= Tayutama : Kiss on my Deity =

Tayutama : Kiss on my Deity (???? -Kiss on my Deity-) is a Japanese visual novel developed by Lump of Sugar . It was first released as an adult game for Windows PCs on July 11 , 2008 in both limited and regular editions , and was later followed by an Xbox 360 version . Tayutama is Lump of Sugar 's third title after their previous titles Nursery Rhyme and Itsuka , Todoku , Ano Sora ni . The story centers on the male protagonist Yuri Mito , a high school student who is the son of a family that presides over the local Shinto shrine . As Yuri performs a ritual to transfer a relic that hosts a fictional , supernatural race called Tayutai , he and his friends accidentally summon a goddess , who incarnates as a young girl .

The gameplay in Tayutama mainly consists of reading a text @-@ based , branching plot line with multiple endings , and offers pre @-@ determined scenarios and courses of interaction based on the player 's decisions . The game received two awards from the 2008 Bish?jo Game Awards for its visuals . It received a fan disc titled Tayutama : It 's Happy Days in May 2009 , and made several transitions to other media . It received a manga adaptation illustrated by artist Yukiwo , who co @-@ created an original story for the adaptation . A twelve @-@ episode anime series produced by the animation studio Silver Link was broadcast in Japan between April and June 2009 . A manga anthology series drawn by multiple artists , an Internet radio talk show used to promote the anime adaptation , and several music albums were also released .

= = Gameplay = =

Tayutama is a romance visual novel in which the player assumes the role of Yuri Mito . Its gameplay mainly consists of reading and progressing through the story 's narrative and dialogue . The game 's text is accompanied by character sprites , which represent who Yuri is talking to , appearing on top of background artwork . Throughout the game , the player encounters CG artwork at certain points in the story , which take the place of the regular background art and character sprites . When the game is completed at least once , a gallery of the viewed CGs and played background music is available on the game 's title screen . Tayutama follows a branching plot line with nonlinear sequences and multiple endings , where the plot 's direction is affected by the player 's decisions .

Throughout gameplay , the player is given multiple options to choose from , and text progression pauses at these points until a decision is made . These decisions determine the sequence in which the story 's events will occur , and progress the plot toward a specific heroine 's ending . There are four main plot lines in the original Windows version that the player will have the chance to experience , one for each of the heroines in the story . This is increased to five plot lines in the Xbox 360 version with the extended scenario for Nue . In order to view all plot lines in their entirety , the player will have to replay the game multiple times and make different decisions to progress the plot in alternate directions .

= = Plot = =

= = = Setting and themes = = =

The main part of Tayutama takes place in a town called Ashihara @-@ ch? (???) , which houses various landmarks such as the Sosei Academy (???? , S?sei Gakuin) , which the main characters attend , and the Yachimata Shrine (???? , Yachimata Jinja) , a local Shinto shrine managed by Yuri 's family . Sosei Academy consists of two departments : a notorious all @-@ girls department named Flawless (????? , Fur?resu) , which stems its roots from the Sosei Girls ' Academy ; and a recently added coeducation department named Slightly (?????? , Suraitorii) . The campus grounds are separated into two parts which houses the two separate departments . Students attending the Flawless department live in a dormitory across from the school building , which is separated from

Slightly 's school building and schoolyard by a small forest .

Supernatural phenomena are a recurring theme in Tayutama . The fictional , mythological race Tayutai (???) is worshiped by the Yachimata Shrine , and its members are able to take shape in various forms , including humans . Various characters also possess supernatural abilities , such as Yuri who excels in Shinto studies and practices , and Mashiro , who is a Tayutai herself . Yumina and Ameri both receive wings as a result of gaining the favor and allying respectively with Houou and Ouryu , two Tayutai . Mifuyu is befriended by Nue , another Tayutai , and is physically powerful enough to engage a Tayutai in battle .

