Like six months to a year out from launching it I think I think it's only within the past year that they have really

Max Roberts
I think there within a year of launching it. Yeah, I could see that.

Logan Moore
Realized like oh we should do this and maybe they've been R&D something

Max Roberts
I imagine they have R and D.

Logan Moore

I maybe they've been R&D something longer, but I think it's only within the past year that they've really

Max Roberts
Yeah.

Logan Moore
Realized like we need to actually do this do this and that might be a hard thing to sell right now at Microsoft given the Series X is selling worse than the Series X and S are selling worse than the Xbox one which is crazy to think about and to say So I don't know but again a handheld would work great with their overall strategy

Max Roberts
Yeah.

Logan Moore
Yet another game pass potential platform They could have it be like a portal slash dedicated hand to help of its own where it could interact with your Xbox at home

Max Roberts
They've talked about that early on that was a vision of being able to use your Xbox as like a home server essentially and stream your game from the Xbox.

Logan Moore
You Honestly, that's probably what it would end up having to be rather than like a dedicated handheld. I mean it could be a dedicated handheld

Max Roberts
I mean that would be the portal that would, that's exactly what a portal does it streams from the PlayStation.

Logan Moore
Yeah It would probably have to be something along those lines because I can't see them coming out with a dedicated handheld that's you know then they're releasing games specific to that handheld like Like a Steam date

Max Roberts
Well I don't think it I think it would be a thing where it like a steam deck where it just it plays the games it's a it's a.

Logan Moore
Certain games certain games would have to be maybe optimized for in order to play them. They would have to go through the

Max Roberts
Yeah, you know those like deck verified ones and stuff.

Logan Moore
Library, yeah. Yep. Yeah, that's yeah, that would probably be most likely likely what it is

Max Roberts
And,

Logan Moore

You

Max Roberts

and what's on game pass, but a huge back catalog of first party Xbox games that run from an Xbox 360 and Xbox one like all of those could run on a steam deck like device. And then you could stream Series X stuff to it, or, you know, those games also come to PC so they can be scaled down as needed so it.

Logan Moore

Longer than that, I want to say it's been like going on three Oh, I

Max Roberts

I feel like they could do it. I feel like that's the kind of tease.

Logan Moore

Guess I'm wrong Steam Deck launched in February 2022. So I mean, yeah, I guess going on three years to a little over two years. I

Max Roberts

So two years, it's in it's a little over two years.

Logan Moore

Would hope so that would get me I mean I still like my Xbox and I like interacting with the Xbox ecosystem But when it comes to me sitting down on my couch to play something more often than not what I am booting up is my PlayStation so

Max Roberts

Oh man, I don't know what's going on over there.

Logan Moore

I don't even know if I'd say I'm hopeful at this point. That's maybe the saddest part

Max Roberts

I'm hopeful I'm always hopeful, but they just like do not have the games for me specifically.

Logan Moore

I just don't think this current group gets it. But you know, maybe something will change, you know

Max Roberts

That's pretty bad. That's a bad time.

Logan Moore

I

Max Roberts

Maybe.

Logan Moore

Like I said, this is a this is a weirder one this year though just because

Max Roberts

All right. It's time for the big end. The one who holds the soft spot in my heart. Nintendo. It is a weird year.

Logan Moore

Because like all our predictions have to be somewhat like we're naturally reined in as it is because we they've already kind of set the stage of like I

Max Roberts

Or are we.

Logan Moore

Mean within reason, I don't know. All right, I'll go with my big one first The year of Metroid is truly upon us Metroid Prime re-reveal it's out later this year

Max Roberts

Oh, oh, he's coming out.

Logan Moore

Metroid Prime 2 & 3 remasters are also revealed. They're out this summer. I think they're gonna go 2 & 3 re- yeah, I

Max Roberts

Two and three this summer, four later this year.

Logan Moore

Think this is I think this is just the Metroid direct

Max Roberts

Oh boy.

Logan Moore

No, I

Max Roberts

I just, I don't, I've, I've mentally just set my brain to Metroid Prime 4 is a Super Switch game, or like Super Switch launch title.

