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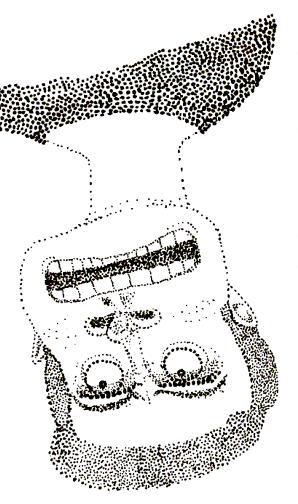
A Bloodstained: Ritual of the Night review and a thought about crowdfunding in the gaming industry

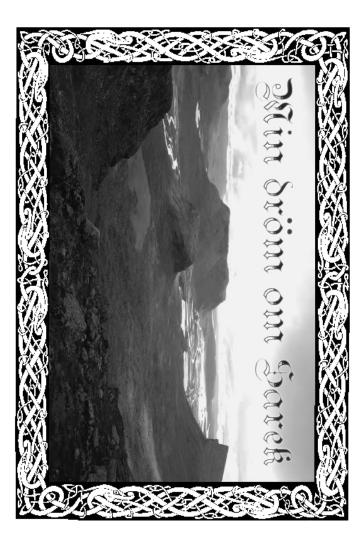
Bloodstained was developed by ArtPlay, under the direction of one of the most important people in garning history, Koji Igarashi, father of the Castlevania series and co-creator of the metroidvania genre. After his departure from Konami in 2014, a lot of fans asked for a new creation from Igarashi, and their prayers were answered in 2015, when Igarashi himself presented a project on Kickstarter. A project that became one of the most funded games on that patform with more than 5 million dolars collected from backers. Bloodstained is set during the industrial revolution, a period in which the Alchemy Guild was having a very hard time, technology was taking over their patrons, and magic itself seemed to be leaving the world, destroying their heritage and life-long work; they made an insane call, summoning demons sacrificing magically modified humans called Shardbinders. Needless to say, things went south pretly fast and demons started rampaging through England, destroying most of it and the Guild itself, until the Church intervened. Ten years later our adventure starts with the awakening of Miriam, a young Shardbinder, from her mysterious slumber just in time to discover that her old friend Gebel was summonling demons again.

The gamplay is an old school Castlevania with exploration, secret rooms and objects, lots of creatures to slay, countiess abilities called Shards, weapons to summon at our disposal and of course big bad bosses. The soundtrack is amazing, its just perfect to create the most adequate atmosphere through the entire game, from the exploring sessions to the most important battles. Graphic on the other hand is a bit of a let-down, too old for today's standard, due to the fact that it received a downgrade from the previous trailers, obviously there were consequences, from fans and backers alike, saying that this wasn't what promised to them, but in the end the final product is a masterpiece, something that can match the once undisputed Castle vania: Symphony of the Night.

As I said earlier Bloodstained: Ritual of the Night is one of the biggest success in crowdfunding history, but is this a good way to create and promote a game at the same time? The answer is not straightforward. On paper the pros are more than just a few: a fair amount of transparency from developer to customers, the customers themselves gets to decide if that product is worth money and time, possible come backs of old loved titles and brand new ones from new developers trying to take a shot in this world. On the other hand, in the last few years there have been different episodes of betrayals or misplaced trust, for example Friday the 13th: The Game. In this case a promise was made of content updates, both cosmetic and gameplay, but in

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