Round 94 - The Change

Audio recording: https://zerohour-productions.net/recordings/insertcredits/R94%2010%20Sep%202021.mp3 **Multimedia:** https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=La3t0j77ZQY

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Music

- DDRKirby(ISQ) 8-bit Dragon Awakening Breath of Fire IV (OC ReMix)
- Pavos Back to the Fields Golden Sun (OC ReMix)
- bLiNd Anthem Anubis Jet Force Gemini (OC ReMix)

Topics

- Remaster of Quake (and Quake 64) released _before_ it was officially announced https://arstechnica.com/gaming/2021/08/quake-enhanced-re-release-out-before-its-announced-with-quake-64-too/
- Labor Day weekend esports tournament for...Stardew Valley? \$40k+ prize pool distributed https://www.engadget.com/stardew-valley-cup-esports-tournament-concerned-ape-181150873.html
- Halo Infinite to release 08 Dec...but without co-op campaign, or multiplayer's "Forge" mode; half will be free-to-play(???)
 - https://arstechnica.com/gaming/2021/08/halo-infinite-december-launch-confirmed-ahead-of-formal-gamescom-announcement/
- Amazon's Luna gaming service still exists, adds a \$3 family tier (curated list of E-for-everyone games), and adds free access to Resident Evil 7, Metro Exodus, Katamari Damacy Reroll, and Monster Boy and the Cursed Kingdom to Prime (...until 15 Sep)
 - https://arstechnica.com/gaming/2021/09/amazons-luna-game-streaming-service-adds-3-for-family-free-with-prime-tiers/
- Epic v Apple hoo boy...some findings from trial (today, 10 Sep)
 - Permanent injunction against Apple, will force them to allow links to external payment systems (in-app links, call-outs, emails to app users, etc); takes effect in 90 days
 - Apple _not_ abusing monopoly power w/ their app store
 - Epic breached contract w/ Apple, liable for damages of \$3M+, incl. the 30% app store fee they tried to avoid when *Fortnite* was on app store
 - Apple not required to restore Epic's app store developer account(s)
 - Epic says they will appeal

Personal gaming

- BPM: Bullets Per Minute (now complete)
- Cotton: Fantastic Night Dreams (TG-CD, SBC, Sep)
- Salamander 2 (Arcade, SBC, Jul-Sep)
- Sun longplay: Noita

- Final Fantasy I: Pixel Remaster (PC)
- Large multiworld 9 people, 13 worlds (5 unique games 1x OoT, 7x LttP, 3x RoR 2, 1x Minecraft, 1x Factorio)

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Music

- Dancing in Kokiri Bottom by Audio Mocha from The Legend of Zelda: Ocarina of Time (OC ReMix)
- Hunter's Landing by Ivan Hakštok from Final Fantasy VIII (OC ReMix)
- <u>Temple Spirits by RebeccaETripp from The Legend of Zelda: Oracle of Seasons (OC ReMix)</u>

Topics

- Final Fantasy IV: Pixel Remaster released on Steam on 8 September
- Crysis Remastered lands on Steam on 17 September
- Bravely Series director Tomoya Asano shares that the recently released BD2 was well-received, and that the next installment in the series is in the planning stages; warns that development will take 3-4 years and to "bear with us"
- Bravely Default II released on Steam on 2 September
- Epic vs. Apple: the conclusion. Epic loses to Apple on "breach of contract" and must remand 30% of their *Fortnite* income from August 2020 onward, and Apple ALSO loses and is now required to allow third-party payment processors from within apps

Personal gaming

- Final Fantasy II: Pixel Remaster
- Final Fantasy III: Pixel Remaster
- Dungeons & Dragons 5th Edition
- DoDonPachi
- Wheel of Fortune (SNES)
- Wheel of Fortune (NES)
- Jeopardy! (NES)

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

TITLE: A _____ Murder on Magic Mountain

SETTING(S): Platformer, Magic Gone Wrong, Fairytale, Murder Mystery

PLAYERS: 2 (co-op)

INPUT METHOD: Standard third-person platforming controls / maneuvers

GRAPHIC STYLE: 3D platforming

AUDIO STYLE: "Serious" audio design conflicts with obvious light(er)-hearted visuals and/or storyline

POV: Third-person w/ camera switchable to first person for examining a point-of-interest

STORY / HOOK: Murder-mystery - whodunnit / Clue-ish, find who done did a murder

INVENTORY: Choice of familiar at the start; player/familiar has standard equipment at start, can collect

"extra" consumable items and helpful abilities throughout the level if you want, need to

find the magical Maguffin to progress

MECHANICS: Detective duo; players investigate a level / map / board / world for points of interest,

choose actions at those points; choice of (4) different characters, each with a different

unique ability to move around and investigate the world

Limited set of overall maps (10-15-ish), overall navigation of them keyed to the

combination of player characters

Points-of-interest randomized within the map, based on strengths and weaknesses of

the chosen characters

Story at major progression points generated as a result of the players' choices

Hidden areas of the map may not be normally accessible w/o collecting certain items /

abilities from normal areas of the map

OBJECTIVE: Investigate strange occurrences in the area; "obvious" progression makes things go

sideways to prolong and/or trigger progression