Logan Moore

As soon as as soon as it became apparent that the switch 2 or whatever was going to release Next year rather than this year. I was like, okay. Well, I think this is now the swan song game Which feels fitting considering how long ago they revealed it and restart the development on it And I know you're gonna talk about

Max Roberts

So here's my thing though. What was the swan song game of the GameCube. Twilight Princess What was the swan song game of the Wii U Breath of the Wild, and they were both just cross Gen.

Logan Moore

Yeah, but I mean things are gonna be different I think with the next console because backward compatibility is seeming likely So there's really no and they've already confirmed that it's just gonna be You know an upgraded version of the current switch so like

Max Roberts

But the Wii. But the Wii had backward compatibility.

Logan Moore

Well, I guess what I'm saying is like obviously all these systems had like completely different play styles to them like a

Max Roberts

The Wii U and Switch did break it.

Logan Moore

Gamecube was not a gamecube was not a Wii a Wii U was not a switch

Max Roberts

Motion.

Logan Moore

They have said now our next our next console They haven't said straight up like this is switch 2 but they have said like One of their investors asked like is it fair? They asked something about the next console and Nintendo's president said like it's fair to call it a new switch model So like switch 2 like it's just gonna be upgraded switch 2 It's gonna be similar and it's in its part and it's and what it does so there's not any drastic leap

Max Roberts

Like a Wii to Wii U, in the sense of similar controls and hardware compatibility and things like that.

Logan Moore

We need Wii U is even like greatly different though because they're like I Mean again, they're there the controllers were compatible with one another but they're like, here's a big tablet You know, this is gonna be like at the end of the day

Max Roberts

Yeah.

Logan Moore

This is gonna be like the internals are better, but you can still Rip the joy cons off the side of it and you can take it portably

Max Roberts

NES to Super NES, but with compatibility.

Logan Moore

Yeah, it's gonna be something more like it's gonna be something like that is what I'm thinking which means that there's really no reason to come out with a native Metroid Prime 4 port I wouldn't think if it had backward compatibility and maybe this next switch model would just come with some See this is maybe giving Nintendo a little bit too much credit for thinking that they could just bake in some

Max Roberts

I don't see them doing like a, like a PS4 Pro patch type scenario, I don't see that from Nintendo.

Logan Moore

Yeah, yeah, I can't either I can't either but you know, maybe I don't know Well, the reason I'll say that I I don't ascribe to that at all is because

Max Roberts

We'll see, I don't know my brain has resigned it for the next console so that's why I don't really have hope for it.

Logan Moore

This game's development restarted in 2019 So switch 2 was not even on their mind at that point. I think it was like January. I

Max Roberts

Well, I assume it was on their mind.

Logan Moore

Mean, I mean, you know, the next hardware is always lingering and around the corner But when retro stepped in and started working on this game like they were working on it for the switch So unless they got somewhere within the past

Max Roberts

They...

Logan Moore

18 months to two years and they decided hey, let's Re-retrofit this game for Or let's let's switch what we're doing here pun intended and make it for switch 2 instead They would have had to come to that conclusion within the past again like 18 months probably You

Max Roberts

So I also though, like, I mean, I feel like Breath of the Wild was the same though like that game had multiple date windows that were supposed to be on the Wii U's life, and then at some point, they were like, well, we're just gonna put it on both now. And I get, I get that they were more desperate in that window like they needed a banger out of the gate for the switch to help propel it out of this Wii U darkness but at some point within the last five years, so Prime, they announced Prime reboot in January of 2019 so it's been four years. Total reboot in the hands of retro. Like they clearly kind of saw the hype of switch, and over this course of development from this pre production and hiring, I mean retro was hiring and I think is still hiring forever on this game. I feel like at some point they're like, we can put this on both.

Logan Moore

You said it's been four years it's been five Is that what you said

Max Roberts

19 to, oh yeah no I did my math wrong, it's five.

Logan Moore

It's been five it's going on five and a half years. That's why I think it has to come out like soon

Max Roberts

Five years.

Logan Moore

I mean, I think there's something to be said about you know, obviously retro restarted from scrap

Max Roberts

I mean, Breath of the Wild was in now, or it was announced four years ahead of its release in 2013, and that direct so.

Logan Moore
so or from scratch so like

Max Roberts
Yeah.

Logan Moore
There's going to be a larger period of pre-production that they probably had to embark on before they started doing anything, but still five and a half years five and a half

Max Roberts
It's not a Uncharted 4 situation where they tried to take what they had and adapt new to it.

