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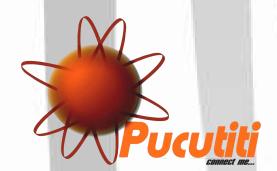
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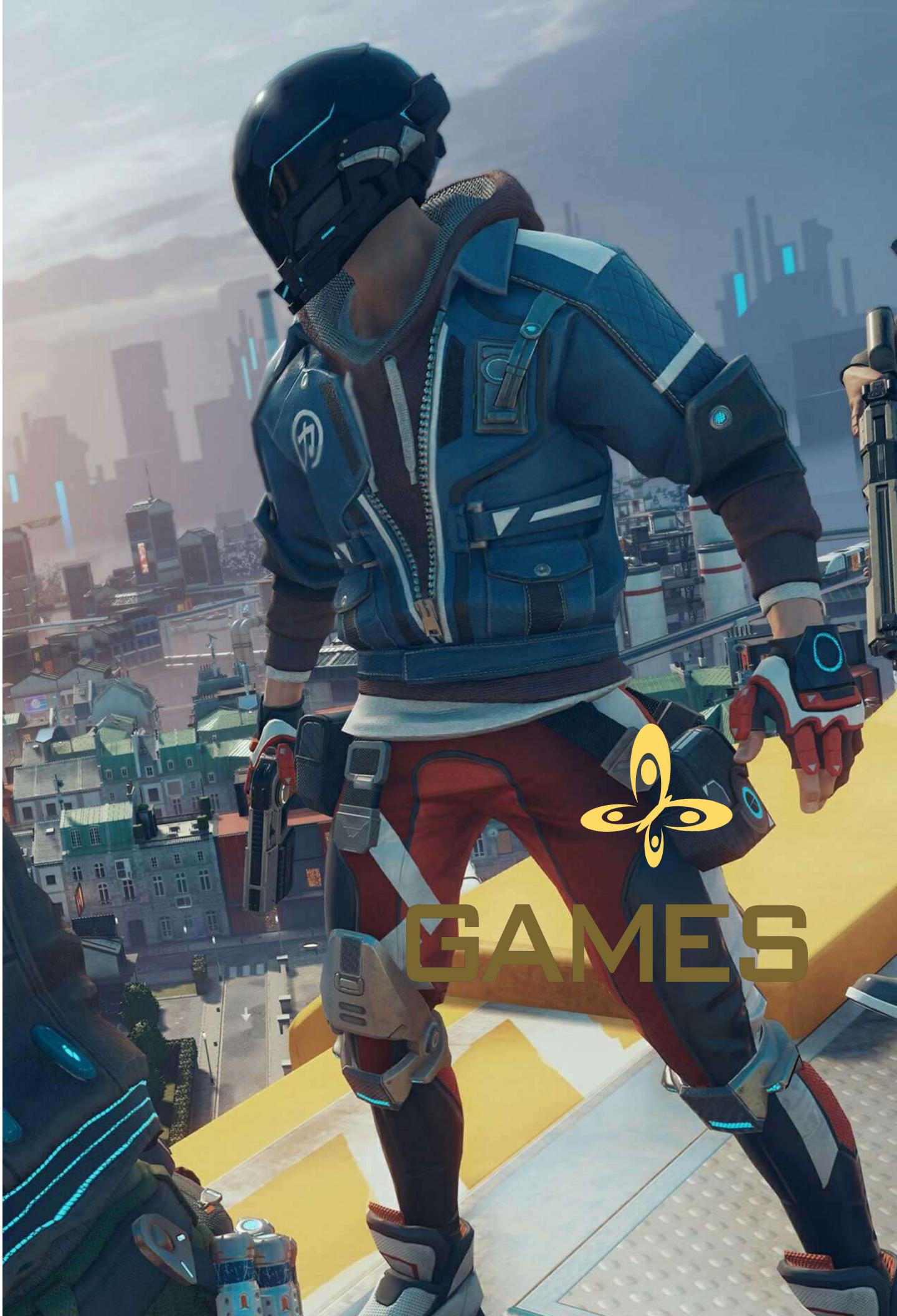
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Bloodstained: Ritual of the Night



Bloodstained: Ritual of the Night is a Metroidvania type video game developed by ArtPlay and published by 505 Games. The game's development was led by former Castlevania series producer Koji Igarashi, and is considered a spiritual successor to the series. The game is the second in the Bloodstained series. Bloodstained: Ritual of the Night was released for Microsoft Windows, Nintendo Switch, PlayStation 4, and Xbox One in June 2019, and for iOS and Android in December 2020.

Igarashi conceived the game after his departure from Konami in 2014, prompted by numerous fan requests for him to make another Metroidvaniatype game. He used the crowdfunding platform Kickstarter to demonstrate to potential funding agencies of the demand for the game in 2015, which successfully raised more than US\$5.5 million from backers, making it one of the most funded video game campaigns on the platform. Bloodstained received generally positive reviews. A retro-style companion game, Bloodstained: Curse of the Moon, was developed by Inti Creates and released in May 2018. It was followed by a sequel in 2020, Bloodstained: Curse of the Moon 2.

Plot

Bloodstained takes place in 18th century England during the Industrial Revolution. Fearing the loss of their influence over their wealthy patrons, the Alchemy Guild researched methods to summon demons and created Shardbinders, humans forcibly fused with demonically-charged crystals that attuned them to their powers. These Shardbinders were sacrificed by the Guild to summon demons from Hell in what was meant to be a scare tactic but instead brought uncontrollable destruction that wiped out the Guild and much of England until the Church was able to banish them. Of the sacrificed Shardbinders, only one named Gebel survived. Another Shardbinder, the main protagonist Miriam, is spared due to falling into an unnatural slumber before she can be sacrificed.

Ten years later in the game's present-day, Miriam has awakened from her slumber and has learned that Gebel has summoned the demons to destroy England as he seeks revenge on the surviving alchemists for what they did to him. Accompanied by Johannes, a former member of the Alchemy Guild, they sail across the ocean to Arvantville, a destroyed village on the outskirts of Gebel's castle, the Hellhold. They meet with Johannes's friend Dominique, an exorcist who helped Johannes care for Miriam during her slumber and has been sent by the Church to help them stop Gebel. As Miriam begins her journey into the Hellhold, she confronts Alfred, a surviving member of the Alchemy Guild and the former mentor to Johannes. Alfred seeks to recover an ancient book used in the demon summoning by Gebel, the Liber Logaeth, and threatens to kill Miriam if she does not leave. As his former student, Johannes deeply distrusts Alfred's motives and fears he may be making another mistake, partially feeling responsible for the actions that Alfred and the other alchemists took in harming Gebel, Miriam, and the other Shardbinders. She also crosses paths multiple times with Zangetsu, a demon hunter from Japan who initially distrusts Miriam due to her Shardbinder powers having ties to demons, but over time begins to respect her strength. Zangetsu explains that he is seeking a demon named Gremory, who is continuously eluding him for fear of his power. He gives Miriam his katana thinking that Gremory will not expect her to be wielding it and drop her guard.





Miriam confronts Gebel in the Hellhold's throne room, and she attempts to reason with him by reminding him that during the trauma of her transformation into a Shardbinder, he was the one who taught her to never give up on her humanity. Though he briefly seems moved by her words, Gebel remains defiant and the two Shardbinders fight. Should Gebel be killed, he will thank Miriam for stopping him, but the game will immediately end as Miriam wonders if she made the right choice. Using Zangetsu's katana, Miriam instead exposes Gremory's hiding place in the throne room and she escapes. Freed from the demon's control, Gebel is only able to give Miriam his final apologies before the crystals in his body consume him completely. Alfred then arrives to steal the Liber Logaeth from them and flees.

Miriam chases Gremory and Alfred through a dimensional portal into another part of the castle. Inside, she finds Alfred mortally wounded and the Liber Logaeth gone. As he dies, he explains that he was trying to use the Liber Logaeth as part of a spell he had cast throughout the Hellhold to destroy it. He also reveals that he was the one who put Miriam in her slumber ten years ago to sabotage the Guild's summoning, knowing her power as a Shardbinder was so immense that it would have brought even worse destruction than what was summoned had she been sacrificed.

Reuniting with Zangetsu, Miriam tracks down Gremory. Zangetsu uses his power to bind the demon in place, but he is seemingly killed in the process and so Miriam defeats Gremory alone. She then locates the Liber Logaeth and the one who stole it: Dominique. Craving the power to defy and destroy God for letting everybody die during the demon summoning ten years ago, Dominique reveals that she has turned herself into a Shard-binder through extensive study of Miriam and Gebel and uses the Liber Logaeth to summon Bael, the king of demons. Miriam banishes Dominique and Bael, and Johannes uses the Liber Logaeth to complete Alfred's spell and destroy the Hellhold.

As peace returns to the land, Miriam mourns the sacrifices made for her victory and wonders if the world will ever truly be free of the demons. Johannes consoles Miriam by revealing that with the Liber Logaeth, he may have the means to permanently stop the crystals from consuming her body. Miriam and Johannes leave Arvantville while an unseen person's shadow steps into view, revealed to be Zangetsu, who survived the events of the story after managing to escape Hell. He retrieves his sword, Zangetsuto, after watching the pair walk away.

Gameplay

The game follows the Metroidvania-style gameplay of the post-Symphony of the Night games of the Castlevania series. As Miriam, the player explores a labyrinthine series of rooms presented as a platform game, fighting monsters and bosses and gaining keys or powers that let them explore previous areas that were previously impossible to reach. Miriam is able to use various weapons to perform melee or ranged attacks to defeat monsters, or special abilities granted by the shards she possesses from monsters to perform magical attacks. Miriam has both a health bar and a magic power bar. Health is lost to monster and environmental attacks, and should this drop to zero, the game is over, requiring the player to load the last save state. Health can be restored by using items or finding health drops from monsters or environmental pieces. Magic power is drained by using shard skills, and if out of mana, the player cannot use shard skills, but mana can be similarly regained as with health.

The player gains new weapons, armor and accessories throughout the game by defeating monsters and looting chests. This equipment provides various attributes to Miriam along with offensive and defensive bonuses. For weapons, this also set the type of attacks that the player can make. For example, short swords allow a variety of fast, close-ranged attacks, spears enable slow but long-reaching attacks, and guns allow for long-distance shots but with no melee possibilities. The equipment can be changed on the fly via menu screens. Shards are obtained by defeating monsters, and generally contain a power reflecting the essence of the manster it came from. The player can only equip a limited number of shards, but like equipment, shards can be swapped out on the fly

Among the maze of rooms include save rooms, allowing the player to save their game and fully regenerate Miriam's health and magic power. Additionally, warp rooms allow the player to quick jump from one region of the map to another previously discovered warp room. Following the game's prelude, the player also gains access to a set of non-playable characters located at the start of the map that provide stores to buy and sell weapons, shards, ingredients and crafting services to make new weapons or upgrade shards. The game is presented in a 2.5D style, presenting the game in three-dimensional graphics but restricting movement to a 2D system. Igarashi stated the choice for 2.5D was to jollow the style of previous Castlevania games, such as The Dracula X. Thronic es and Mirror of Fate.

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Development

Bloodstained is a spiritual successor to the Castlevania series by Konami, of which Koji Igarashi had been the series producer from 2001 to 2010. In March 2014, Igarashi opted to leave Konami, stating concern for his continued employment and differences in the directions they wanted to take the company. Igarashi later stated "For the longest time, when I was working at Konami, I was protected by my company. They took care of me. Now I'm kind of anxious." Igarashi also stated that he had received a large number of requests from fans to continue to develop Castlevania games, giving him another reason to leave Konami and aim to start his own studio to develop these fan-requested games, including a Metroidvania-styled game with similar themes to Castlevania.

Prior to his departure, news of the success of the Kickstarter for Mighty No. 9, a Mega Man-inspired game produced by the former series producer and artist Keiji Inafune, had reached Japan, and inspired Igarashi that this could be a similar route to obtain funding for a new game. Following his departure, he began pitching for funding of a new game with the help of Digital Development Management's Ben Judd, who has also assisted with Mighty No. 9's funding. They approached more than twenty publishers with the pitch, but found that none of them were willing to help. According to Judd, while Igarashi's reputation reduced the risk involved with the title and the projected budget was modest, the publishers were skeptical. Japanese publishers wanted to make sure that the American and European markets would want the title, and Castlevania games historically were not as well received in European markets. Western publishers believed the Japanese origins of the games were too strange for them. After six months with no success, Igarashi opted to join mobile developer ArtPlay as a paying job, but worked with the company to assure that he would be free to continue to pursue this new game idea.

Kickstarter

Igarashi recognized the success of Mighty No. 9's Kickstarter, and began seeking how to accomplish the same for his vision. He and Judd were able to locate investors that would help contribute funds, but only if they could show there was a strong interest in the title. The two opted to use Kickstarter to demonstrate what they believed would be a popular title, seeking to gain \$500,000 to secure funding that would cover the remaining 10% of development costs. The Kickstarter was launched on 11 May 2015. Promotion and handling of the social media for the Kickstarter campaign was handled by Fangamer. Prior to the Kickstarter, Igarashi teased the announcement through social media using the phrases "igavania" and "sword or whip", and on the day of the announcement, participated in live streaming event via Twitch playing several other Metroidvania titles with various gaming personalities and developers. 2 Player Productions helped with filming Igarashi's pitch for the Kickstarter at Castello di Amorosa in northern California a month prior to its announcement.

The game succeeded in its base goal within four hours of going live, and reached \$1.5 million within the first day. Various stretch goals were introduced and met, including obtaining David Hayter as a voice actor for the game. Hayter had originally been slated for the role of Gebel, but ended up as Zangetsu for the final game. Additional stretch goals included hiring Robert Belgrade, the voice of Alucard in Symphony of the Night to have a voice role, and allowing artist Ayami Kojima to create the packaging artwork for physical copies. Other stretch goals included a retro-style companion game titled Bloodstained: Curse of the Moon, support for local co-operative play, a boss rush mode, a "classic mode" which reworks some portions of the game's maps into strictly-linear levels akin to the original Castlevania games, and a roguelike dungeon mode where the player can

challenge a procedurally-generated dungeon. In addition to monetary stretch goals, igarashi offered additional bonuses for all backers based on the amount of social media content the Kickstarter generates, such as followers of the game on Twitter or Facebook or number of pieces of fan artwork submitted to its site. The Bloodstainful Kickstarter was successfully funded with more than \$5.5M in pledges, and as of June 2015 the highest value video game Kickstarter project, exceeding the previous amount set by forment. These of Numeroera, However, about two months afterwards, the Kickstarter for Shenmue III broke Bloodstained's record, raising over \$6.3 million in a similar period as Bloodstained.

Design

Igarashi and ArtPlay developed the game's narrative, design, and overseeing production, while they hired DICO as a third-party publisher around June 2016 to assist in developing the game's assets and level design. The game is published and marketed by 505 Games. Developer Inti Creates, whose name had been associated with Bloodstained earlier in the project, had been involved in developing a mini-game that was released alongside the main game. Bloodstained was developed for Unreal Engine 4. Near the end of 2018, Igarashi announced they had also brought on WayForward to help with some development, specifically in the area of polishing the title. Igarashi had been impressed by WayForward's skill in 2D platform games, such as their Shantae series, and was excited for them to be part of the project.

