

RESEARCH Overview

INDUSTRY REVIEWS

The current trends and discussions on ARPG and SOULSLIKE games and the potential opportunities for upcoming games to be focus on

AUDIENCE ANALYSIS

Stidying the discussion of ARPG and Soulslike players on major gamerelated platforms and forums, summarizes the expectations of players in order to create the audeicne profile of our game

COMPETITIVE LANDSCAPE

Compare to current titles in ARPG and soulslike fields,
What makes Black Myth: Wukong unique?

Analysis

General Profile

The core audiences are ACTION and IMMERSION, and maybe MASTRY

ARPG players

Primary

SOULSLIKE Players

Secondary

Gamers aged 18-35, familiar with action RPGs, and looking forward to dive into an immersive storyline and various forms of art, may be interested in Eastern

mythology.

Profiling PERSONA



LIAM is an avid gamer who enjoys deep narratives, challenging combat, and exploring rich game worlds. He's played titles like "Dark Souls", "God of War", and "Genshin Impact" and is intrigued by Asian mythologies.







MIDDLE CLASS

LA

B Age 26



FULL-TIME VIRTUAL

VOUTUBER M

Looking For:

Games with innovative and high-quality visual effects to enhance the immersive experience A community that is not just watching his content but actively participating in discussions, sharing theories, and contributing to the narrative experience of the games

Gain a sense of growth and achievement as his character overcomes challenges and evolves, both in power and in their role within the story

Pain Points:

Shallow narratives that don't offer the meaningful choices and consequences he craves
Recycle the same combat and quest mechanics without innovation, which can make the
experience of becoming a hero feel generic and unremarkable
Audiences often prefer well-established heroes and channels



INTROVERT EXTROVERT

ANALYTICAL

CREATIVE

CONSERVATIVE

LIBERAL

PASSIVE

ACTIVE

Profiling PERSONA



Video games aren't just way to relax, they're a crucible where I forge my legacy.





HYESOO is a dedicated Soulslike enthusiast who thrives on the intense challenge and complex lore of Elden Ring, Dark Souls, and Sekiro, mastering their brutal worlds with strategic finesse and skill











SEOUL

B Age 20



KOREAN UNIVERSITY

STUDENT M

Looking For:

Innovative ARPG games blends innovative combat mechanics and robust fast-paced action to challenge her relax and strategic planning

Excellent Visual effect would affect mechanics and player decision-making
Resting place to evoke energy and the feeling of rewarding for school work and intern
Appreciate and understand eastern culture-based production and the meaning behind the game

Pain Points:

The death of meaningful content once the main storyline is completed Poor optimization, bugs or framerate issues Require too heavy time commitment into mastering a game



CONSERVATIVE

INTROVERT EXTROVERT



ANALYTICAL

CREATIVE







Analysis

limited

immersive custermize powerful

Storyline replayability short

ARPG players

Primary

stress breath kill-in game learning dead Juiceness boss frustration achieve

SOULSLIKE Players

Secondary

COMPETITIVE

Landscape



Ghost of Tsushima offers an expensive open-world alongside deep storytelling

We do not have a full open world for exploration, but there is a STORY behind each one of the YAOGUAI you fight.



Sekiro: Shadow Die Twice has authentic soulslike combat mechanics.

We offer a more diverse COMBAT SYSTEM which allows for greater playability.



Project the Perceiver also sets its stage in the traditional Chinese cultures.

We provide visually STUNNING, state-of-the-art graphics derived from real world Chinese LANDMARKS.



SWOT

Analysis











SWOT Analysis





- First Chinese 3A title released worldwide
- Innovative Narrative storytelling: Traditional Stories + Vivid Characters
- Unique gameplay mechincs blends of combat combination and superb visual effects















SWOT Analysis





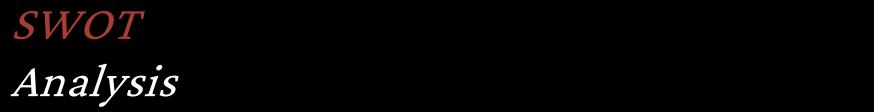














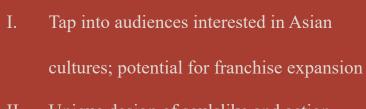




Strength







- Unique design of soulslike and action games genre
- New audiences from soulslike titles





SWOT Analysis

Strength





POSITIONING STATEMENT

For ARPG and Soulslike game enthusiasts who are looking for immersive narratives and innovative combat mechanics, Black Myth: Wukong provides a unique journey into Chinese mythology with unparalleled combat depth, and blend traditional martial arts with a captivating story because it redefines the mythological adventure genre that all characters and bosses matters for players to discover immersively.