Logan Moore
Yeah, but but even then like You know what type of game you're making in that sense like okay, we're making a Metroid Prime game This is gonna be a shooter. You're gonna have a hand cannon. We're gonna give you missiles like it's like

Max Roberts
Put blast ball in there, make sure you have team co op.

Logan Moore
Yes, like you know the core tenets of like what the game is going to be at that point It's just like what's the story? What are the new gameplay mechanics we can add and what are the locations?

Max Roberts
How does it look.

Logan Moore
Yeah, and so like those are the things you really start to try to figure out So yeah, I feel like it's this year for I feel like it I'll just say this. I mean, I know my other prediction is larger, but just like succinctly like more straightforward like if Metroid Prime 4 does not appear at this direct I will be Flabbergasted I will be shocked Like I think it whether or not it's a switch to game or whatever. They they don't have to necessarily define

Max Roberts
Yeah.

Logan Moore
What its platform is right here, or maybe it could end up being both whatever But I think it absolutely appears like without a shadow of a doubt at this point five and a half years

Max Roberts
I mean to support it a little bit. I mean, when they revealed it was just a JPEG so, but to support you a little bit I mean they did do the same thing with Breath of the Wild where the E3 2016 was all Breath of the Wild but exclusively on Wii U, like they only showed

Logan Moore
We're going on like Yes You

Max Roberts

Wii U hardware because they hadn't shown off NX yet at the time. And so they can show Metroid Prime 4, and one of the predictions I wrote down I won't use it but I said Metroid Prime 4 is shown but no date. Like they can show it, and it doesn't have to be. They don't also have to say it's coming to Super Switch. They can just show it off so and then, you know, whatever later so. But yeah you're going whole hog on Prime here. And I mean that would be really good for our other show.

Logan Moore

Let's do it let's do it. I was gonna say let's do it. Let's do it. Let's do it for chapter select Let's let's let's get this done

Max Roberts

Come on Reggie, help us out.

Logan Moore

Exactly

Max Roberts

Alright, to kind of go off of what you've said. This might be too big of a time gap for it, but it's port city this year, the end of the Switch's life will see at least five more HD ports.

Logan Moore

Okay, I'm gonna I'm gonna chime in here with mine four remasters at a minimum will appear in this direct I want to stress that that's anything not just like Nintendo first party any remasters anything of any sort yes

Max Roberts

Yeah, I mean, we're banking on you and I think four of them are the same. Yes. Oh four remasters.

Logan Moore

They could be like they could be like this classic game from Bandai Namco is coming back

Max Roberts

Okay.

Logan Moore

Or whatever you know anything like that

Max Roberts

Yeah, Marvel versus or Capcom versus SNK from the Wii.

Logan Moore

Sure for remasters at a minimum

Max Roberts

Yeah, four remasters so that's a little different. Well, I said HD ports I guess it's the same camp port city. I, I think that you and I generally are kind of feeling like Prime two and three count would count in this camp and and Wind Waker and Twilight Princess are like the other ones kind of looming like that we're kind of inflating our numbers based off these long held rumors.

Logan Moore

Yes, yeah You

Max Roberts

I do personally still believe in Kid Icarus Uprising, like I feel like that is a 3DS game that could totally make the jump, I could see Fire Emblem Awakening, you know that was the game that kind of kick started this new generation of Fire Emblem like I know they just came out with a Fire Emblem game which is why I don't think we'll see that franchise right now but yeah, I think there's going to see at least five HD ports of something. So, that's my first and that was your second so I'll jump right into my second one. Donkey Kong 64 comes to NSL.

Logan Moore

Okay has it not already

Max Roberts

No, I checked I double checked.

Logan Moore

Okay

Max Roberts

It was a big deal when it came to Wii U Virtual Console, and that obviously just shut down not terribly long ago.

Logan Moore

You That's so weird that they did that remaster I like that game a lot and that's a weird one to be

Max Roberts

I know there's some like rights hold ups there, but Nintendo and Microsoft work together they've obviously been able to port it before. I really, what I'm really looking at is this trend of like Super Mario Brothers Wonder, Princess Peach Showdown, Luigi's Mansion 2 HD. I get Mario and Donkey Kong came out but that's not a Donkey Kong game. They're good games. It's just, I feel like they need the Donkey Kong game, because it feels like all in response to the movie, like they're just like we need to get games with these individual characters out to market.