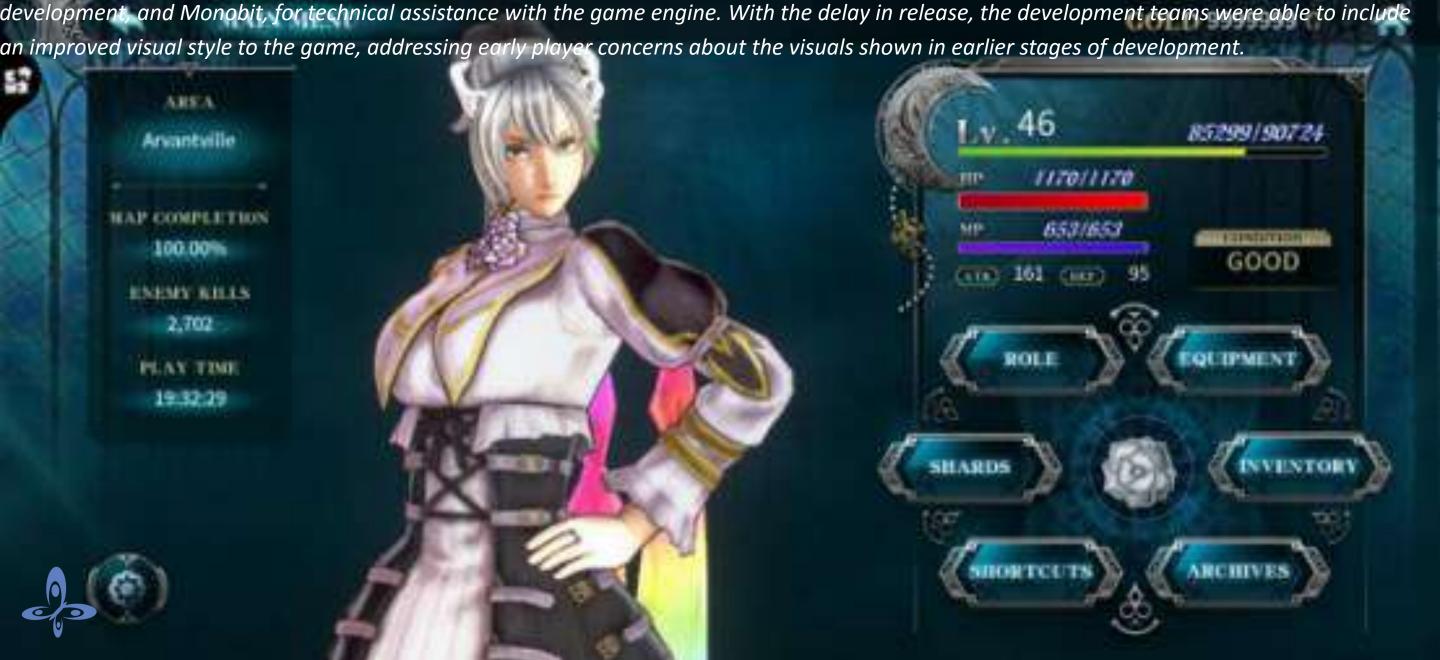
The game's name is based around the concept of a magi-crystal curse that inflicts the main characters: they grow across the person's body with the appearance of stained glass, and Igarashi felt that "Bloodstained" was a good play on words to reflect that. While the title is thematically based around the Gothic theme like Castlevania, Igarashi did not want to incorporate the public domain character of Dracula into it, feeling it would make the game too close to previous Castlevania titles and did not want to make his new game feel like a "half-baked copy". Igarashi opted to make the main playable character Miriam female based on recognizing current trends in video games in Western markets to present strong female lead characters that the broad range of intended players of either gender would enjoy playing, while avoiding the developmental encumbrances of creating two separate-gendered playable characters.

The game's music was written primarily by Michiru Yamane, a former Konami composer who worked on the music for several Castlevania games, along with the musical group Noisycroak and a single track by Ippo Yamada. Shutaro Iida, who worked on previous Castlevania games as a programmer, director and designer, returned to the game in the role of a planner.

Release

At the end of the Kickstarter in June 2015, Bloodstained was planned for release in 2017 on Microsoft Windows, macOS, Linux, PlayStation 4, Xbox One, PlayStation Vita and Wii U through the campaign's stretch goals. At this point in time, the Unreal Engine 4 was not yet ported to either the Vita or Wii U. Armature Studio was set to do these ports, with plans to release the code base for both the Wii U and Vita ports for free to any studio licensed to work on it once they had overcome the lack of Unreal on these platforms. During the game's development process, Nintendo discontinued the Wii U and released the Nintendo Switch in March 2017. Igarashi opted to transfer development from the Wii U to the Switch, offering backers who had selected the Wii U version a refund or a choice of the game on a different platform, with the Switch being the default option for backers who had previously chosen the Wii U. Igarashi had started the Kickstarter when the Wii U was the dominant Nintendo platform, but with the introduction of the Switch since that point, he found it difficult to support the Wii U, and called for the transition. The PlayStation Vita version of the game was cancelled in August 2018 due to Sony dropping support for the handheld; backers that desired the Vita release were given the option of selecting the game for a different platform for free or assorted refund options. In December 2018, the team announced that the planned macOS and Linux versions of the game had also been cancelled, citing challenges of supporting middleware and online features.

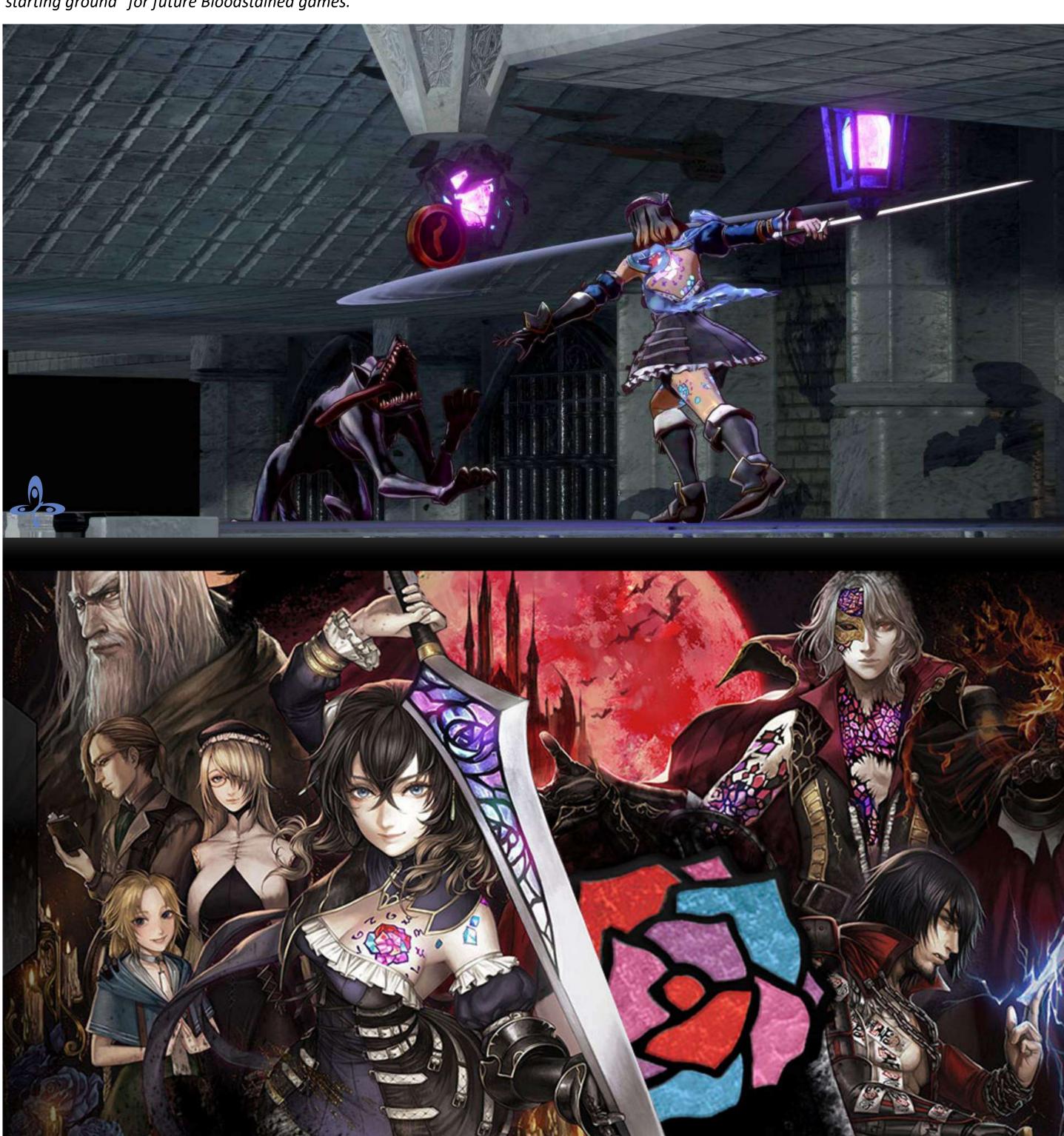
Though Igarashi originally anticipated a 2017 release, he announced in September 2016 that he was bringing a second studio to help with the development of the game, and delayed the game. Igarashi stated the delay was primarily due to the added work to complete the campaign's stretch goals, a factor he could not consider during the Kickstarter period, and his commitment to making a high quality game, "better than a traditional Iga -vania game that I've made in the past" and not wanting to back down on quality just to make the original release date. The amount of work in man -hours, along with Inti Creates' inexperience with the Unreal engine to complete some of the concepts he wanted in the game, led Igarashi to bring in additional studios and push back the release date. Igarashi later revealed these studios as DICO, who have experience with localization and global



A single-level demonstration of Bloodstained was made available to play for attendees of Electronic Entertainment Expo 2016, and was released to Kickstarter backers a week later. In July 2016, Igarashi announced that the game had entered full production. The game was playable again at EGX Rezzed 2019.

Bloodstained was released on 18 June 2019 for Windows, PlayStation 4, and Xbox One versions, and was released a week later on 25 June 2019 for the Nintendo Switch. Following the approach used by Shovel Knight, the game used a post-release content model so that they are able to bring additional content, such as the game modes from the additional Kickstarter stretch goals, over time to avoid release delays. On 10 May 2020, the first of these updates was released, adding Zangetsu as an unlockable character and a Randomizer Mode. This would be followed up by a second update on 3 July 2020 that added Boss Revenge and Chroma Wheel. As part of the Kickstarter's stretch goals, Inti Creates also developed a companion game, Bloodstained: Curse of the Moon, a NES-stylized platform game with Miriam and Gebel playable alongside the swordsman exorcist Zangetsu and the alchemist Alfred. It was released on Windows, PlayStation 4, PlayStation Vita, Xbox One, Nintendo 3DS and Nintendo Switch on 24 May 2018. A sequel to Curse of the Moon was announced in June 2020. Mobile ports for iOS and Android devices, developed by NetEase and ArtPlay, were announced in October 2020. These ports were released on 3 December 2020.

Igarashi had stated that given the amount of time he has spent in developing the Bloodstained intellectual property, he sees the game as "a starting ground" for future Bloodstained games.





Demon's Souls



Demon's Souls[b] is an action role-playing game developed by Bluepoint Games, with assistance from Japan Studio, and published by Sony Interactive Entertainment. It is a remake of Demon's Souls, originally developed by FromSoftware and released for the PlayStation 3 in 2009. The game was released as a launch title for the PlayStation 5 in November 2020.

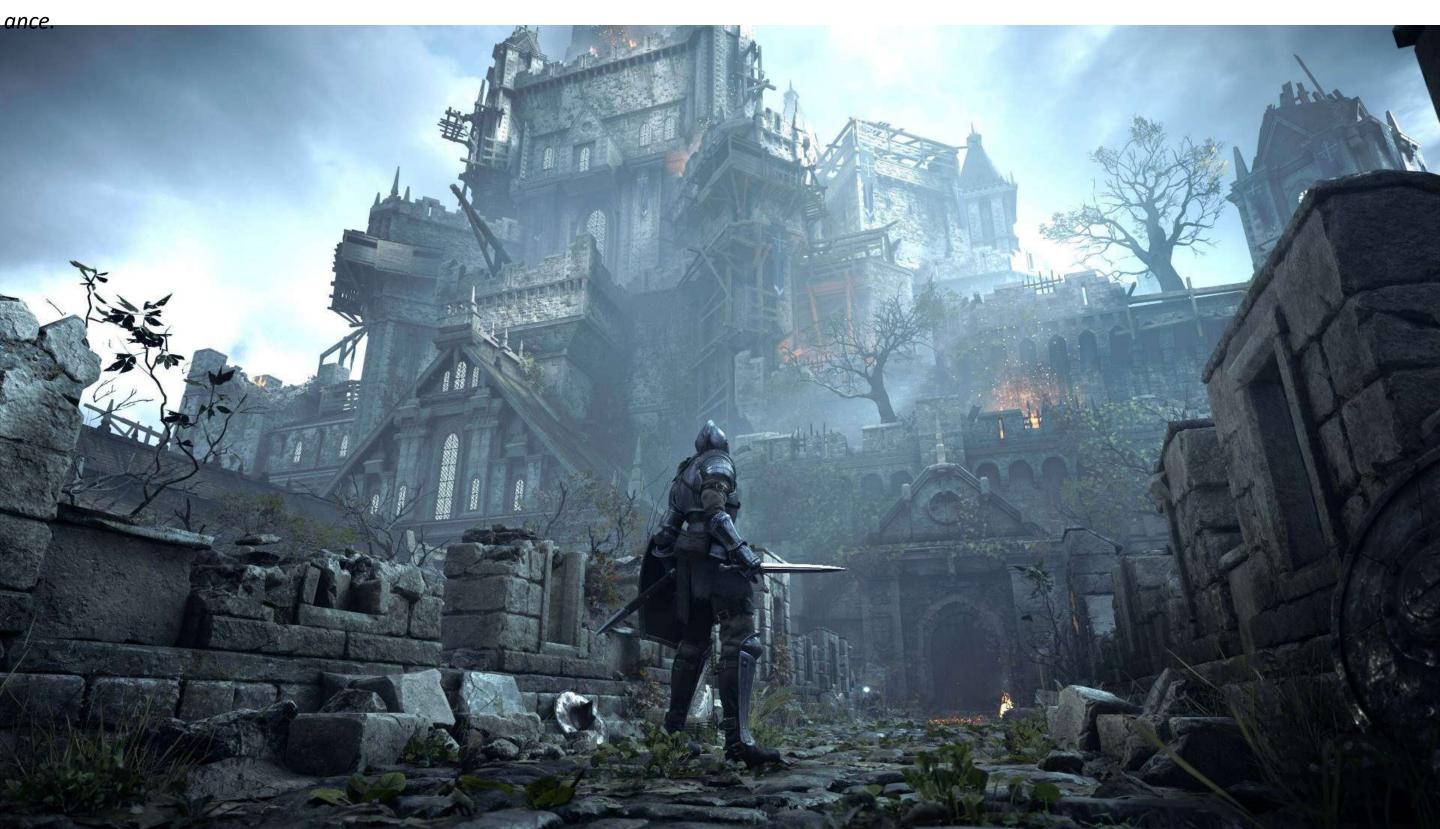
Gameplay

The game features new weapons, armor, and rings and new items called "Grains" which give players a temporary resistance to effects like poison, fire, and bleeding. As with the original, players are limited in how much they can carry before their character becomes encumbered, although some aspects of this encumbrance system have been adjusted. For example, in the original game, healing grasses have no weight, so players could potentially carry hundreds of them; in the remake, these healing items now have a weight associated with them so that the amount players can carry is significantly lessened, and more potent grasses weigh more than less effective ones. One new feature, called "Fractured World", is a mirror mode which reverses the layout of environments. The game also includes a photo mode, whereupon using it the game will pause, something not possible in the original. Filters from the photo mode can also be used during gameplay, including a "classic mode" filter intended to evoke the look of the original PlayStation 3 game. Although the Souls series is notorious for its difficulty, Bluepoint stated that the remake would not introduce different difficulty levels. The character creation feature has also been updated, with more options for customization.

