

Round 105 - Welcome Back

Audio recording: <https://zerohour-productions.net/recordings/insertcredits/R105%2014%20Oct%202022.mp3>

Multimedia: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=blxZIVDpWno>

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Music

- [Chernabogue, Furilas, Tuberz McGee - B&M - Super Mario Galaxy \(OC ReMix\)](#)
- [bLiNd - Trapped in a Cave - Super Mario Brothers 2 \(OC ReMix\)](#)
- [MkVaff - Protector in Green - Chrono Trigger \(OC ReMix\)](#)

Topics

- Doom can now be run (displayed) in Windows' Notepad, natively, at 60(ish) FPS, no hacks required - ASCII and all - <https://arstechnica.com/gaming/2022/10/how-to-get-doom-running-in-windows-notepad-exe/>
- "Official" Steam Deck dock now available; Decks, themselves, also available w/o a reservation - <https://www.pcgamer.com/the-steam-deck-and-docking-station-are-finally-available-without-reservation/>
- OG *Mortal Kombat's* (Arcade + home console ports, 1994) motion-capture actors attempt to sue Midway for authorship rights, additional royalties - <https://arstechnica.com/gaming/2022/10/the-legal-battle-over-who-really-created-mortal-kombat/>
- Valve to (further) clarify their rules for which games they will exclude from Steam, following dust-up over *Steins;Gate* developer Spike Chunsoft's most recent entry *Chaos;Head Noah* having sensitive themes - <https://arstechnica.com/gaming/2022/10/in-sudden-reversal-valve-will-let-a-cult-classic-visual-novel-onto-steam/>
- Blizzard's *Overwatch 2* early access launch goes less-than-smoothly; initial stability issues and DDoS attacks on top of questionable "real" phone number as a "guard" against cheating / inappropriate behavior and gatekeeping playable characters - <https://arstechnica.com/gaming/2022/10/overwatch-2-launch-marred-by-multiple-ddos-attacks/>

Personal gaming

- Neon White (now complete)
- Cursed to Golf (now complete)
- Ceconoid (now complete)
- Axiom Verge 2 (in progress)
- Download (TG-16, SBC Sep)
- Choujikuu Yousai Macross: Scrambled Valkyrie (SNES, SBC Oct)
- Kaikan (PC / Freeware, SBC Oct-Dec)
- Gadius Gaiden (Arcade, SBC Sep-Nov)
- Sun longplay: Monolith
- Galak-Z

- Nuclear Throne
- Nova Drift
- Furious Angels

Tormod

Music

- [Hallownest Below the Wastes](#) by Justin Thornburgh, Chromatic Apparatus, and Dewey Newt from [Hollow Knight](#) (OC ReMix)
- [Ancient Waves](#) by RebeccaETripp from [Final Fantasy V](#) (OC ReMix)
- [The Bat](#) by Astral Tales from [Batman: Return of the Joker](#) (OC ReMix)

Topics

- Nvidia's new 4000-series GPUs larger than an Xbox Series S; the 4090 being hailed as the first *true* 8K gaming GPU. 4090 Ti and RTX Titan Ada allegedly canceled because they melted PSUs and tripped breakers
- AMD released their 7000-series CPUs and doesn't appear to be having issues keeping them stocked. Early Zen 5 motherboards suffering from firmware issues, continuing a time-honored tradition
- Google releases their Pixel 7 and Pixel 7 Pro cellphones, as well as the first Google-branded timepiece, called "Pixel Watch"
- An official Valve video promoting the Steam Deck was hastily removed and reuploaded with edits when the original was shown with the Nintendo Switch emulator "Yuzu" installed
- Stock of the Steam Deck now at levels where reservations are no longer required (and I still haven't opened mine, oops)
- The EU has mandated USB-C charging on all phones, tablets, and cameras by EOY 2024, and for laptops by Spring of 2026
- Google's Stadia service shuttered; Ubisoft, of all companies, allowing users to transfer their purchases to PC
- E3 allegedly returning in June 2023
- MASSIVE *Grand Theft Auto 6* leak reveals many details about the upcoming title; has severely damaged developer morale

Personal gaming

- *Slay the Spire*
- *Final Fantasy XV*
- *Mario Kart 8 Deluxe*
- *Final Fantasy I: Pixel Remaster*

Ad-hoc design - <https://letsmakeagame.net/game-idea-generator/>

TITLE: *T.O.R.*
SETTING(S): Physics, One Enemy, Distant Future, Myth
PLAYERS: 1
INPUT METHOD: Choice of common methods
GRAPHIC STYLE: Very stylized / defined division between elements; 3D cel-shaded
AUDIO STYLE: Varied based on layers of illusion; clear, distinct audio cues for events, approach of entity
POV: 3rd person, behind-the-shoulder view
STORY / HOOK: The last human must resist the Singularity; steadily draw more of its attention until its singular focus misses the throughline of its eventual defeat - the irrationality of humanity
INVENTORY: Pick up / move environment
MECHANICS: Rube Goldberg-esque (Incredible Machine) - chain together traps, ruses, and puzzles while escaping layers of illusion; distract the entity continuously to give yourself time to trigger paradoxes to escape each layer
OBJECTIVE: Enrage the mad god to distract it enough that you can strike at its core