= = = Principal characters = = =

The player assumes the role of Yuri Mito (?? ?? , Mito Y?ri , voiced by Satoshi Hino) , the protagonist of Tayutama . Yuri comes from a family that presides over the Yachimata Shrine , and holds a vast knowledge in Shinto practices . He takes an interest in automobile maintenance , and also aspires to be an auto mechanic or designer . Mashiro Mito (?? ??? , Mito Mashiro , voiced by Noriko Rikimaru) , the main heroine of Tayutama , is a Tayutai girl with a high understanding of spiritual powers . She is the incarnation of the goddess Kikuramikami no Hime (??????? , voiced by Haruka Nagami) , and wishes for a mutual harmony between humans and Tayutai . She falls in love with Yuri soon after being left in his care , to the extent that she claims to be his wife .

Several characters also become involved in Yuri and Mashiro 's attempt to create a world where both humans and Tayutai can coexist together . Ameri Kawai (?? ??? , Kawai Ameri , voiced by Asami Shimoda) , another heroine , is Yuri 's energetic and outgoing childhood friend . She frequently carries around candies , which she often shares with others , and has a crush towards Yuri , but is unable to carry her feelings further . Yumina Takanashi (??? ??? , Takanashi Yumina , voiced by Kaori Mizuhashi) , also a heroine , is Yuri 's stepsister who resided with his family until their mother 's death . She is often shy and quiet in front of others , and takes an interest in activities such as drawing and cooking . Yumina transfers into Flawless early in the story , and often voluntarily takes care of the household chores for Yuri 's family . Mifuyu Kisaragi (?? ?? , Kisaragi Mifuyu , voiced by Shizuka It?) , the last of Tayutama 's heroines , is an honor student from Flawless . She is calm and intelligent , and tends to act as an elder sister figure to other Flawless students . She is skilled in various martial arts , and is in particular proficient in kenjutsu .

= = = Story = = =

The story of Tayutama revolves around the male protagonist Yuri Mito , whose family manages the local Shinto shrine . One day during spring break , Yuri and his friends Ameri Kawai and Sankurou Kaname find in the school 's woods a mysterious relic that was used in the past to seal the Tayutai , an ancient , mythological race . Yuri discovers that the school board has determined that the relic is insignificant for preservation , and that it will be demolished to allow the school to expand . After coming to the conclusion that destroying the relic may have adverse consequences , the trio attempts to relocate the relic 's spirits . As Yuri performs the ritual , he summons Kikuramikami no Hime , a Tayutai goddess who explains to him the belligerent relationship between humans and Tayutai ; Kikuramikami then incarnates as a young girl , Mashiro , in hopes of maintaining a mutual relationship with humans . Shortly afterwards , the relic is destroyed in an accident , releasing the entire race of Tayutai . Among them are Nue , Houou , and Ouryu , three influential Tayutai who hold humans in low regard and are referred to collectively as the " Three Mightiest " (?? , Sanky?) . Following the incident , Yuri takes Mashiro to the Yachimata Shrine to live with his family , and later finds Mashiro as a teenager , who proclaims herself to be Yuri 's wife .

In their attempt to create a world where humans and Tayutai can peacefully coexist , Yuri and Mashiro battle the members of the Three Mightiest in a successive , nonlinear order determined by the player 's decisions . In one scenario , Nue , a young female Tayutai , begins to steal undergarments from the Flawless dormitories due to her curiosity in them . She is defeated by Mashiro and Mifuyu Kisaragi , and finds herself befriended by Mifuyu , who later begins to take care

of her as a guardian . Yumina Takanashi , Yuri 's stepsister , also begins to take care of Hou , an exhausted bird Tayutai who begins to nest on Yumina 's head . Yumina is later attacked by Ou , another Tayutai who makes up the Houou couple with Hou , before the couple reconciles with the help of Yuri and Mashiro . Lastly , Ameri allies herself with Ouryu , the last of the Three Mightiest , out of jealousy from the amount of attention Mashiro receives from Yuri . After Ameri reconciles with Yuri , Ouryu agrees to stop attacking humans , and acknowledges Mashiro 's goal .