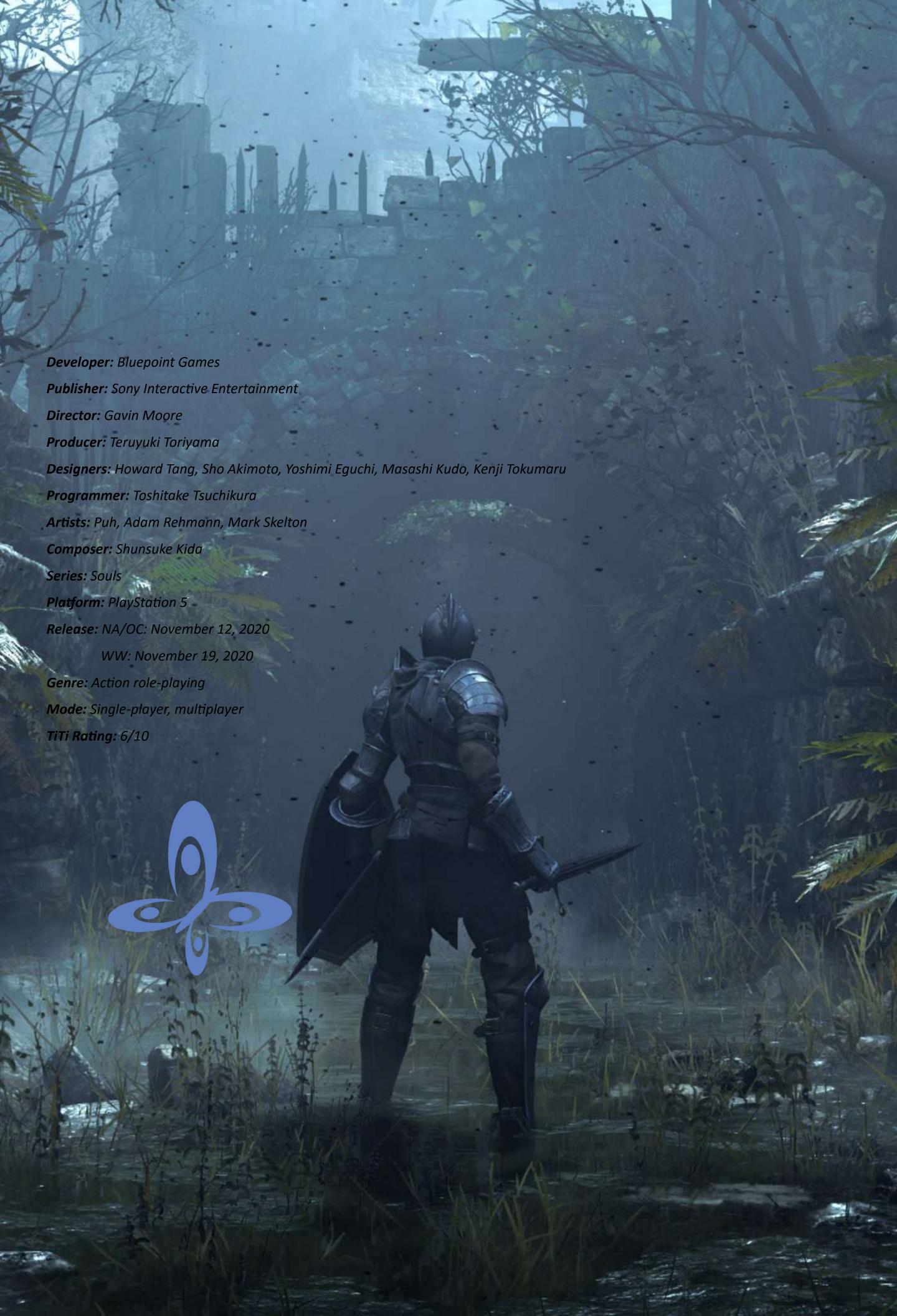
Development

In 2016, Hidetaka Miyazaki, the director of the original Demon's Souls, acknowledged the demand for developing a remake but said that because the IP belonged to Sony, the inception of such a project would depend on their desire to do so. After Miyazaki and FromSoftware, the development studio of the original game, gave their approval, Bluepoint Games began development of a remake following completion of its 2018 remake of Shadow of the Colossus. Japan Studio, who assisted with the development of the original game, also assisted Bluepoint Games for the remake. Japan Studio's Gavin Moore, best known for his work on Puppeteer, served as the creative director for the project. A core goal was to remain true to the original while making adjustments in line with the more advanced hardware. Using the original art assets, music and level design as a blueprint, the team wanted to "finetune" the experience so it would appeal to players accustomed to modern games.

The score of the original game was recorded digitally and this presented difficulties in updating it for a modern remake. As such, the original score was redone in the style of Shunsuke Kida's original work, utilizing a full orchestra and choir. The voice acting was redone, with many of the original cast returning to both re-record their old lines and voice new dialogue. The motion capture animations were also redone. The game utilizes the haptic functionality of the DualSense controller giving the feeling of [metal striking metal] or to aid in the timing parries. The game ships with two visual modes: "cinematic mode" running at a native 4K resolution, at 30 frames per second and "performance mode" with a dynamic 4K at 60 frames per second. Despite earlier claims, Demon's Souls does not support ray tracing. Though a recurring request was the realization of a supposed sixth zone represented by a broken teleport stone in the original, the team decided to leave the game's number of worlds as is. At one point the team considered making an "Easy Mode" but ultimately decided it was not their place to add something that would fundamentally alter the game's bal-









The Pathless

The Pathless is an independent action-adventure video game developed by Giant Squid and published by Annapurna Interactive.

The game was released on November 12, 2020 for Windows, PlayStation 4, PlayStation 5, macOS and iOS.

Gameplay

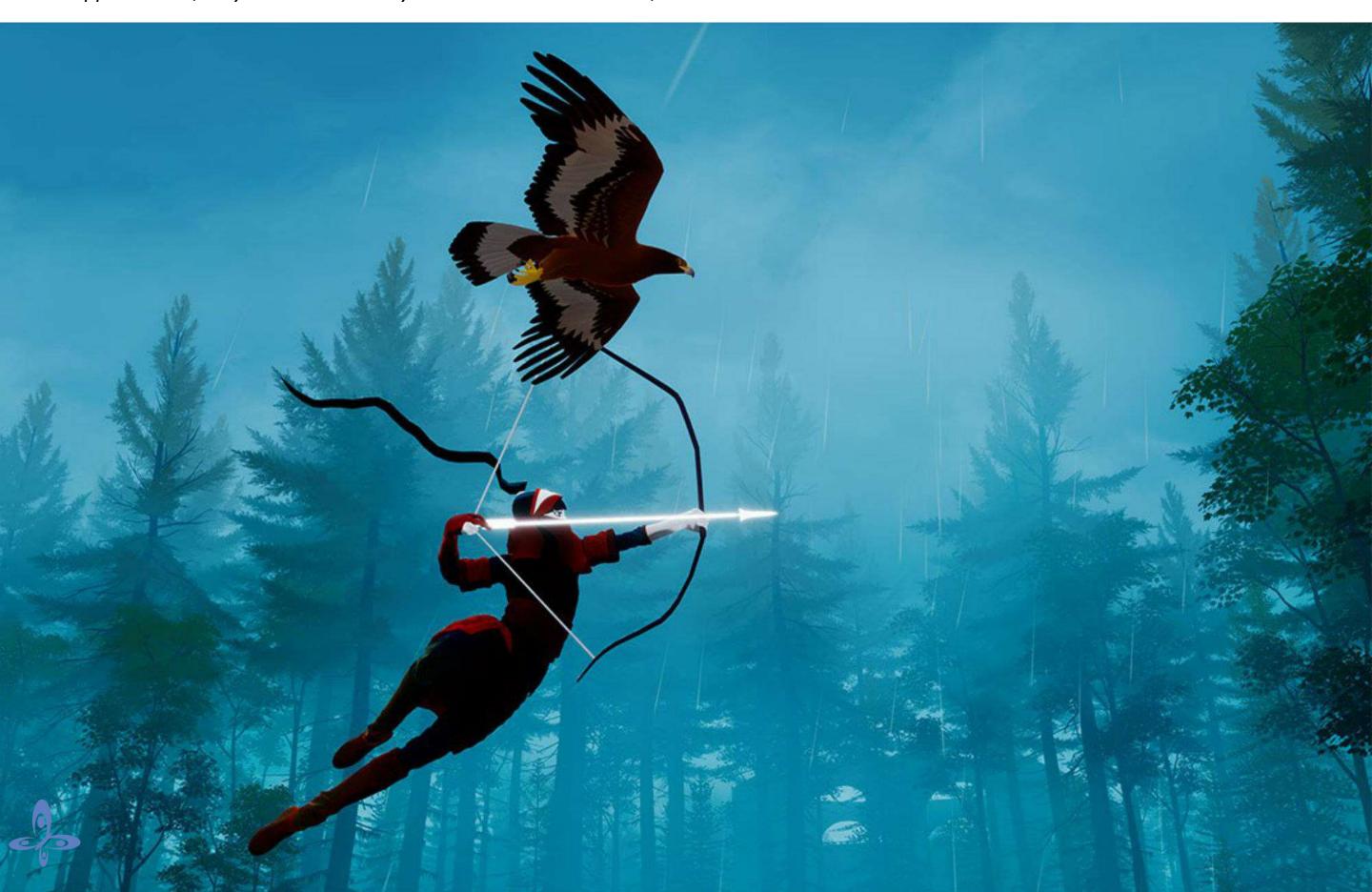
The Pathless is an action-adventure video game played from a third-person perspective. In the game, the player controls the Hunter, who must find a way to lift the curse on an island. The hunter is a master archer. She must use her bows and arrows to shoot talismans scattered throughout the world, which will fill the Hunter's dash meter and allow her to swiftly navigate the game's world. She is also accompanied by an eagle companion, which can carry the player while flying. The eagle loses altitude while carrying the Hunter, though it can gain altitude through flapping its wings.

Unlike other open world games, the game does not feature a mini-map. Players need to use "Spirit Vision" in order to find locations of interest. By exploring the game's world, players would collect crystals which can be used to upgrade the eagle's abilities. Throughout the hunter's journey, she is hunted by invincible cursed spirits which attempt to separate her from her eagle. Players need to avoid alerting them through stealth. Players need to return light to the obelisks scattered in the game's world, which weakens the curse spirits, allowing players to defeat them. Players will lose the crystals they have collected when they are defeated by the cursed spirits.

Development

The Pathless was developed by Giant Squid, the creator of Abzû (2016). According to creative director Matt Nava, The Pathless "is about finding your own way forward". Therefore, the team decided to remove the mini-map feature typically seen in open world maps in order to facilitate exploration. The team put heavy emphasis on creating a movement system that is fast and fluid so as to remove the need of incorporating fast travel points. Unlike other games in which the player will respawn at checkpoints when they lose all their health, The Pathless adopts a system in which the players will lose the crystals they have collected instead. According to Nava, this system helps create tension and stake without breaking the player's immersion, which may be the result of respawning the player character.

The game was announced at The Game Awards 2018. Initially set to be released in 2019, the game was first delayed to early 2020 and then subsequently to late 2020 as the team needed additional time for development. The game was released for Windows via Epic Games Store, macOS and iOS via Apple Arcade, PlayStation 4 and PlayStation 5 on November 12, 2020.









Atelier Ryza 2: Lost Legends & the Secret Fairy 🤚



Atelier Ryza 2: Lost Legends & the Secret Fairy[a][1] is a role-playing video game developed by Gust. It is the twenty-second main entry in the Atelier series, the second game of the Secret storyline and the first game of the series with a returning protagonist.

The game was released on December 3, 2020, for PlayStation 4, PlayStation 5 and Nintendo Switch in Japan. A version with English subtitles was released on January 26, 2021 in North America and Europe, along with a version for Microsoft Windows in all three regions.

Gameplay

The game features the same gameplay style of the previous title. Players must craft items using alchemy to equip the party and accomplish missions. The combat system incorporating elements from both turn-based and real-time also returns, but with improvements.

Plot

Three years after her previous adventure, Reisalin "Ryza" Stout works as both an alchemist and a teacher in Kurken Island until she is invited by her friend Tao Mongarten who is studying with another friend, Bos Brunnen in the capital city of Ashra-am Baird to help with his research on some nearby ruins. In the occasion, she is tasked by Bos' father, Moritz Brunnen, to discover more about a mysterious stone in his possession. Taking the stone with her, she travels to the capital and reunites with Tao and Bos. Ryza and Tao begin their investigation, accompanied by Tao's pupil, Patricia Abelheim, but soon after, Ryza discovers that the stone is actually an egg, from which a mysterious creature hatches, whom she gives the name "Fi".

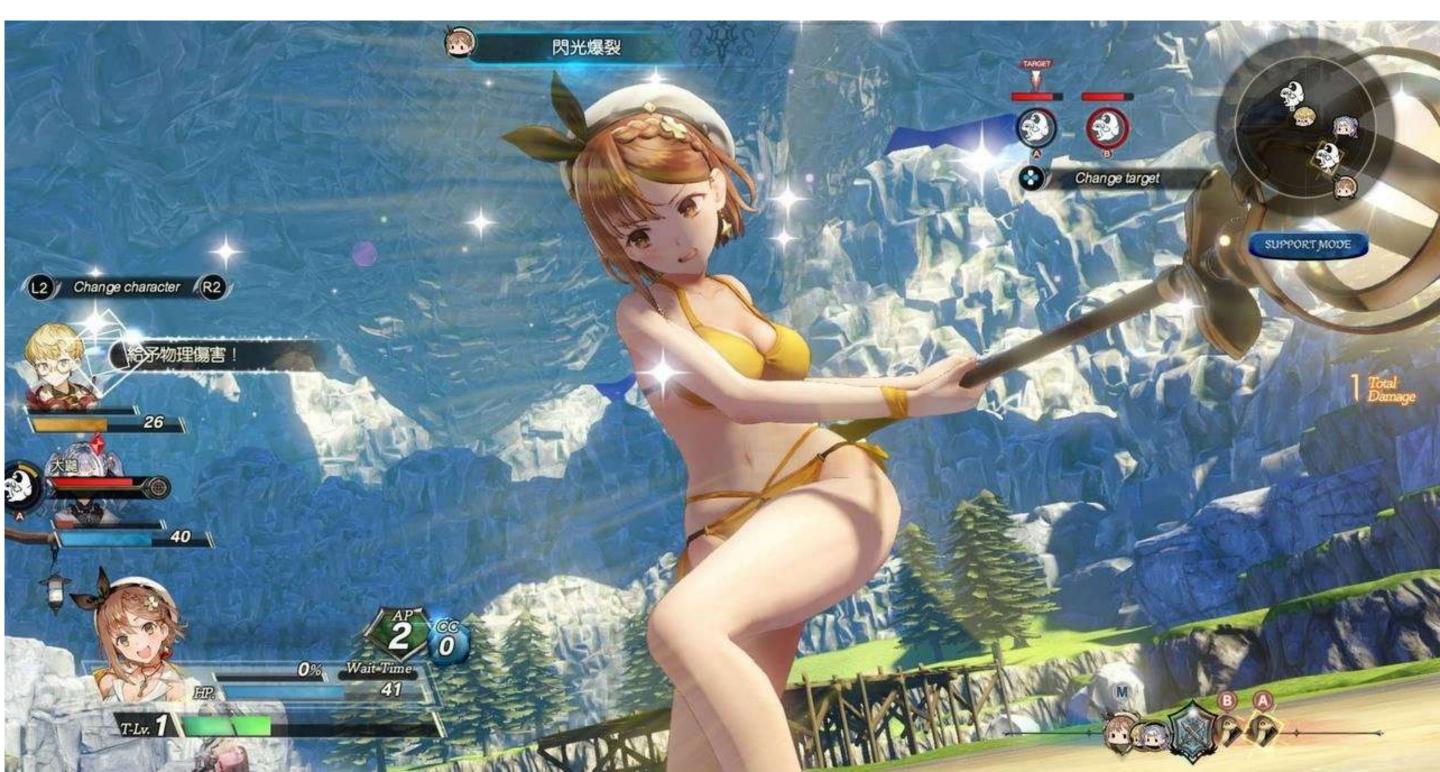
As Ryza and co. continue their research on the ruins and their connection with Fi, they reunite with their friends Klaudia Valentz and Lent Marslink, with treasure hunter Clifford Diswell and a member of the Oren race called Serri Galus also joining the party. They also meet their former teachers Empel Vollmer and Lila Decyrus, who make their own research in separate from the others. In the occasion, Empel reveals that Fi is a creature from the Underworld who needs to absorb large quantities of mana to survive, and must be sent back to their original habitat or will not survive for long. To prevent this, Ryza and her friends keep uncovering the mysteries of the ruins with Fi absorbing the energy from the large mana crystals inside them for nourishment.

