

I REALLY, STRONGLY, get EASILY ANNOYED WITH "AM I THE ONLY ONE WHO ...". NO, YOU ARE NOT! THERE ARE OTHERS WHO HAVE SIMILAR THOUGHTS! YOU ARE NOT UNIQUE!

HAVING SAID THAT...

THE WITCHER 3 IS SUPPOSEDLY ONE OF THE BEST RPGS OUT THERE. IT IS IMMERSIVE, THE CHARACTERS ARE DEEP, THERE ARE SOME CONSEQUENCES TO YOUR ACTIONS THAT YOU WON'T FIND OUT UNTIL HOURS LATER. IT IS EXACTLY THE TYPE OF GAME I WANT TO PLAY.

BUT I CAN'T. IT FEELS LIKE CHEATING IF I JUST SKIP THE FIRST 2/3RDS AND GET TO THE GOOD STUFF. SO I'M CURRENTLY TRIPSING AROUND IN A DUNGEON UNDERNEATH A MUDDY VILLAGE BESET BY GHOST DOGS IN THE WITCHER 1.

SAME THING WITH SERIES I HAVE ALREADY PLAYED. MASS EFFECT 2 IS EASILY ONE OF MY FAVORITE GAMES WITH HOW IT ZOOMS INTO THE GALAXY AND THE GAMEPLAY IMPROVEMENTS BUT I'VE NEVER STARTED A GAME WITHOUT IMPORTING A M&E1 SHEPARD.

WITH SOME OTHER SERIES LIKE WASTELAND, ELDER SCROLLS OR DRAGON AGE IT IS LESS OF AN ISSUE. IT HELPS THAT YOU GENERALLY PLAY A NEW CHARACTER INSTEAD OF BEING A STRAIGHT CONTINUATION. GRANTED, SEEING A BEARDED HAWKIE INSTEAD OF MY BALD DUDE IS OFF. BUT I CAN LIVE WITH THAT.

I GUESS I AM MAINLY JUST CURIOUS WHAT THE EXPERIENCE IS FOR GAMERS WHO DON'T HAVE THAT ISSUE AND JUST START IN THE MIDDLE OR LAST EPISODE OF A SERIES. I HAVE ONLY TALKED ABOUT RPG SERIES HERE, BUT THERE ARE OTHER SERIES LIKE HALO AND GEARS OF WAR WHERE I'D HAVE THE SAME ISSUE. I WANT TO GIVE THE MASTER CHIEF COLLECTION A TRY AT SOME POINT, BUT HAVE BEEN TOLD THE FIRST TAKES A LOT OF WADING THROUGH, WITH A LOT OF REPETITIVENESS. BUT HOW CAN I APPRECIATE THE LATER GAMES IF I HAVEN'T EXPERIENCED THAT?

I GUESS WHAT I AM ASKING IS: AM I THE ONLY ONE?