Logan Moore

Yeah You

Max Roberts

And so, I've previously predicted you know, a new Donkey Kong game, even that Donkey Kong 3D platformer game, but like I've ranked it way in and picking the unlikely one and putting it on NSL like Donkey Kong 64 will be available for subscription. That's where I'm at.

Logan Moore

I would I would like that I mean yeah, they've done. They've done it with golden eye so

Max Roberts

GoldenEye is tougher.

Logan Moore

Shows and the gold knife arguably had even Trickier rights issues yeah, so if they if they did golden eye they can do Donkey Kong

Max Roberts

I mean Nintendo has the exclusive multiplayer rights, that's why there's no online multiplayer on the Xbox.

Logan Moore

Mm-hmm Yeah, I could see that one that'd be a good one

Max Roberts

Can I just really quick, a brief tangent.

Logan Moore

You I don't know that's really weird one. I forgot about that

Max Roberts

Why on earth does anyone who owns the Rare Replay physically can't play GoldenEye? Why? It's so stupid. You have to buy Rare Replay digitally or subscribe to Game Pass to play GoldenEye.

Logan Moore

You

Max Roberts

Every other Xbox included lets you just put in a disc and then play the digital version of those games. How do you think all this Xbox emulation works?

Logan Moore

I think they're past

Max Roberts

It's not hard Microsoft. Give people who own the game the license to the game that was included for free with everyone else and make them put the disc in to play it. But this stupid Phil Spencer, fix it. Tangent over. Yes, sir.

Logan Moore

Fixing that but yes, I do agree. I forgot that was an issue That's a weird one all right, what are we on my third one? Huh I Have that a new Zelda game of some sort will be revealed Just anything

Max Roberts

New. OK, so you're really hoping for Wind Waker Twilight Princess.

Logan Moore

Or well let me just say a Zelda game not new necessarily let's sell that So Yeah, this could be the ports this could be obviously the sequel to tears of the kingdom which would not happen I just have a Zelda game of some sort will be revealed that this could also include switch online games I'm gonna count that there will be Zelda presence at this show

Max Roberts

OK, I agree. Zelda is an annual franchise. I don't know if you've caught that, but Zelda game comes out every year.

Logan Moore

I would hope it's the ports. Just just just give us the ports in fact and don't milk the money out of us We know they exist pack them into a single bundle. I'll pay a hundred bucks for them or something Come on. Let's just let's just do it

Max Roberts

OK, well, I was saving this for the end, but I'm going to jump off you right now because it's Zelda related. The Zelda games for the year are the Oracle game remakes instead of Wind Waker and Twilight Princess.

Logan Moore

Okay Okay I mean don't didn't Capcom make those You

Max Roberts

They did. Yes, Capcom did make those. So here's why I think it besides like a two year old rumor that those games were in the works. It follows the pattern of Link's Awakening coming out after Breath of the Wild, that remake on the switch. It follows the Triforce Heroes model of reusing the assets and burning just like an old game up to modern hardware, and those games in particular had very cool interconnectivity. The rumor even talked about bringing that the long lost third game into the mix. I don't necessarily buy into that, but I just feel like. That's what they would do because it's so different from Tears of the Kingdom that they would do that. And then the switch, the Wind Waker and Twilight Princess either never come or come even later. I don't know. So, but I think it's the Oracle games instead of Wind Waker and Twilight Princess. So I'm specifically saying that we don't see those two and we see Oracle games instead.

Logan Moore

That would be quite the pivot and it wouldn't be one that I would love to be totally honest

Max Roberts

I know.

Logan Moore

But I don't think those games are bad, but I just want I Want my big triple-a? Zelda's on current hardware so even though we use current enough I suppose, but I want it on Current her hardware, okay

Max Roberts

Right.

Logan Moore

Let me Speaking of current or hardware. I'll do this one Switch - won't be revealed Nintendo's already said as much but Nintendo will say when they plan to finally talk more about it

Max Roberts

Right. You.

Logan Moore

So they wills like acknowledge the elephant in the room. I think it would be so weird if they go through this direct and

Max Roberts

You.