Meanwhile, Empel and Lila learn that the mana crystals act as a seal that protects the region but fail to warn Ryza before Fi absorbs the energy from the last of the crystals, lifting the seal and unlocking a hidden temple. Inside the temple, Ryza's party discover a large gate to the Underworld from which a stronger breed of Philuscha emerges. The party confronts and repeals the Philuscha after defeating their leader, the Legendary Monarch. Ryza then bids farewell to Fi, who passes through the gate before Empel seals it. With all matters solved, Ryza bids farewell to her friends and returns home, certain that she will eventually meet them again.

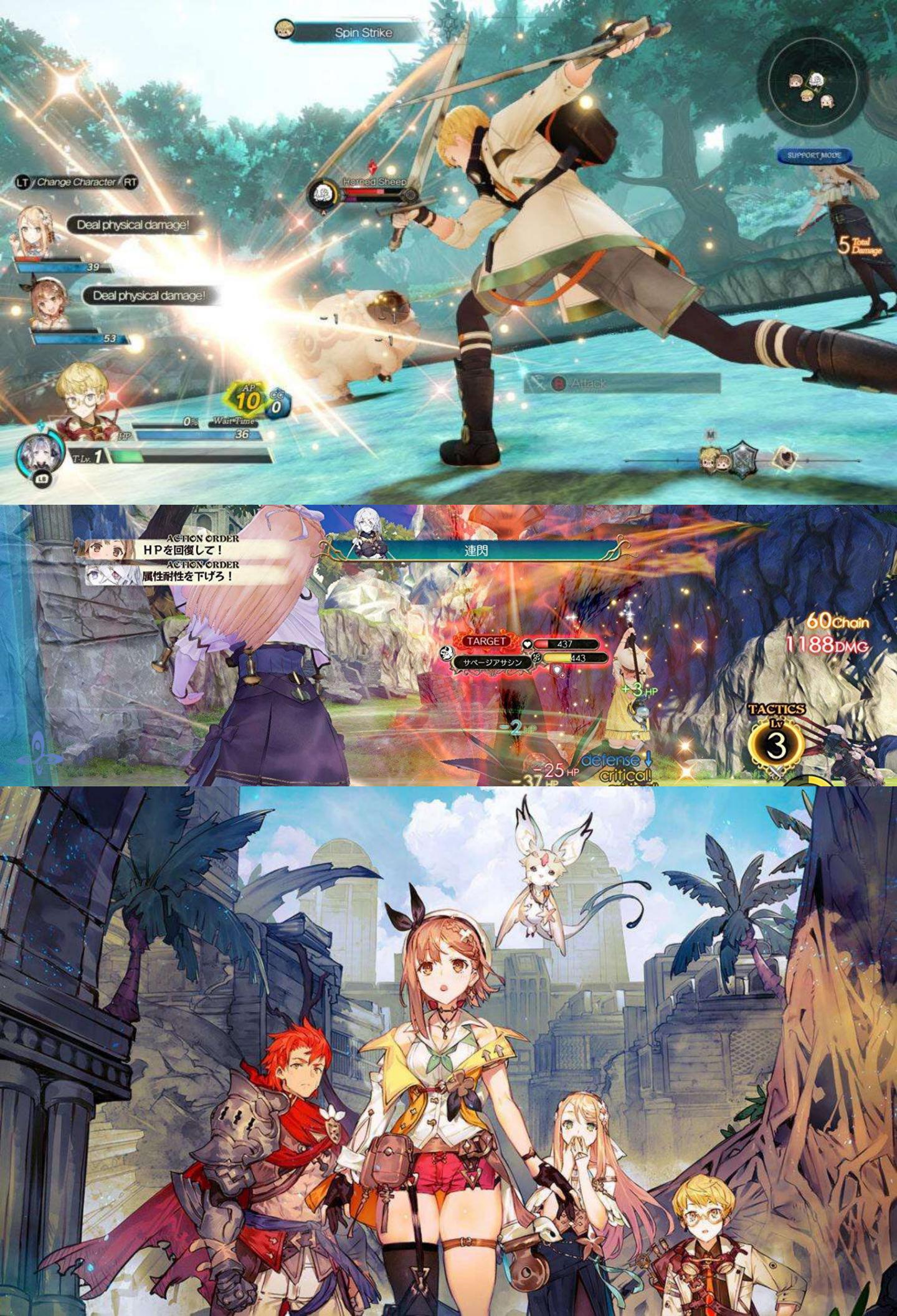
Reception

Upon release, Atelier Ryza 2 received "generally favorable" reviews on all platforms, according to review aggregator Metacritic.

By December 2020, the game has sold 220,000 copies in the first month throughout Asia. Atelier Ryza and Atelier Ryza 2 combined shipments exceed one million copies by March 2021.









Back 4 Blood

Back 4 Blood is an upcoming multiplayer first-person shooter game developed by Turtle Rock Studios and published by Warner Bros. Interactive Entertainment. It is slated for release in October 12, 2021, for Windows, PlayStation 4, PlayStation 5, Xbox One and Xbox Series X/S.

The game has been considered to be the spiritual successor to Left 4 Dead, as it is being developed by the creators of the original game, and features largely identical gameplay. The game was announced at The Game Awards 2020, and came nearly a decade after Turtle Rock Studios split from Valve (who published both Left 4 Dead titles and still owns the rights to the franchise) and re-established itself as an independent studio.

Gameplay

The gameplay of Back 4 Blood is largely similar to Left 4 Dead, both are 4 player cooperative games and 8 players in a PvP mode with a focus on multiplayer and replay ability. A new feature of Back 4 Blood is cards. At the start of each level, players need to build their deck with cards that adjust various elements of gameplay, such as modifying the player's health, damage, and stamina. Along with player cards, the AI Director will also use Corruption cards against the player to hinder their progress. The AI can spawn extra enemies, activate a fog effect, and increase the size of the horde.

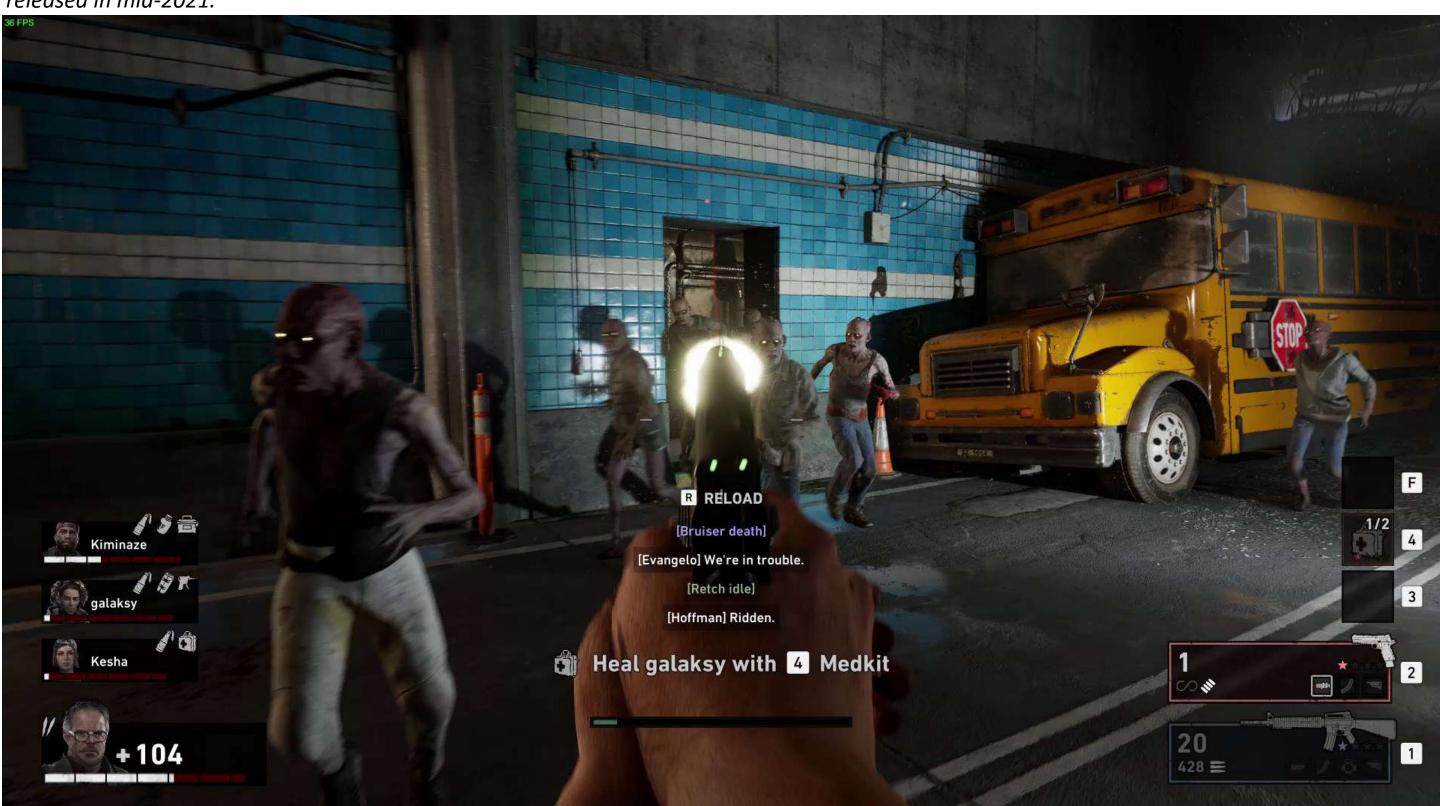
Plot

The game takes place after a worldwide outbreak caused by a newly discovered parasite (which is heavily implied to be of alien origin). Most of humanity has been infected and turned into the "Ridden," leaving players in a post-apocalyptic world. In this world, a group of veterans called the "Cleaners" comes together to fight off the zombies. The cleaners' names are Walker, Holly, Hoffman, Evangelo, Karlee, Doc, Jim, and Mom.

Development

The game is developed by Turtle Rock Studios, who were the creators of the first Left 4 Dead game. According to the development team, the game features a more expanded story than the Left 4 Dead games, and has a more uplifting tone than other zombie games in the market. Phil Robb, the game's creative director, added that the Cleaners are more confident and capable, unlike the everymen from Left 4 Dead. He added that the players are not merely surviving and finding safe places. They are fighting zombies to create safe spaces. This is reflected in the dialogue between the Cleaners, who no longer sound like they were afraid of their enemies. The team included the card systems in the game because they felt that it can keep the game dynamic and challenging for veteran players, though Turtle Rock also added a Classic mode, a more accessible experience that removes all the cards, for new players.

The game was officially announced in March 2019 by Turtle Rock and publisher Warner Bros. Interactive Entertainment. The game was officially unveiled during The Game Awards 2020, with the closed alpha releasing December 17, 2020. Initially set to be released on June 22, 2021, the game is delayed to October 12, 2021 for Windows, PlayStation 4, PlayStation 5, Xbox One and Xbox Series X and Series S. An open beta is set to be released in mid-2021.











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Business at the front, Party at the back

Run your fingers down the rippling textures, and feel the youthful energies coming alive. SPARK 7P brings the perfectly proportioned forms and best-in-class functions together under one playful roof. Practicality always comes first, but it never hurts to add a touch of luxury.

Watch out, Or it will slip through the tiniest crack

All that you ever desire is here: A streamlined body and a slimmer waistline.

What more could you possibly want?



A shiny home to your triple cameras

A young and dynamic phone always comes with a stylish camera panel. Crafted with aerospace -level technique, your cameras are now in good hands. Go on, take it out of your pocket. You will surely be amazed by its shiny spark.

Color of you

Bring out your unique personality with four captivating colors: Are you energetic and youthful enough? Then you would get to know the essence of Summer Mojito; Are you a mystery? Then you would love to have an extra shade of magnetic black; Are you a nature lover? Then you must prefer to start every morning with the fresh blue of the Alps; Or maybe you just start meditating? Then the stunning green of spruces can better light up your day. For our rising generation, SPARK logo is especially designed and shows the brand new DNA of 7 series.





Green





Black





6.8-inch Bigger is always better

Your next movie marathon will be on a whole new scale. With our BIGGER and BETTER 6.8-inch edge-to-edge display, immersive cinema experience is at your fingertips. Multitasking has never been so easy. There is plenty of room to navigate two things at once.



Take A Smart and Beautiful Shot

16MP AI Triple Camera Embrace a clearer world

With the ungraded 16MP main camera, the world in your photos becomes more colorful and dynamic. The newly-added Al lens brightens the overall dark environment and has made it easier for your smile to stand out. With its shallow depth of field, the portrait camera will make you the professional photographer for all of your family gatherings. Start snapping and you will see the difference.



Super Night Mode Moments in the dark also matter

It might be a crazy party with your friends, a night out with your significant other, or a city tour in the dusk...all these moments are equally precious and worth capturing! Your nights shine brighter with the Super Night Mode.



Night Portrait Your smile can light up the night

When the golden hour is over, the camera can stand out. Night Portrait allows you to take beautiful and vivid portraits well into the night, without missing a single detail. When to show off your beauty is completely up to you, be it day or night.





Smile Snapshot Time the moment to perfection

Al Portrait focuses on the face and captures the photo when it sees a smile. Want to take a beautiful picture of the children that won't sit still? Or a fleeting moment that is gone in a flash? You will never miss out on the perfect shot.



Video Bokeh Who knew blur can be so beautiful?

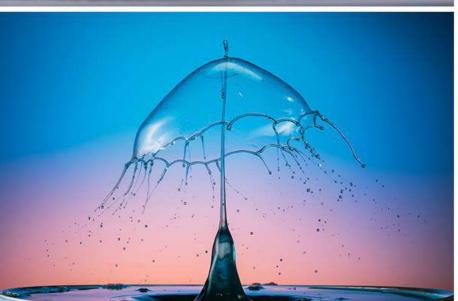
Bring out your inner cinematographer and shoot films like the professionals. Video Bokeh focuses on you and blurs the background giving your video that cinema touch. Intelligently adapting to different skin effects and individual features, Video Beautify offers more natural and gorgeous beautification effects.