MARKETING

Pillars



WUKONG As the only cleric in the game, satisfy the player's fantasy of becoming a hero and saving the world

INNOVATIVE Immerse the audiences with juicy
MECHANICS battles to experience both ARPG &
Soulslike games

YAO GUAI Make the story more
(BOSS) sustainable and the game more replayable



It's not only a story about *Wukong*but Everyone Else in this *EASTERN FANTASY WORLD*.

" Cunning fairies, brutal monsters, amorous lords or coward " gods WE are curios about their fear and love, goodwill and hatred, obsessiveness and daily life



Are you ready to embark on a NEW JOURNEY?



THE DESTINED ONE

天命人

THEME

"The Destined One"





Raise AWARENESS and drive CONSIDERATION

DEPARTURE



Drive CONVERSION and WoM

ADVENTURE

POST-LAUNCH

Drive REFERRAL, and sustain sales

HOMECOMING





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PRE-HEAT



TEASER CAMPAIGNS

Launch teaser trailers on social media and gaming platforms.

YouTube, Instagram, TikTok, TGA 2023/E3

Influencer/streamers' REACTION to trailer

INFLUENCER

EARLY ACCESS (Conditional)

PARTNERSHIP







PRESS RELEASE

Regular press releases on gaming and tech media for broader reach

PITCH gaming journalists and media outlets for reviews or features.

TARGETED MARKETING

Ads on Ins, X et al.
Use Google Ads and
Bing Ads to appear in
search results for
relevant keywords
(SEM).
Tailor ads to target
audiences interested

in similar genres.

PRE-HEAT



SOCIAL MEDIA

Launch Social Media Channels – assets distribution

Short on trend media that can be easily disseminated







CONTENT

Regular press releases gaming & tech media

BTS, DEV diaries, artwork galleries.

Blog: INSIGHTS
Game's development,
lore, and characters

EVENTS

Off-line demo pre – play, challenge,: Draws + Invitation

Game Events & EXPO: Gamescom, E3 etc. Media + influencers pre-play and review.

PRE-ORDER REWARD

Pre-order gets ingame rewards

MUSIC COLLAB

Content & Challenge Collab with KPOP Group Seventeen.

TO BE THE DESTINED ONE

JOURNEY TO THE WEST is one of the four great masterpieces in China. Before you embark on the journey to experience the stories of *Wukong*, it is important that you know about what happened in the Journey to the West......

STRATERGY:

We will build an INTERACTIVE MEDIA WEBSITE

Using a modern perspective and interactive designs to retrace the JOURNEY TO THE WEST



GOAL: EDUCATING INTERACTIVE ACTIVATING Bridging the knowledge gap of traditional IP JOURNEY TO THE WEST

Starting the conversation

OFFLINE EVENTS

After the release of our demos and trailers, the public have been waiting for a long time. On our JOURNEY, there are of course expectations and DOUBTS....

STRATERGY:

As part of the "Destined One" campaign. We will host pre-play events for Media, influencers and fans to tryout the game before the release.

Media and influencers (Invitation)

Fans – Lottery

OFF-LINE CHALLENGE: THE DESTINED BOARD



GOAL: Create buzz, encourage content creation, build expectations





Raise AWARENESS and drive CONSIDERATION

DEPARTURE



Drive CONVERSION and WoM

ADVENTURE

POST-LAUNCH

Drive REFERRAL, and sustain sales

HOMECOMING

TARGETED ADVERTISING

Use data-driven advertising on media platforms to reach potential players.

CHALLENGE

RELEASE

Online challenge event

SOCIAL MEDIA

OFFICIAL LAUNCH

(Price and platforms)

Release new content, patches, and features consistently.

THE GRAND
LAUNCH

Feature the display the trailers and posters on the giant screens of Time Square.

LAUNCH SPECIALS

free mini trial before purchase

PRESS RELEASE

The press release announcing that the game has officially gone live.

The number of pre-order and wish lists.

TIMES SQUARE Launch Event

Times Square, New York 8:20 PM, Aug 20, 2024

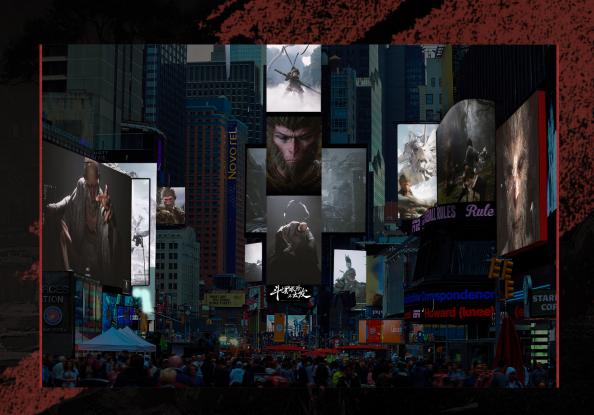
IMMERSE yourself in the magical world of "Black Myth: Wukong" in whole 10 minutes.