Logan Moore

Don't say anything so and one level. I think that will absolutely happen But also I think they should just like just acknowledge it. Just we all know what's going on Just just say something about it. Just be like yeah, we've acknowledged that we're working on a new console Today is

not the day to talk about it, but we'll share more this fall Boom done. That's all you need to do just say something You

Max Roberts
I just, I don't.

Logan Moore
Yeah, I mean I

Max Roberts
I feel like Nintendo only talks about hardware far, far in advance, or like says they'll talk about something later. When they're in a position of desperation, or they're not in a position of strength, rather, to change the phrase. And obviously the switches sound like hotcakes. So I just feel like they don't want to talk about it. And they only acknowledge what they have because it's investor calls and then things are coming up and investors are getting like.

Logan Moore
Well they also had that you know this is Furukawa we will talk more about the The switch successor later in this physical year, I mean they've already done that whole thing so Oh, gosh, we just had one.

Max Roberts
So yeah, we'll see. I don't know, but I just, I don't see them interesting it. They'll focus on the games they have. Speaking of the games they have. We've talked about it this whole chunk. It's the end of the switches life. It's coming to an end. At the end of any Nintendo console. One character always reappears. It's time for a Kirby game.

Logan Moore
I feel like we've had ten of them on the Switch.

Max Roberts
A few years ago.

Logan Moore
We've had like two remasters or something.

Max Roberts
Return to Dreamland and that other one. Yeah.

Logan Moore
Star Allies, I think. We had the big like, yeah, whatever that one was.

Max Roberts
Forgotten. Forgotten land or something.

Logan Moore
Yeah, something like, yeah, yeah, yeah, I think that was it.

Max Roberts
It's time for another Kirby game. It could be RoboBot. You know that was the one that super beloved on 3DS.

Logan Moore
Sure. I hope not, but you know, OK.

Max Roberts

But like a Kirby game will appear in some capacity. It's the end of a console lifecycle, you have to have Kirby show up.

Logan Moore

I mean, I guess I don't even know. I don't know if saying I hope that's too strong or whatever, but.

Max Roberts

You just don't care about Kirby.

Logan Moore

I just don't care, but yes, that's probably a good safe prediction. The more I think about it, it's easy to just whip those games out. All right, I'll kind of stick in the same vein, but very different. Well, this is actually not even the same vein whatsoever. All right, I have just written down. It's Star Fox time, baby.

Max Roberts

I almost did this.

Logan Moore

Take that as you will. Take that as you will. I don't know what that means. I will say to be specific, I just think Star Fox shows up in some capacity. It could be a sequel to even that Ubisoft game. I don't know. But I think Star Fox, I think Fox McCloud appears and says, Oh, our wings report in and it's something Star Fox Zero remaster. Nintendo Switch online, something or another, I don't know.

Max Roberts

Please no.

Logan Moore

It's going to be something. Star Fox will show up.

Max Roberts

A Star Fox 99 kind of game could be interesting. I'm sure they'd come up with something zany for that. I almost picked a Star Fox one. I actually went to my shelf and looked at the Star Fox games and was like, what is the cadence here? It was like N64, GameCube, skip the Wii, Wii U, and there was a DS game in there and a 3DS remake in there. And then Wii U and then nothing for Switch. So I was kind of like, well maybe they're just skipping the Switch for a new Star Fox game. But I just...

Logan Moore

That would be an interesting one.

Max Roberts

I didn't think it was time for Star Fox because I thought it was time for another IP to be revived. To rise up from the ashes. It's time for Punch-Out!

Logan Moore

Could work with the Joy-Cons.

Max Roberts

There was... Yeah, and ARMS kicked off the console cycle. And there was a rumor a few years ago that Next Level Games was working on Punch-Out in some capacity. And I feel like it's been a while since Luigi's Mansion 3. I believe they are doing Luigi's Mansion 2 HD and if they are that cannot be that heavy of a lift. And Punch-Out! would have been in works before that I think. But I think Punch-Out! makes a comeback. Now, is it Punch-Out! from the Wii? Just an HD remaster?

Logan Moore

You got to get it in there before the Jake Paul, Mike Tyson fight,

Max Roberts

Could be. That game's supposed to be very very good and one that I've wanted to add to my collection for some time. But I think it's new. I think there's new Punch-Out! energy. I think it could work. So... Punch-Out! is the revival. Could you imagine if Mike Tyson came back?