Slow Motion Be the hero of your own movie

Shooting at 240fps, capture smooth and clear slow-motion footage that even Hollywood would be proud of. Its automatic sparkle detection and continuous frame analysis will give even the most dynamic and sporty shots a blockbuster look





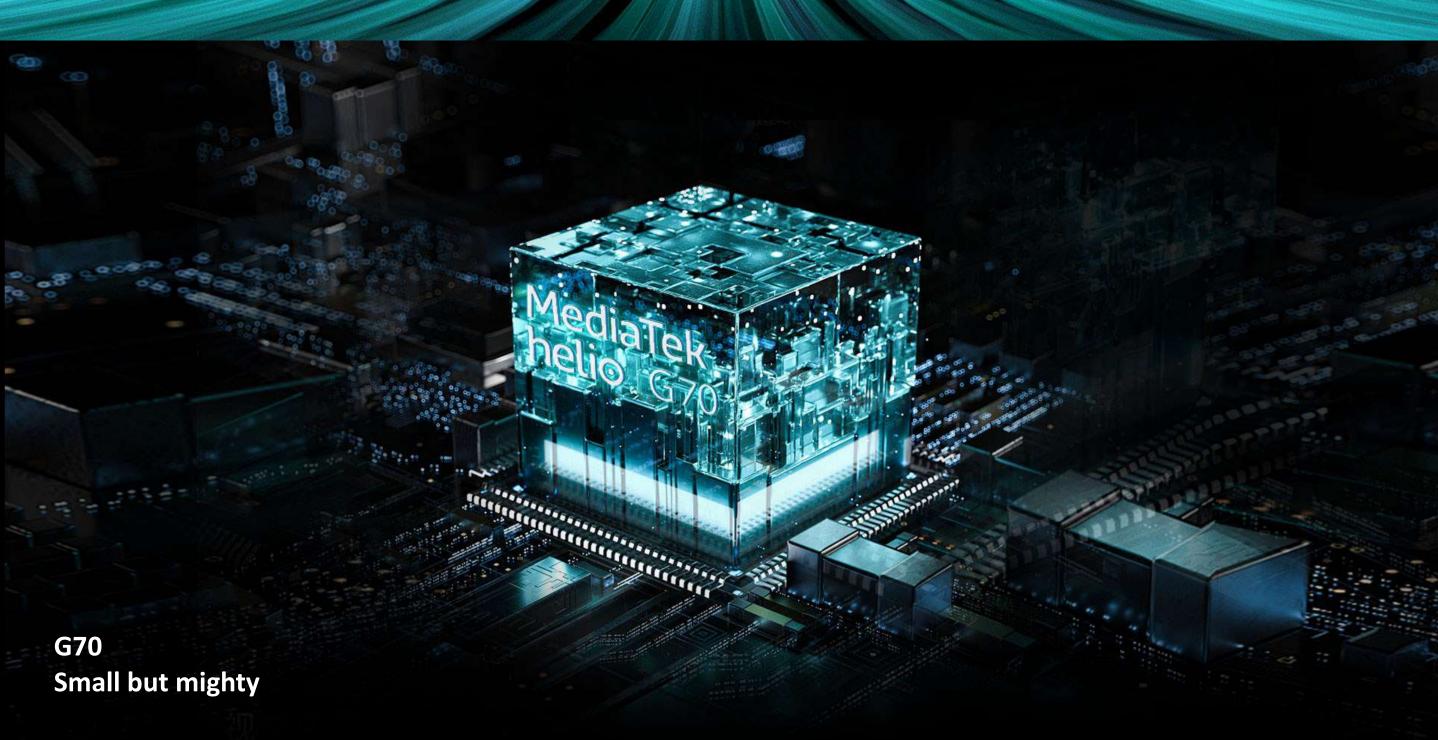


App Twin Two is better than one

For modern, tech-savvy youths, running multiple social media platforms is the norm. One is never enough. Two is more like it. So, introducing App Twin, a simple tool designed to help you manage your social game. With it, you can run two social accounts simultaneously and switch between different social accounts fast and smoothly. Don't settle for one, when you can have it both ways.



A+ Performance Is Never A Slogan



An all-new 2.0GHz, Octa-core processor and dedicated 820MHz graphics unit, SPARK 7P benchmarks at twice the speed of the previous generation. Animations are smoother, Apps load quicker, and photos are sharper. Connect with the world around you faster than ever before.

90Hz Refresh at a refreshing speed

One simple act can reveal so much about your phone: scrolling. Finally, with our blazing-fast 90Hz refresh rate, the animation on your phone doesn't have to look like a flip book, but one smooth, snappy, and refreshing experience.





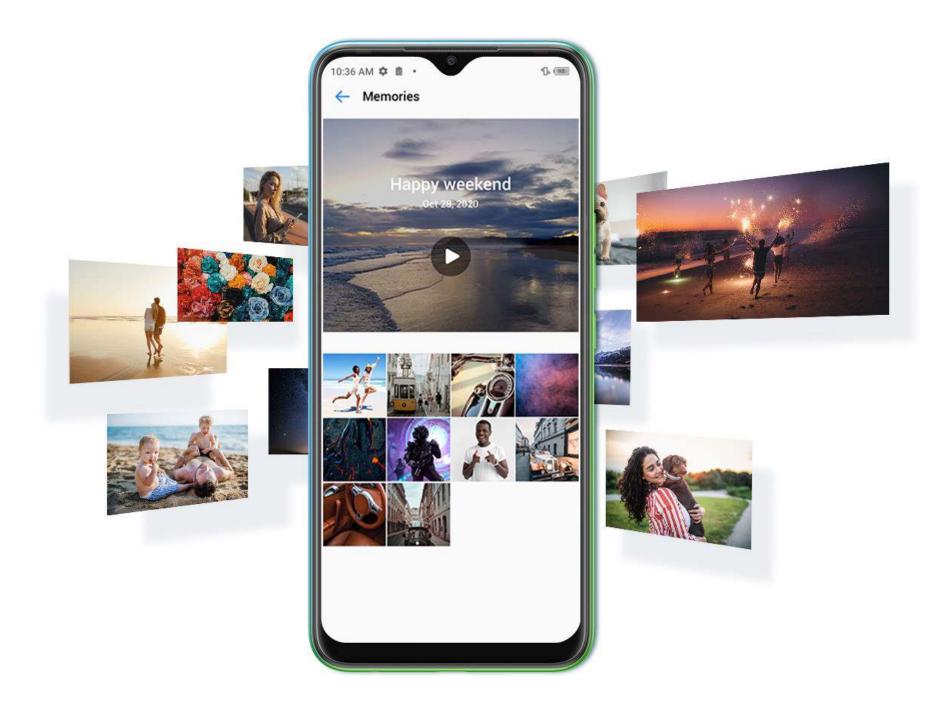
5000mAh And it goes on and on and on

14 days. 2 weeks. Half a month.

That's how long your phone can stand by without recharging. Gone are the days when you have to run around the street panicking and trying to find a charging station, because SPARK 7P just never goes off easily.

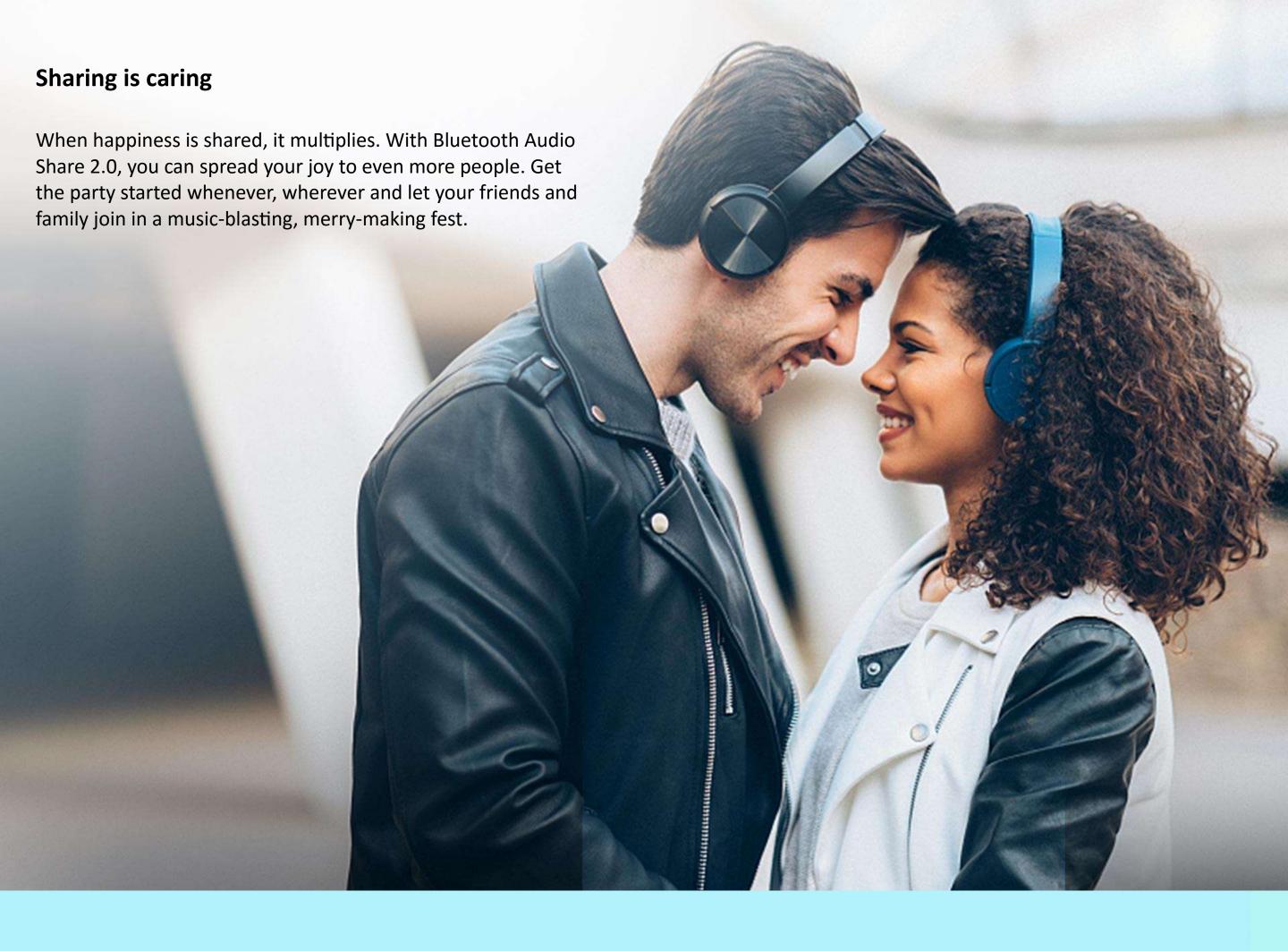




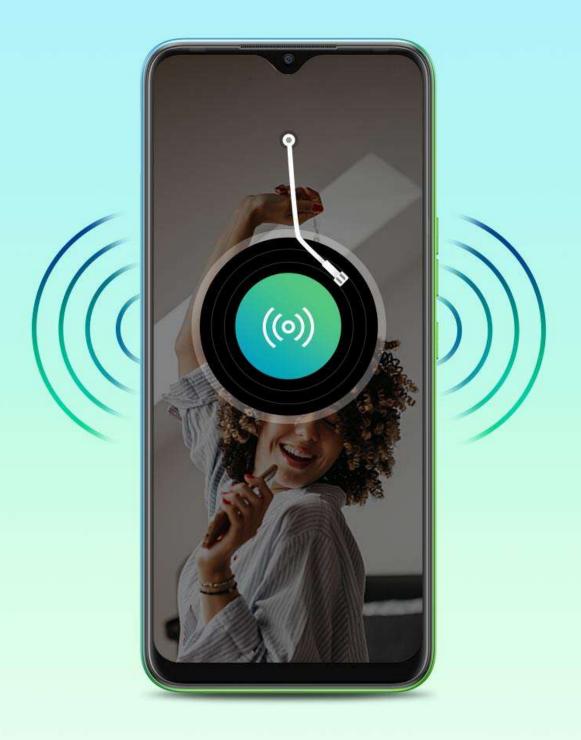


128+4GB No hiccups

If you've ever been cross about the 'Storage Almost Full' constantly popping up, or your screen lagging, we get you. Now you can snap as many photos as you need, and play as many games as you want, without the slightest care in the world. No more lagginess, no more annoying prompts, and no more angry outbursts. *64+4GB version is available.





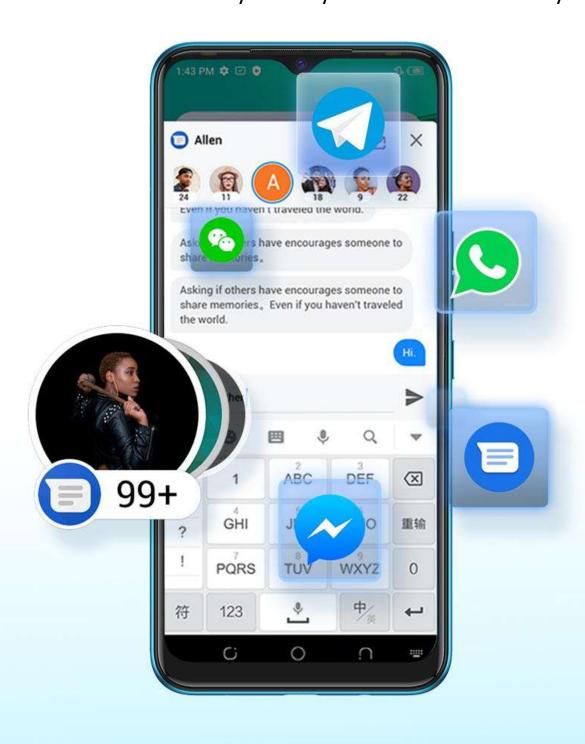


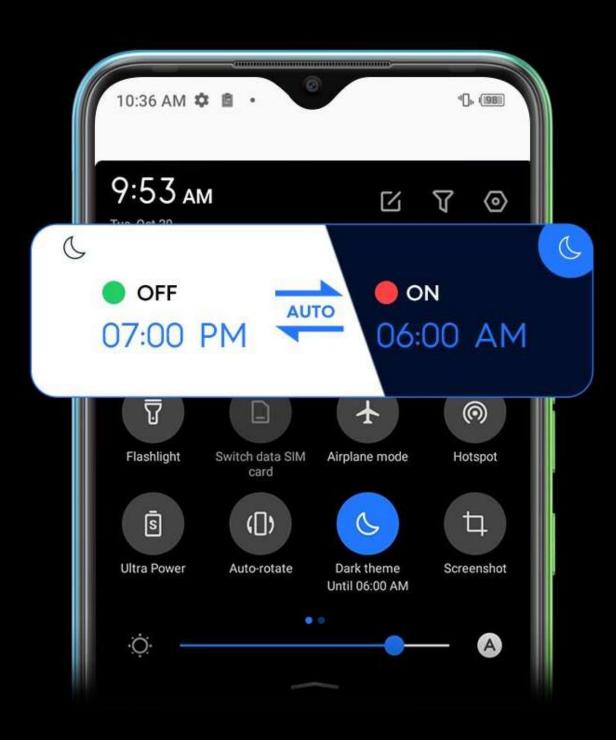
Dirac Stereo Sound Effect When the sound is brought to life

Say goodbye to conventional, lifeless audios, and embrace an immersive, panoramic sound experience. An on-the-go, cinema-grade technology is right there, lying in your pocket. Turn it on. This is going to be an experience, like no other.

Instant Chat Bubble No more back and forth

Are you still switching back and forth between Apps the moment you receive a message? You might be doing something, but we know you just can't resist the temptation to see who has sent you what. From now on, you don't need to jump in and out of an app like Jack in a box. Stay where you are and chatter away.







Auto Dark Theme Tender is the night

When the night falls, there's no place for harsh bright lights. When the surroundings go dark, we go dark with it. At the end of the day, you don't need any more blinding light, just tender and gentle luminance, just as your night should be.









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GIANT POWER, SUPER FAST









6000mAh Super Big Battery: Unimaginably Powerful

6000mAh super big battery means long standby for 30 days / continuous music playing for 8 days / calling for 64 hours / playing games up to 20 hours. Once charged, you're set for long-lasting time. * The battery performance data come from TECNO R&D Team and reserve the rights for all explanation.