= = Development and release = =

Tayutama is the third title developed by Lump of Sugar . The visual novel 's scenario was written by Chihiro Fumikata . The character designs and illustrations for the visual novel were drawn by Fumitake Moekibara ; Moekibara also served the same position for Lump of Sugar 's previous titles . The game 's music was composed entirely by Shigenobu ?kawa , who was also one of the two composers for Itsuka , Todoku , Ano Sora ni .
Tayutama was first released for Windows on July 11 , 2008 in both limited and regular editions . The limited edition contained the game itself , a vocal collection CD , an official fan book , character portraits , and a phone strap ; the regular edition did not contain the aforementioned extras . A fan disc of Tayutama , titled Tayutama : It 's Happy Days , was released on May 29 , 2009 in both limited and regular editions . The limited edition of It 's Happy Days contained the game itself and a visual fan book with short summaries of the game 's characters , illustrations , conception materials , and an interview with the game 's development team . 5pb. released an Xbox 360 version of the original game on November 5 , 2009 . The Xbox 360 version contains remastered graphics , additional music , and additional scenarios for Nue , a supporting female character being promoted to a heroine . It was released in both limited and regular editions , and the limited edition contains the game itself , a phone strap , and a drama CD adaptation .

= = Adaptations = =

= = = Printed media = = =

A manga adaptation based on Tayutama was serialized between the January and July 2009 issues of the manga magazine Comp Ace . The manga series was drawn by illustrator Yukiwo and written by Y?ya , and features an original story in which Yuri becomes a girl . The individual chapters were later compiled into a single bound volume published by Kadokawa Shoten on June 26 , 2009 . Enterbrain published a series of four @-@ panel comic strip anthologies , titled Magi @-@ Cu 4 @-@ koma Tayutama : Kiss on my Deity . The anthology series spanned four volumes , and it was released under Enterbrain 's Magi @-@ Cu Comics imprint between April 25 and October 26 , 2009 . The contents of the anthologies were drawn by numerous artists , and eighteen different illustrators contributed to the first volume .
An art book titled Tayutama : Kiss on my Deity Official Book was released with the game 's limited edition release on July 11 , 2008 . The book included content such as sketches of the characters and staff comments . A 112 @-@ page visual fan book for the fan disc , Tayutama : It 's Happy Days , was first released with the game 's limited edition release on May 29 , 2009 ; it was also released separately on January 22 , 2010 . The book contains content such as illustrations and computer graphic artwork from the game , development materials , and staff interviews .

= = = Anime = = =

A Tayutama anime adaptation was first announced in Enterbrain 's Tech Gian magazine on December 20 , 2008 . The anime series was produced by Silver Link , directed by Keitaro Motonaga and written by Makoto Ueda . The anime was first exhibited as a video at Media Factory 's Spring Anime Festival in the Ry?goku KFC Hall in Tokyo , on March 29 , 2009 . The exhibition featured a

public showing of the anime 's first episode along with Phantom : Requiem for the Phantom and Queen 's Blade 's respective episodes , and also talk shows featuring voice actors from the three series . The anime was first broadcast in Japan between April 5 and June 21 , 2009 on the Chiba TV broadcasting network , and was later broadcast on other independent stations and the AT @-@ X network . The series was released in Japan as six separate Blu @-@ ray Disc and DVD volumes between June 25 and November 25 , 2009 ; each volume also contains an animated extra titled Tayutayu : Pure my Heart (???? -Pure my heart-) . Sentai Filmworks licensed the anime for distribution by Section23 Films in North America , and the series was released as a volume of two DVDs on March 16 , 2010 .

An Internet radio talk show titled Tayutama Radio : Hirusagari no Yometachi (??????? -????????-) was hosted by Noriko Rikimaru and Asami Shimoda , who voiced Mashiro and Ameri respectively in the anime . The radio show was first streamed on the Japanese Internet radio network Onsen on March 9 , 2009 , and continued to do so every Monday until its tenth episode on July 13 , 2009 .

= = Music = =

The Windows version of Tayutama has four main theme songs : " Konna Haru no Sora o " (???????) , the first opening theme , and " Niji o Mitsuketa Y? na Iro de " (???????????) , the ending theme , were sung by Haruka Shimotsuki ; " Shunkan Spline " (??????? , " Shunkan Supurain " , " Instantaneous Spline ") , the second opening theme , and " Cherry " , an insert song , were sung by Kicco . The Xbox 360 version featured three theme songs : " ?ka Shunk? " (????) , the first opening theme song , and " Eien o Hajimeyou " (??????? , " Let 's Begin Eternity ") , the ending theme , were both performed by Kicco ; " Doko made mo Tomo ni " (??????? , " Together Anywhere ") , the second opening theme , was performed by Shimotsuki . There are also four additional insert songs , one for each heroine and was sung by their respective voice actresses . The insert song for Mashiro is " Marital Vows " ; the insert song for Ameri is " Going My Way " (?????????? , G?ingu Mai Uei) ; the insert song for Yumina is " Flower Doll " ; and lastly , the insert song for Mifuyu is " Rainy Pain " .