Logan Moore

and then you can have the ring be decked out and punch out marketing for this game.

Max Roberts

For Punch-Out!

Logan Moore

Yeah, you could. You could.

Max Roberts

Mr. Dream.

Logan Moore

I actually wasn't even thinking about that when I said that. But yeah, that would actually be the perfect crossover. You could come out and say, thank you everybody for watching this fight. And I go by Mike Tyson's punch out, come to Swish this fall.

Max Roberts

My dad wants to watch that fight.

Logan Moore

I hope that fight lasts 15 seconds and

Max Roberts

Yeah, my dad wants to watch it just to see this, to see Mike Tyson clean Jake, it's Jake, right?

Logan Moore

I can just watch a clip of it on Twitter, or X as they call it.

Max Roberts

He's fighting Jake. Clean Jake Paul's clock. It's essentially the plot of Rocky 6 when you really think about it.

Logan Moore

This is going to be bad.

Max Roberts

Like they're just getting the old retiree dog out there to fight the young TikTok influencer. It's gonna be bad.

Logan Moore

They're going to stretch the fight out like they did in the one that,

Max Roberts

But... McGregor?

Logan Moore

what's his name? No, his brother.

Max Roberts

Did they drag that out? I didn't watch that fight.

Logan Moore

Was it Logan Paul and he fought Mayweather? Yeah, they did like ten rounds and it's like, dude, Mayweather, you could have knocked him out at any point in this fight if you actually wanted to.

Max Roberts

Sure.

Logan Moore

I fear it's going to be the same thing that Tyson is older, so maybe not.

Max Roberts

Probably. Yeah, so I think... Yeah, that fight will be dumb.

Logan Moore

But no, he could probably still knock an amateur or a novice out in no time if he really wanted to.

Max Roberts

But I do think Punch-Out! returns to the Switch. So... You know... Nintendo... Our predictions seem to indicate kind of like a lull of remasters and ports and bringing things back. Kind of just to ease the Switch into its sunset years with maybe one or two new games. Xbox... They're doing stuff. Nothing. We didn't really seem to predict anything for this year. There's more future stuff, which Xbox is really good at promising things for the future. And then Sony kicked everything off with kind of a whimper. So it's a saw. It's a light summer this year.

Logan Moore

The year of GTA VI will be upon us.

Max Roberts

Hopefully next year with the new Switch, that'll be an exciting time. Pump some things up. You know, PS5 Pro should be out by then if the market's indicating, so we should start seeing. Yeah, so next year should be very... Big and anticipatory, but... This year's easy. And you know what? I'm okay with a cool year, at least on the Nintendo side of things.

Logan Moore

Same, you and me both.

Max Roberts

I'm chipping away at the backlog of some stuff and all that jazz, so... You and me both. Most of all, though, let's hope it is the year of Metroid Prime for Chapter Select. So we can have these remasters.

Logan Moore
Truly cash in on that hotness.

Max Roberts
But it certainly would put a fire under our butt to crank it out in time for Prime 4, so... That would be really, really fun.

Logan Moore
Yes, absolutely, absolutely.

Max Roberts
But until then, and until the Summer Games Fest and all the other stuff... I think that does it for us today, so thank you all so much for listening. If you'd like, you can find Logan over at ComicBook.com, where he'll be writing all about the summer video game stuff and talking about it on his podcast, Quicksave?

Logan Moore
Yeah, it's Comic Book Nation, but our gaming segment or whatever that we do.

Max Roberts
No. It's Quicksave, right? Yes. So go check that out.

Logan Moore
Comic Book Nation is our larger podcast over there. But yeah, we do weekly episodes called Quick Save, which are all about gaming. And we're going to do dedicated episodes for all of the big showcases that end up happening. So yeah.

Max Roberts
All Logan's work there, you can see his writing and listen to his work over at ComicBook.com. And as for me, you can find my stuff over at MaxFrequency.net and our other show, Chapter Select, where we bounce back and forth between a series of games exploring its evolution, design, and legacy. We've got Metroid Prime in the works, Castlevania, slowly chipping away. So all those things are happening, and we're very, very excited. So thank you all so much for listening. Thank you all so much for listening, and until next time, adios.