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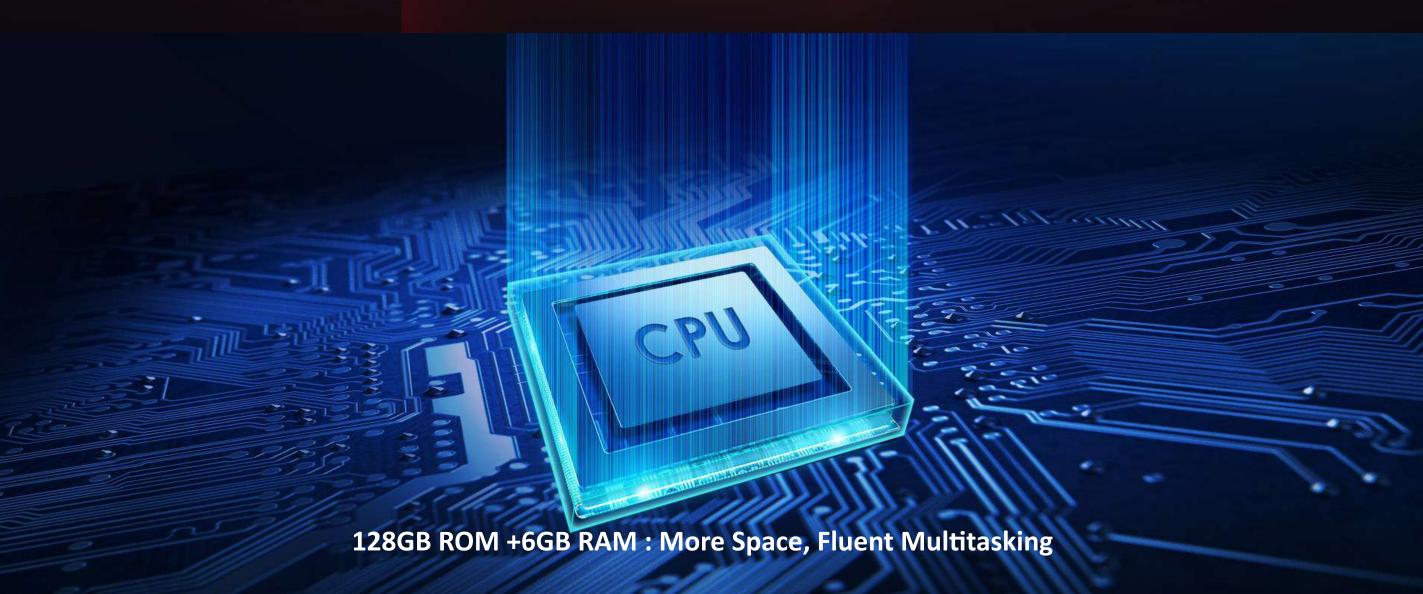
18W Dual IC Flash Charge: Speedier and Safer Power Recharging

Less worry of low battery and power off soon, POVA supports 18W dual IC flash charge! Charging for 10 minutes, enabling calling for 2.4 hours or music playing for 20 hours. Compared with 18W single IC fast charge, the charging efficiency increased by 20%. Recharging in a much speedier way. Powerful flash charge is compatible with multiple charging protocols and has passed global CB/CE/UL/BIS safety certification.

Performance Monster, Outstanding As Ever Helio G80 Gaming Processor: Strong Core, Extraordinary Experience

Born for better gaming experience. POVA supports Helio G80 octa-core processor and Hyper-Engine game technology, playing games now is an ultimately stable and smooth enjoyment. Intelligently manage and adjust CPU, GPU and memory performance to reach enhanced and sus-





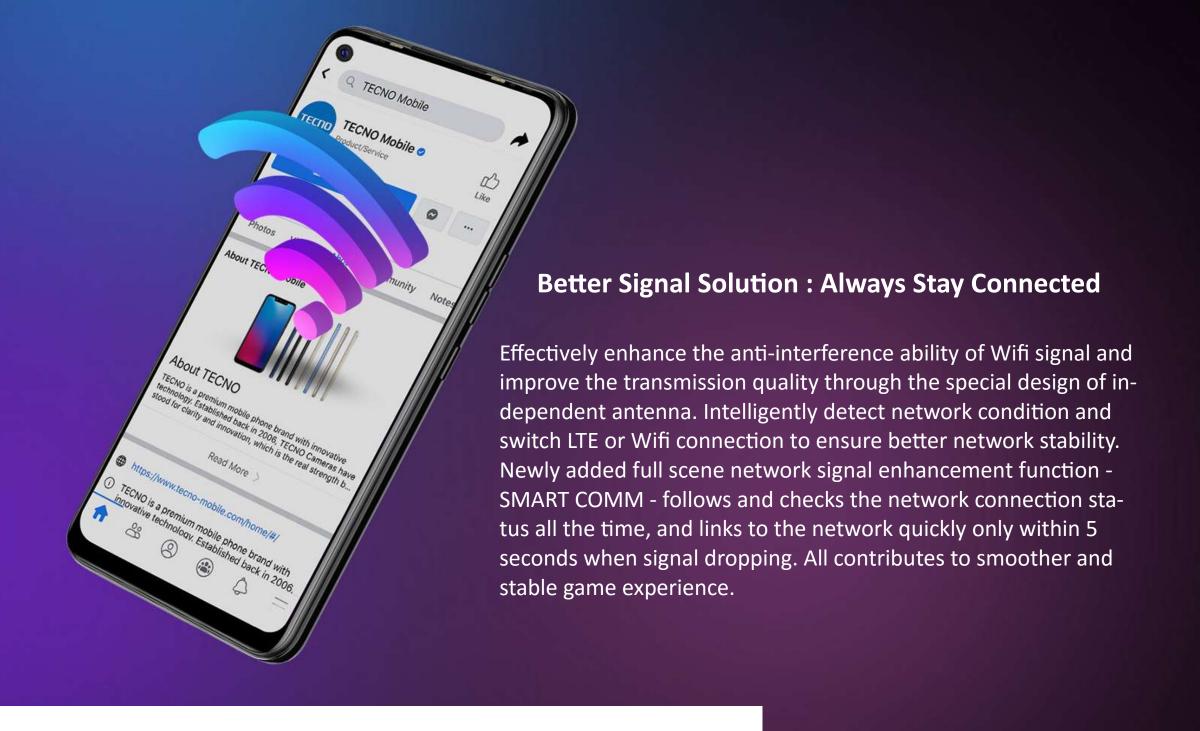
128GB big ROM = 30,000 photos / 23,000 musics / 300 games / 200 videos Larger space to store your favorites and important files. High-speed 6GB RAM allows more fluent multitasking and smoother game performance.

Game Ace, New Record Is Within Touch 6.8" Dot-in Display: Playing Games with Greater Vision

6.8 inch big size Dot-in display 720*1640 HD+ resolution 480 nits brightness 90.4% screen aspect ratio 264 PPI Bigger, clearer, brighter, wider display with richer details and strong color contrast. Now watching video and playing games with greater vision.









Game Mode

To ensure smooth gaming operation, game mode schedules the whole mobile resources and functions intelligently, including freezing unnecessary apps, restricting background network and supporting game performance.

Better Heat Dissipation Solution : Less Worry for Phone Overheating

Use thermal conductive material and 3D multi-layer craftsmanship, greatly improving the efficiency of heat dissipation and effectively reducing the rise of charging temperature.





First launch at POVA. Create an exclusive game space for you! Built-in games or installed games are included and managed. Support CPU/GPU/memory performance boosting and anti-disturb setting. All for better and convenient gameplay enjoyment.

Photography Expert, Details, Functions, Experience, All Are Amazing
13MP Al Quad Camera: 4x4, Cover More Scenes, Shoot More Wonderful Photos

13MP F/1.85 aperture clear lens + 2MP depth control lens + 2MP macro lens + AI lens + super quad flash + strong support from Helio G80 image processing ability and AI algorithms, POVA expands its shooting scene range and makes corresponding refinement and enhancement so as to capture more impressed photos. AI beauty, Super night mode, Portrait mode, AI detection, all have essential upgrades. Details and photo quality step forward a better level.



8MP AI Selfie Camera: Daytime or Night Time, Always Ready to Capture Stunning Selfie

8MP Dot-in Al selfie camera + Dual front flash + Al beauty + Portrait mode, easily get charming and natural selfie photos.







Glossy Design

Perfect match of color and texture. * Magic Blue / Speed Purple / Dazzle Black are available.







48MP Non take Comers . 256+8GB . G95 4KVIDES

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Dual Speakers

The ultimate visual fease

Support up and down dual speaker stereo sound. We bring a hearing feast for your games, videos, or music, only need you to adjust your phone to the horizontal screen.

Dot-in display with higher screen share

6.8

1080*2460

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82%

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Blur out unimportant elements in the backdrop on the move. This optional effect can recognize the moving subject and keep the focus clear and sharp on who you want to capture the most. It gives a flawless shine to your skin and makes your vlog videos as eye-catching as possible.

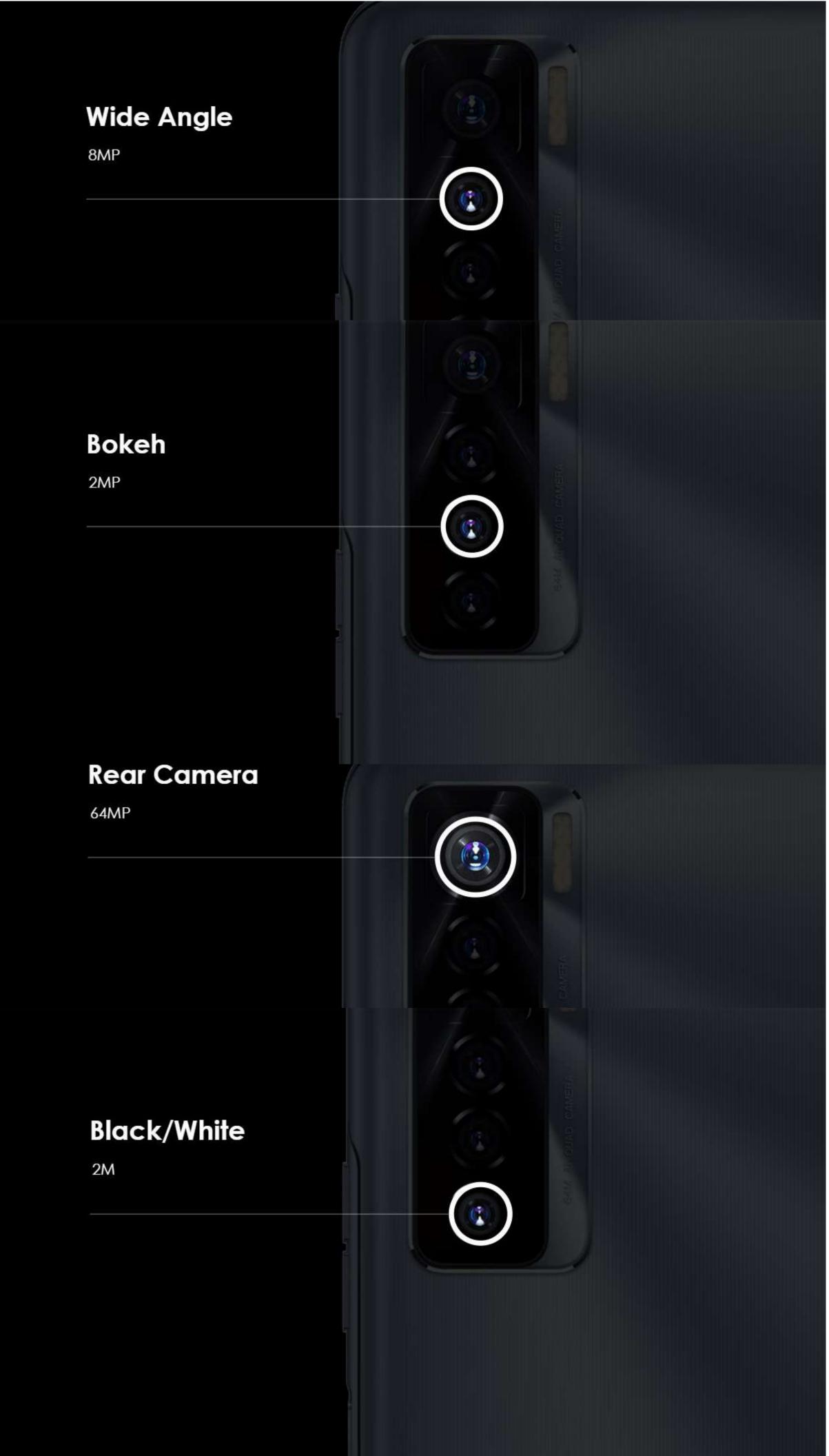






When science meets art

The back of CAMON 17 Pro strikes a perfect balance between practicality and aesthetics with carefully designed interplay of light and shadow and well crafted nanoscale textures. Optical coating has been incorporated to make your phone fingerprint-resistant,



When you move at night, you shine

Night time is a fantastic opportunity to show off your beauty, not just when you stand still, but also when you move dynamically. The Night Video mode shines a spotlight on you, lifts you out of the dark environment, and makes your skin glow. The night will no longer be a detractor of your beauty, but an enhancer.

Time now lapses in 4K

Time lapse gives you a new appreciation for the world around you. Now you can appreciate it in 4K. Create your own impressive, pro-level reel with higher resolution, and document what remains stable in the state of constant flux. The interval can be automatically adjusted based on how long you intend to shoot for.

5000mAh

All day and all night

With an enormous 5000mAh battery you don't need to worry about your phone dying at those crucial moments. Additionally, you will not be left waiting for your phone to charge with 25W Flash charging meaning that your CAMON 17 Pro is ready to go when you are.



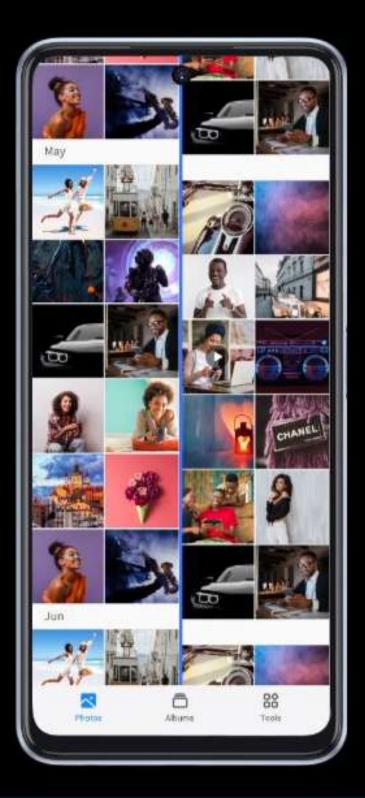


90Hz

Smooth Refreshing Rate

Don't worry about any animation rolling issues on your phone, our

90 Hz super-high refreshing rate offers you a smooth, snappy and refreshing experience.



COLORS

Elegant but colorful

The inspiration of CAMON 17 Pro's design comes from its product ambassador, Chris Evans, who worked all the way up to today's superstar in the dream land of Hollywood. Be if the California dream silver, or the Malibu blue, this piece is your key to the dreamy Hollywood life. With CAMON 17 Pro, your dream will never be this close to you.







Pic Film

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Delightful Mobile life



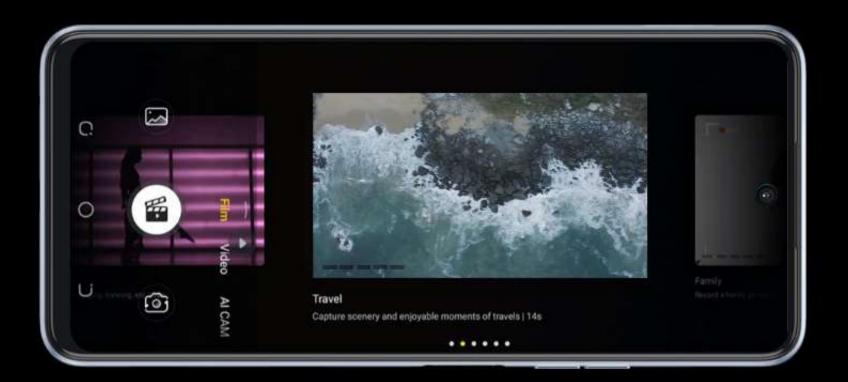
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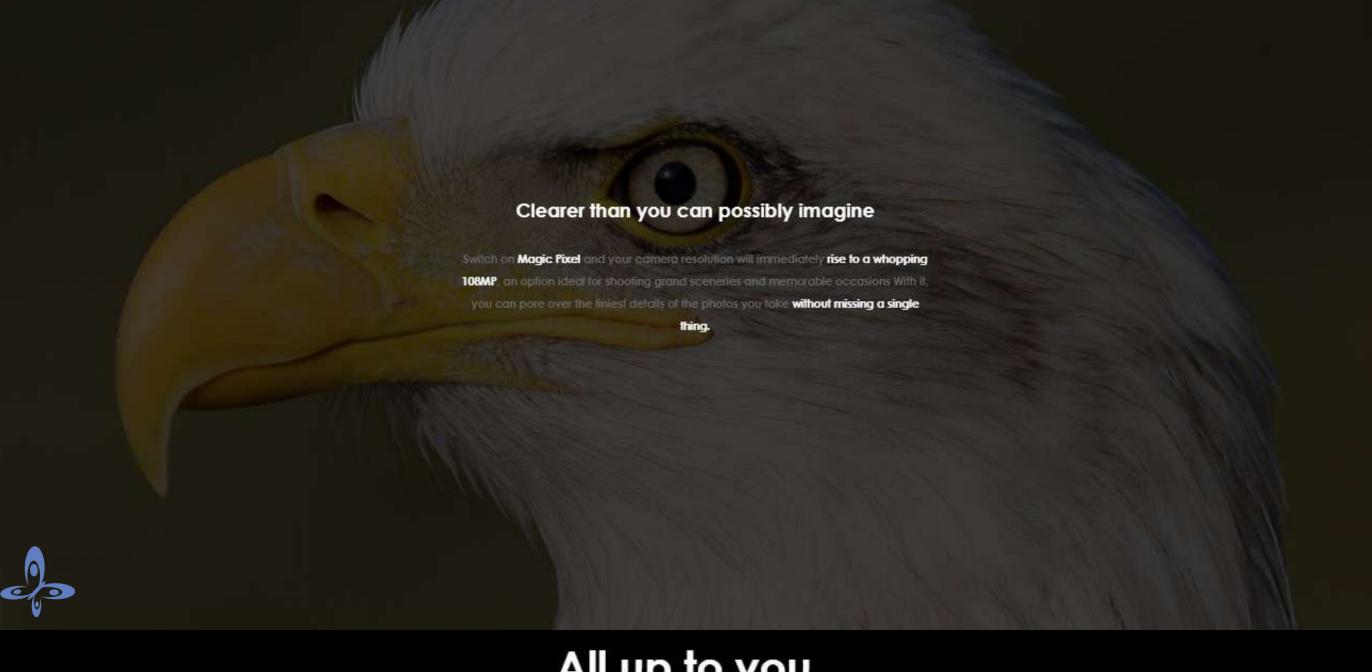
Story album uses algorithms to analyse photo detail to organise them into individual stories so you can immerse yourself again in those

Your phone is full of special memories and they deserve to be shared in a special way.