The first music release was a maxi single entitled " Shunkan Spline " . The single contains the titular theme song and " Cherry " , and was released on June 27 , 2008 . The game 's original soundtrack was released on July 9 , 2008 . Of the 31 tracks collected in the album , two are the theme songs " Konna Haru no Sora o " and " Niji o Mitsuketa Y? na Iro de " . Another maxi single , titled " The Fine Every Day " , was released on April 22 , 2009 . The single contains the opening theme for the anime , " The Fine Every Day " , and the opening theme for Tayutama : It 's Happy Days , " J?netsu no Uoburu " (??????? , " Passionate Wobble ") , both sung by Kicco . A maxi single by Ui Miyazaki , titled " Kizuna no Uta " (????? , " Song of Bonds ") , was released on May 27 , 2009 featuring the titular ending theme for the anime . An image song album , titled Tayutama : Kiss on my Deity Chara @-@ son + (? ???? @-@ Kiss on my Deity- ? ????? + , Tayutama : Kiss on my Deity Kyarason +) , was released on July 24 , 2009 containing the Windows version 's second opening theme and inserts . Lastly , an album titled Xbox 360 Tayutama : Kiss on my Deity Theme Songs (Xbox360??? ? ???? @-@ Kiss on my Deity- ? ???? , Xbox 360 Sofuto " Tayutama : Kiss on my Deity " Shudaika @-@ sh?) was released on November 25 , 2009 .

= = Reception and legacy = =

According to a sales ranking conducted by PCPress , Tayutama : Kiss on my Deity was the second best @-@ selling bish?jo game in July 2008 , only falling behind Key 's Little Busters ! Ecstasy . It was also the second most widely sold game on Getchu.com for July 2008 , and was the sixth most widely sold game of the year on the website . The game was also the twenty @-@ seventh most widely sold game on the website for the month of April 2009 . The game received two awards from the 2008 Bish?jo Game Awards panel , a silver prize for graphics , coming behind Akabeisoft2 's G Senj? no Ma? , and a gold prize for character designs . Tadamoto ?sawa , the editor @-@ in @-@ chief of the Japanese bish?jo magazine BugBug , praised Moekibara for his heroines ' appealing

character designs , and cited Mashiro as a character fitting for the award .

The anime adaptation received mixed reviews . Chris Beveridge of Mania.com praised the series ' aesthetics . He stated that it " has a solid looking presentation to it with its animation style and character design , " and in particular found the costume and setting designs appealing . However , he criticized how the storyline " has a whole lot of the familiar ... that keeps it from standing well on its own , " and described the series as " not bad , it 's just another show that we 've seen before . " Stig Høgset of THEM Anime Reviews also noted the characters are " generally pleasant to look at . " He described the adaptation 's story as " fairly straightforward and hardly difficult to follow , " but criticized it as " basically written with a complete disregard for logic and common sense . " Høgset concluded by comparing Tayutama 's anime adaptation to Natsume 's Book of Friends , stating that although the former is " honestly trying to tell a decent story about the possible friendship between two different races ... [the latter] does this a hell of a lot better . "

Several characters from Tayutama also appear in video games created by other developers . Ameri , Mashiro , and Mifuyu were featured as playable characters in the fighting game Twinkle Queen . The game was released on August 26 , 2010 for Wii , and also featured characters from G Senj? no Ma? , Windmill 's Shukufuku no Campanella , and BaseSon 's Shin Koihime Mus? . Ameri and Mashiro were also featured as characters in Illusion 's Characolle ! 3D animation program series . The program 's fourth entry , Characolle ! Lump of Sugar , was released on July 1 , 2011 , and included the characters ' models and scenery assets based on Tayutama 's locales as part of the package .