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Game Designers Award 2016

Life Is Strange

(DONTNOD Entertainment)

Platforms : PS4 / PS3 / PC

Computer Entertainment Supplier's Association

Japan Game Awards 2016 (JGA 2016), organized by the Computer Entertainment Supplier's Association (CESA; Chairman: Hideki Okamura), has selected "Life Is Strange" (DONTNOD Entertainment/ Platforms: PS4 / PS3 / PC) as the winner of this year's "Game Designers Award."

The head judge, Mr. Masahiro Sakurai (President of Sora Ltd.) explains the reasons for selecting this title as follows:

"Life Is Strange" is a game based on a female student with the ability to rewind time. Unlike time leaps (such as "the girl who leapt through time"), she can only rewind time for a short duration while staying in the same place. By making full use of this, the game allows players to enjoy puzzle solving, such as entering secret chambers, but **the true value lies in the ability to remake choices**. It allows players to seek better solutions by testing various options with prior knowledge and experience.



However, there are no fixed paths. In the prologue, a friend who was assaulted attempted suicide. Whether she lives or dies, the game progresses accordingly. Both scenarios, whether the friend is hospitalized or whether a funeral being held, are available.

The right and the wrong are also not easily distinguishable. In particular, the final choices are very important choices. Players may be talk about the game ending with "Who did you marry, Bianca or Flora?"

Time rewind is considered a specialty of computer games. Racing games use it frequently too.

However, for adventure games, this is unprecedented. Evaluated highly for the craftsmanship to provide such a variety of choices, this title was selected as the award winner.

This year, 11 top creators representing Japan acted as the judges to select the award-winning work. The "Game Designers Award" is another Grand Prize of the Japan Game Awards. As one of the indicators of the development of the future games industry, it will continue to introduce highly-creative works. Please look forward to next year's Game Designers Award!

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