Your creative mastermind

CAMON 17 Pro is home to customizable video templates that can easily convert your everyday moments into a cinematic and creative journey. You can play with a variety of transitions, camera movements, and music choices to get a glimpse of what being a movie director feels like, without actually going through the hassle.



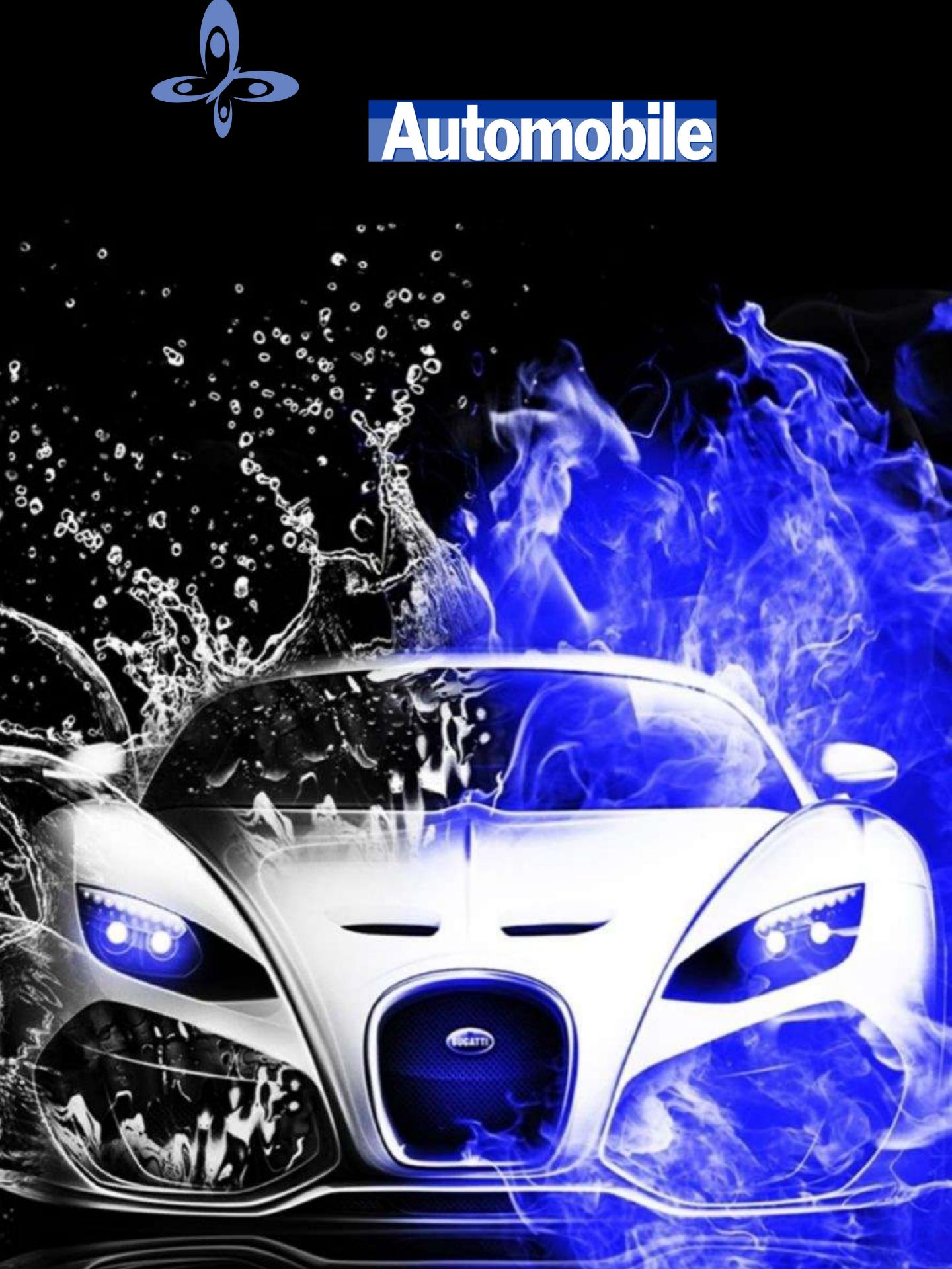


All up to you

We have equipped you with a wide selection of user-friendly tools to help you personalize your look. You can now conceal your blemishes, hide your dark circles, perfect your body shape and do a lot more to fine-tune your beauty as you please. Extensive studies have been carried out to make sure the beautification works seamlessly on people with a darker skin tone.













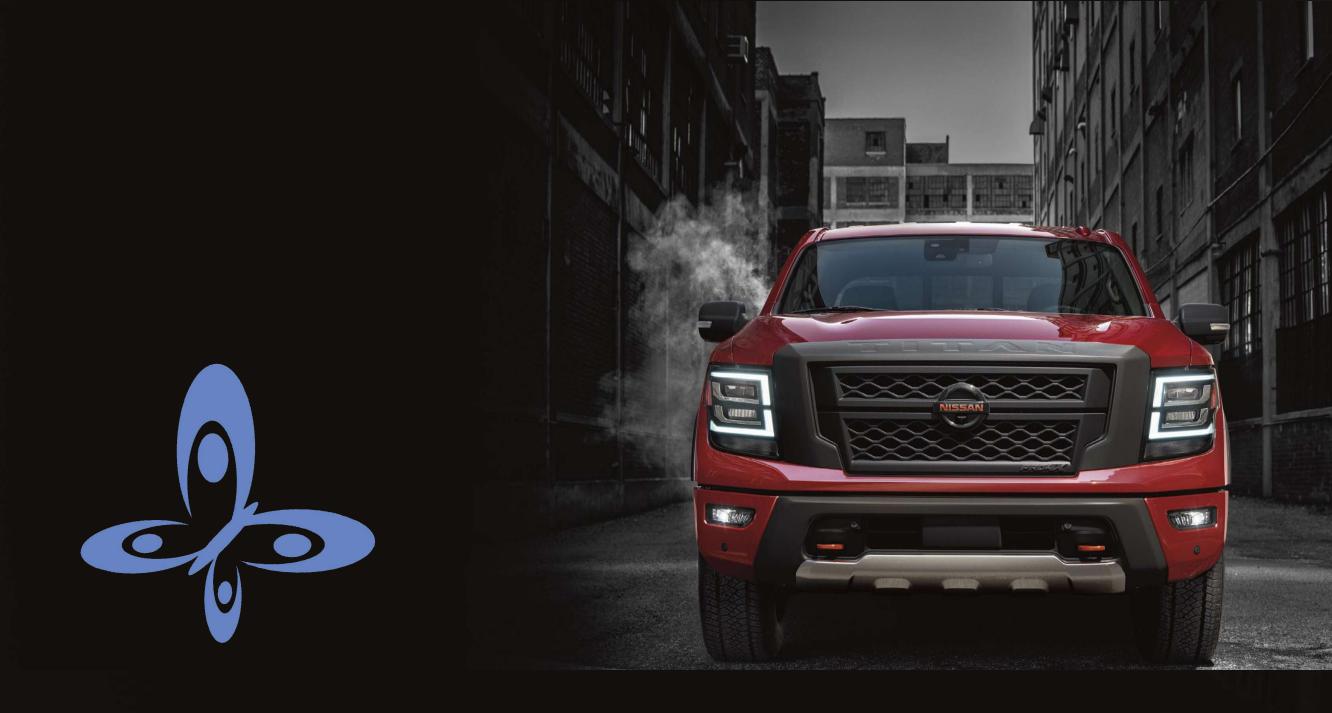
























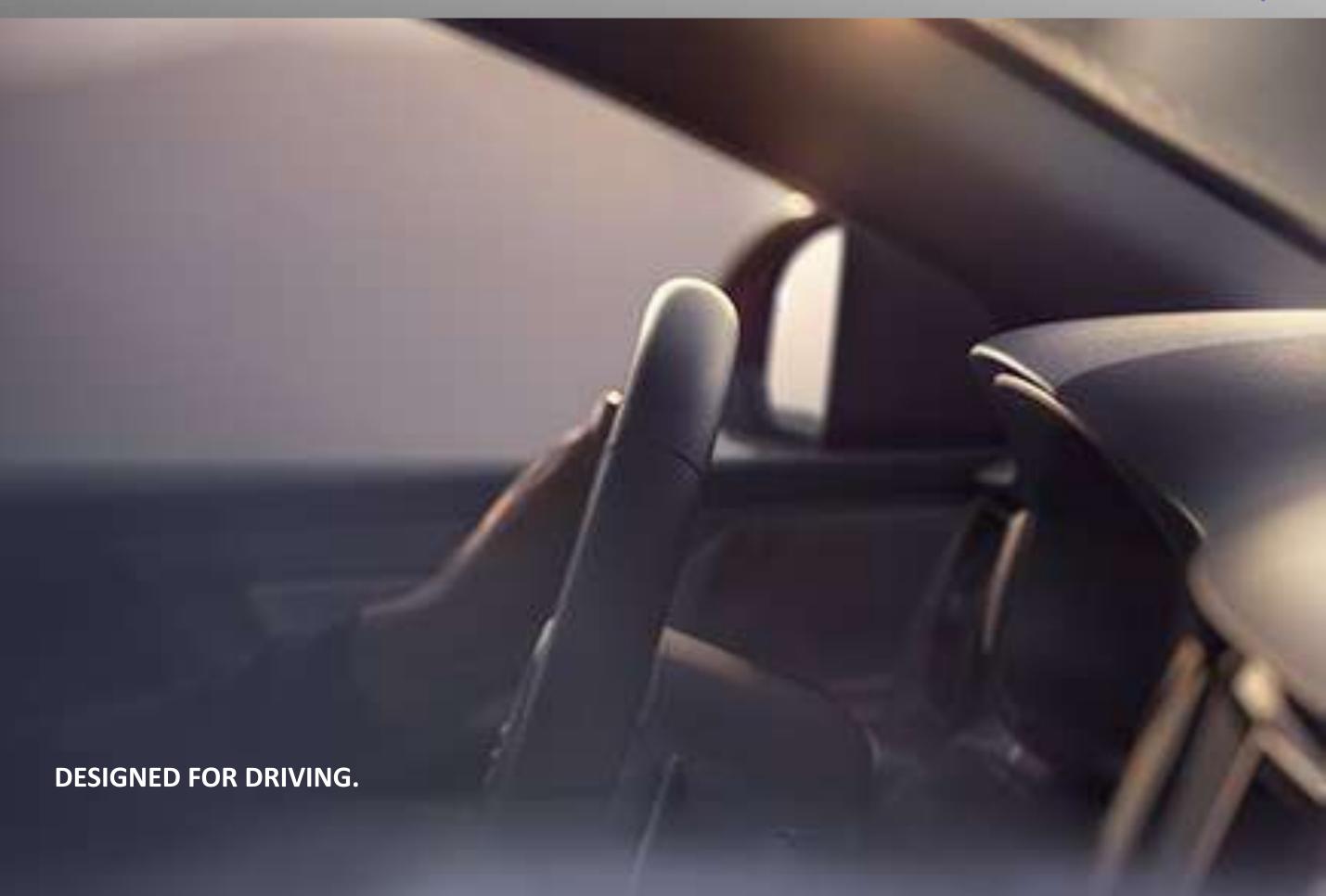






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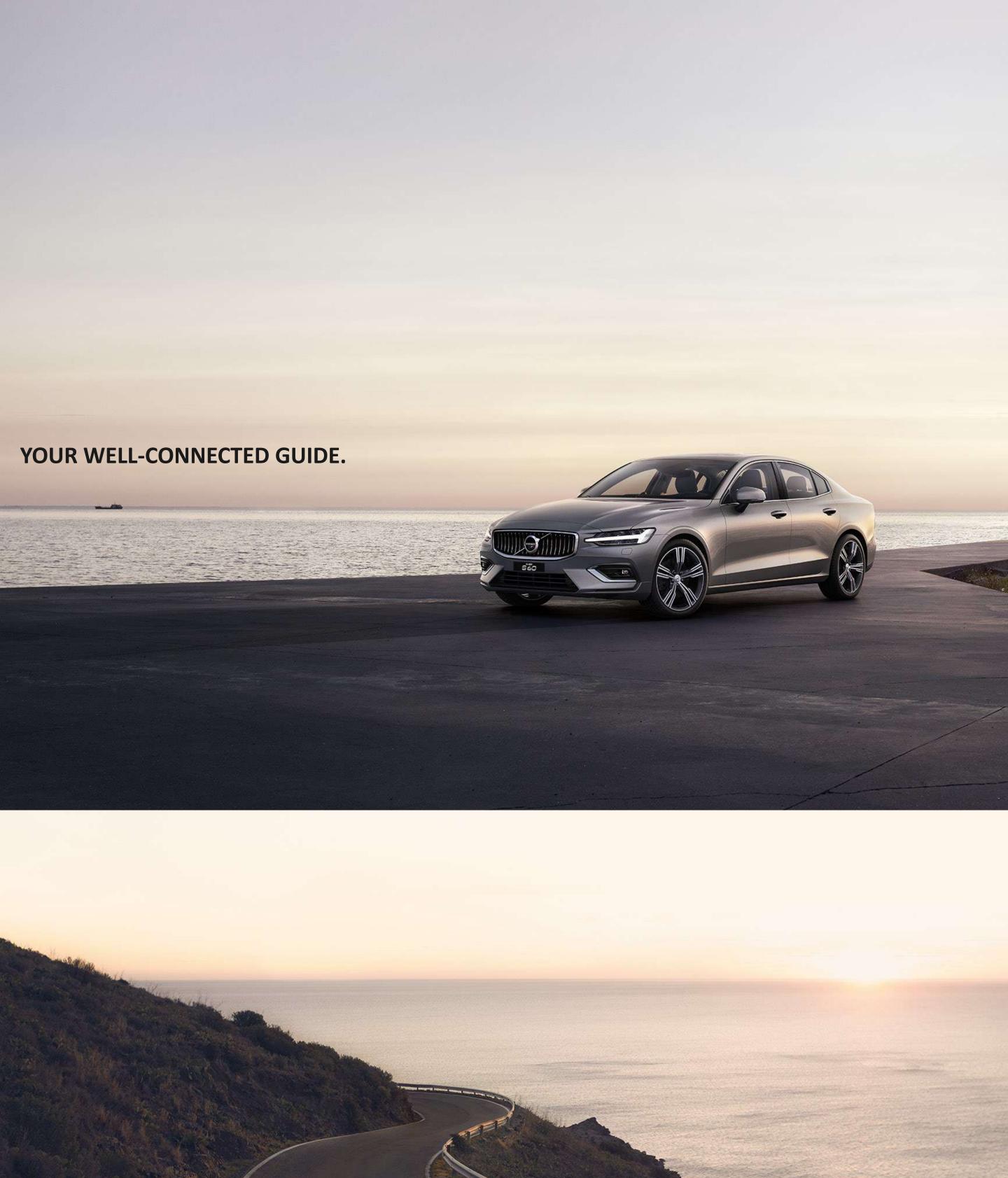




