

Round 89 - Remain Vigilant

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

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Music

- [Gaspode - Vast Infinities - Metroid \(OC ReMix\)](#)
- [Schneider Souza - The Journey to the Darkest Depths - Chrono Trigger \(OC ReMix\)](#)
- [Julien Mulard - Hacking the JANUS System - Legend of Zelda: Link's Awakening \(OC ReMix\)](#)

Topics

- Full version of highly anticipated but unreleased (and distant spiritual successor to GoldenEye 007) *TimeSplitters 2* found embedded in 2016 title *Homefront: The Revolution*, after using some button combo debug codes; supposedly (according to dev) supports multiplayer, if 2 of the "arcade machines" are hacked into a single map
(<https://arstechnica.com/gaming/2021/04/timesplitters-2s-hd-port-unlocked-thanks-to-long-lost-debug-code/>)
- OBS now has native support for nVidia's "AI"/machine learning noise reduction tech, as an audio source filter (<https://www.engadget.com/obs-nvidia-noise-removal-integration-184501842.html>)
- Downloadable PS3 games, all PS4 games may become unplayable soon if CMOS batteries die; all require an online check-in w/ Sony's (essentially) NTP servers, which are slated to go offline soon, following deactivation of PSP, PS Vita, and PS3 online stores
(<https://arstechnica.com/gaming/2021/04/the-looming-software-kill-switch-lurking-in-aging-playstation-hardware/>)
- PS5's first 5 month's sales numbers (in dollar amount, not units sold) are highest ever for US console launch
(<https://arstechnica.com/gaming/2021/04/npd-playstation-5s-first-5-months-are-best-ever-for-a-us-console-launch/>)

Personal gaming

- Receiver 2 (now complete)
- 30XX (early access, now complete)
- Curse of the Dead Gods (now in progress)
- Super SWIV (SBC, Apr)
- RayForce (SBC, Apr-Jun)
- Sanvein (SBC, Feb-Apr)
- Longplay: CrossCode
- Sat grab-bags: ALttP rando, Spelunky 2 (soon to be Sun longplay)

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Music

- [A Dream of Home by RebeccaETripp from Final Fantasy V \(OC ReMix\)](#)
- [Let the Decisive Battle on the Big Bridge Begin by Ivan Hakštok and Juan Medrano from Final Fantasy VII \(OC ReMix\)](#)
- [Open Your Mind by bluelighter from Final Fantasy VII \(OC ReMix\)](#)

Topics

- Nvidia's DLSS (Deep Learning Super Sampling) technology coming to Unity in the engine's 2021.2 update due later this year
- Free-to-play games may soon no longer require Xbox Live accounts
- E3 2021 to be a free online event; more details 'coming soon'
- Similarly, Tokyo Game Show 2021 will also be online, running from 30 September to 3 October, with a separate press-only event
- Sony closing PSP store on 2 July; PS3 and Vita stores to follow on 27 August

Personal gaming

- *Bravely Default II*
- *Super Animal Royale*

Ad-hoc design

TITLE:	You've Got *indistinct modem noises*
GENRES:	Proc-gen, RPG, Dating Sim
THEMES:	Passion
PLAYERS:	1
INPUT METHOD:	Keyboard and/or text heavy input; assuming a reasonably intelligent parser
GRAPHIC STYLE:	Classic-ass web browser, vBulletin/phpBB-esque forums and/or BBSes, w/ threads, different boards; various IM programs
AUDIO STYLE:	Various notification sounds, ambient modem dials, HDD grinding, muffled outside noises
POV:	You see a monitor in front of you (there are exits to your north and south); you can look out the windows of the rooms, but that wastes valuable BBS time
STORY / HOOK:	You are on a family vacation at a resort; you refuse to go out w/ said family, so you seek solace on the Internet on a set of roleplay forums specifically for resort guests
INVENTORY:	Random gifts, knickknacks, roleplay props (all virtual items); find trial discs to extend your time; find other dial-in numbers to access... "better" boards; either in the room, or get from DMs
MECHANICS:	Markov chains along w/ GPT-2/3 generated threads/posts; accumulate enough "reputation" on a given thread and/or board to advance; hard real time limit
OBJECTIVE:	Pass time by navigating interpersonal scenarios on the resort's forums... "no" hook-ups allowed; split time between DMs, boards, etc; you need to get someone's phone number (A/S/L for bonus points)