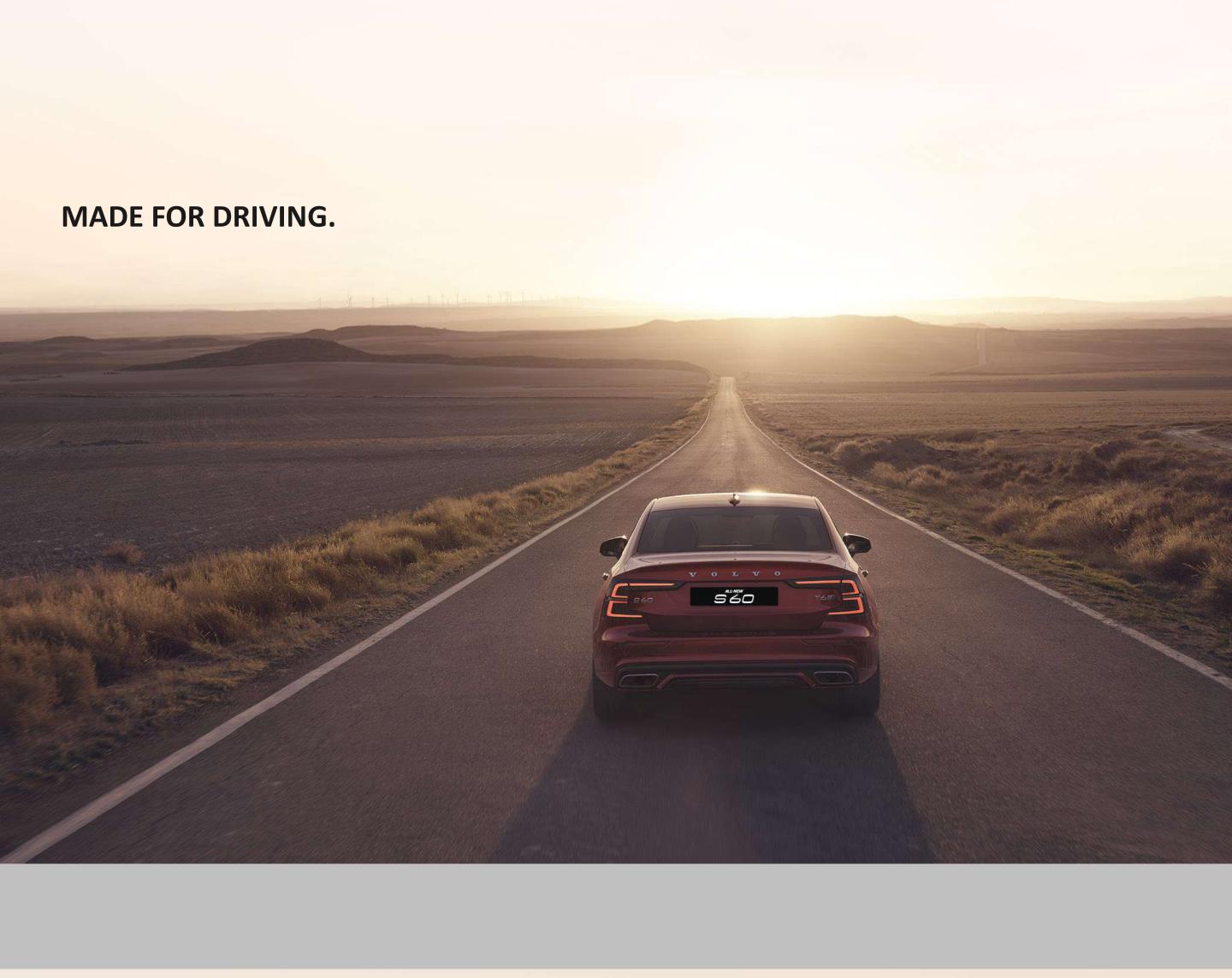








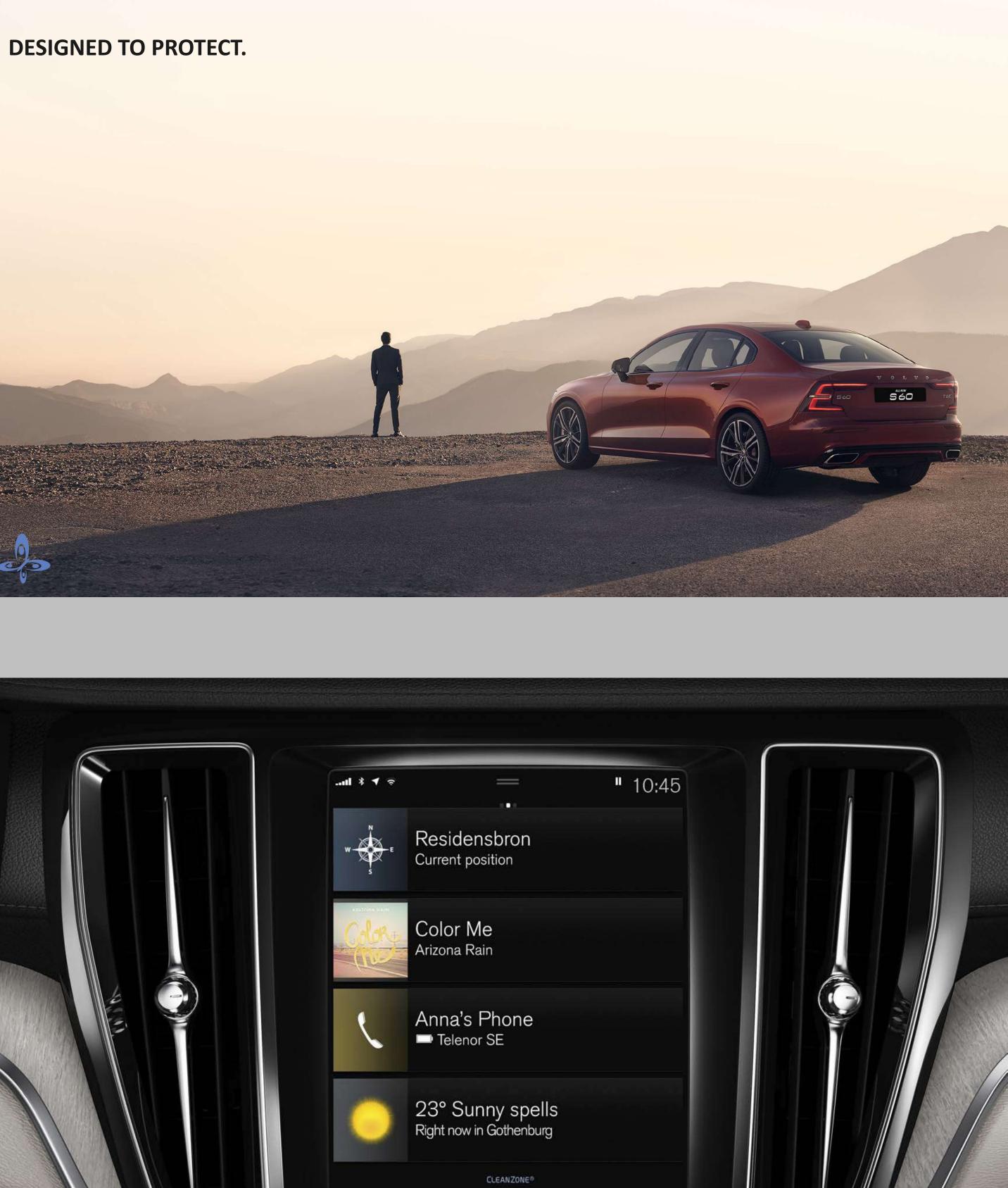
























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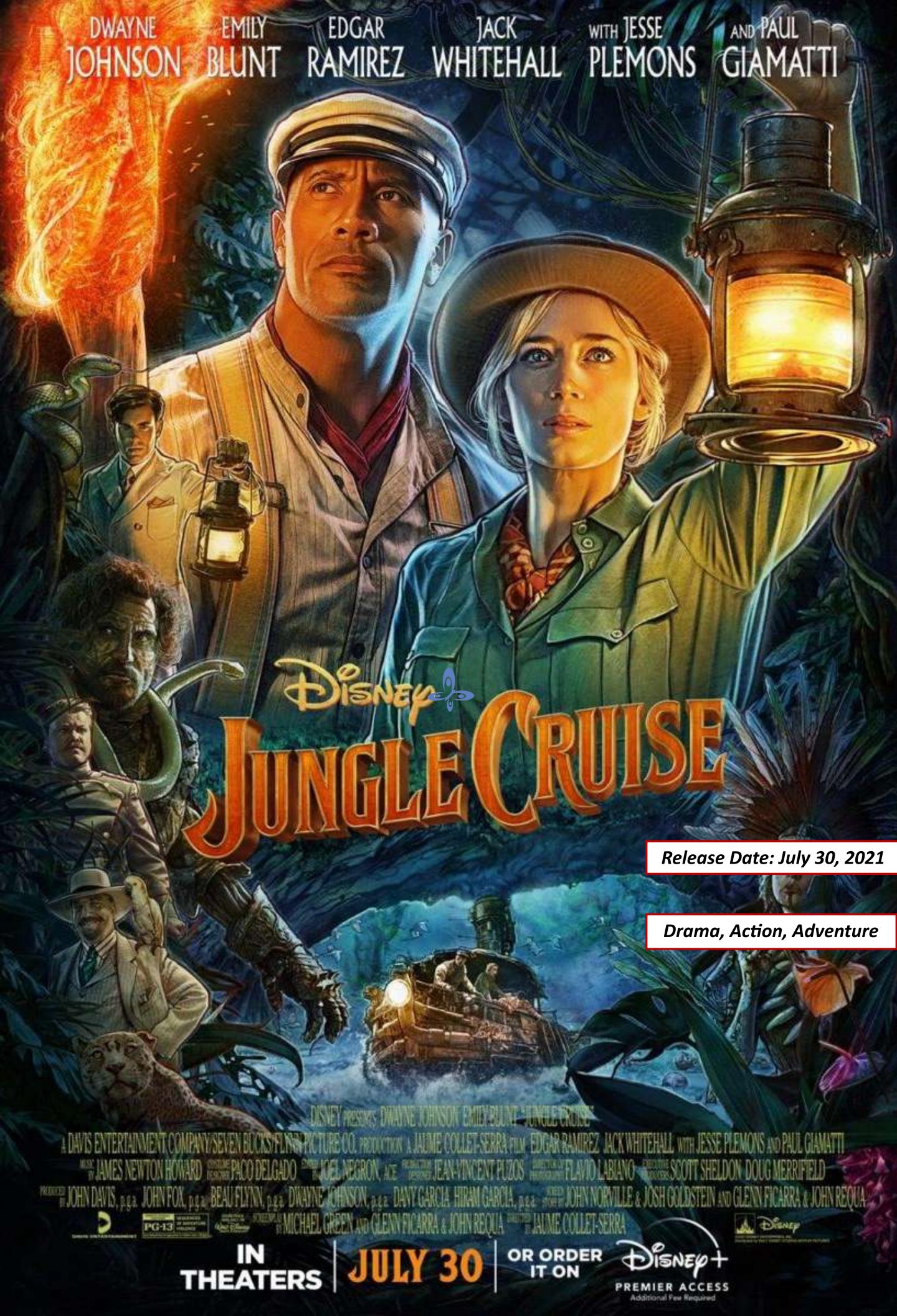


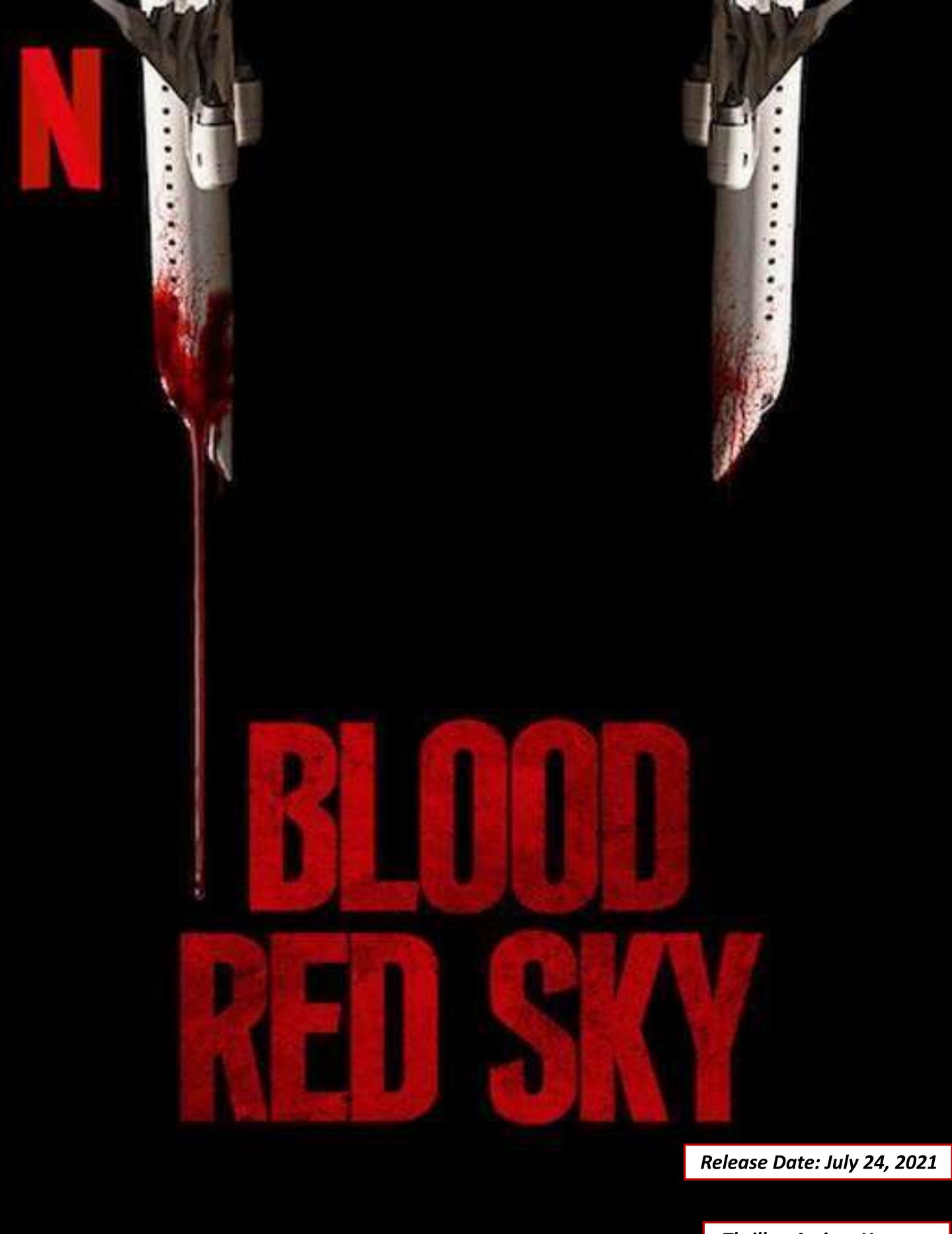




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Thriller, Action, Horror





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YOU HAVE JUST WOKEN UP

STUCK IN A PIPE

FULL OF DEADLY TRAPS

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CAN THEY STOP A SERIAL KILLER WHO CAN'T STOP HIMSELF?

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HOW TO DETERAROBBER



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