Display of game trailers, gripping story snippets, and captivating posters.

For the next two days 1/30min

Invite media and influencers.

Promote the release and capture <u>public attention</u> and <u>interest</u> through the <u>display</u> of trailers and game content on the <u>large screens</u> in Times Square.



GOAL: Drive AWARENESS Create Buzz, social discussion

CHALLENGE DESTINED BOARD

In JOURNEY TO THE WEST, Wukong overcame eighty one challenges to be crowned the Fighting Buddha

STRATERGY:

We will launch an

#SPEED RUN CHALLENGE

Players can upload the video of them challenging specific Guai in the game to social media channels and @heishenhua, and tag the challenge. We will verify relevant information, and on the Destinated Ranking on our website.



GOAL: Create Buzz with challenges, keep players engage, Activate social interactions and social sharing.





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CONTINUOUS ACTIVATION

Possible DLC updates

Seasonal events or limited-time challenges can create excitement

LEVERAGE ANALYTICS

Use data analytics to understand player behavior and preferences. Tailor updates and marketing strategies based on this data.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & UGC

Active community with social media forums, Discord.
Player Feedback
Challenge, Q&A, Fan Arts

PLAYER SUPPORT SERVICES

Provide excellent customer service and support. Quick and helpful responses to player issues can build loyalty and trust.

MARKETING PROMOTION

Continue: social media, content marketing, influencer partnerships, and targeted advertising Promotional Trials and referral deals

CONTENT CREATION COLLAB

Collaborate cross brands and other titles to launch limited merchandise i.e. Bandai - Ichiban Kuji

Corporate Social Responsibilities Programs

WUKONG X Intangible cultural heritage

STRATERGY:

We will produce a series of documentary, featuring the landmarks in the game

Collaborate with local intangible culture heritage protection institutions and invite professionals to introduce the history of the landmarks to the players. And we will donate 0. dollar to these organizations per sales.



GOAL: Let the virtual illustrate the reality. Provide players immersive understanding to the eastern culture while calling actions to protect cultures.

Corporate Social Responsibilities Programs

Empower the next generation of Gamers

STRATERGY:

We will **collaborate with schools** to provide field trips and studio tours for students who may be interested in game development.



GOAL: Inspiring the next generation, VIDEO GAMES DON'T POISON THE NEXT GENERATION.

POST LAUNCH

PRELAUNCH

INTERACTIVE WEBSITE

IN-PERSON EVENTS

TRAILERS

RELEASE

8.20 OFFICIAL RLEASE

TIMES SQUARE: 8.20 8.20pm

CHALLENGE DESTINED BOARD

POSTLAUNCH

THE LONG TAIL MARKETING

DLC, COLLABRATION & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

COPERATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

- 1. WUKONG X Intangible cultural heritage
- 2. Empower the next generation of Gamers



SOCIAL MEDIA Content Distribution



YOUTUBE

Mid/ Long Video Content PRIMARY

Trailers and Teasers: High-quality trailers for new content or updates. Let's Play Videos: Gameplay videos, possibly featuring influencers or developers.

BTS: Developers interviews and production stories

1-2/week Major Announcements



TIKTOK

SHORT/VIRAL Video Content PRIMARY

Fun, Engaging clips: short, captivating gameplay.
Challenges and Trends: Participate in or start gaming related trends of challenges
UGC: Repost popular content made by platers

3-5/ week



Announcements & Interaction PRIMARY

Updates & Info: News, Updates, and event announcements.
Interactive Content: Polls and Questions.

Teasers: Sneak Peeks of upcoming content or features.

Community: Highlight posts - fans

1-2 / week Updates Weekly interactive content



INSTAGRAM

SHORT/VIRAL Video Content SECONDARY

Reels: short engaging clips BTS: Development stories Fan art & Community: Fan Art + UGC

Announcements: Updates on events, challenge, and content Community: Highlight posts - fans

3-4 / week Updates 1-2/ month long content

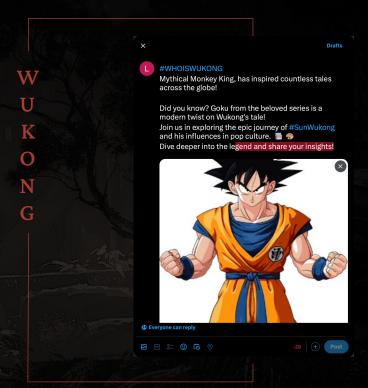
WHO IS WUKONG

SOCIAL MEDIA ACTIVITY

You might not know the story about Sun Wukong, or Journey to the West. But you must have known who they are . In fact, they are all Sun Wukong.
STRATERGY:

We will launch an #WHO IS SUN WUKONG

Lead Discussions by posting characters referencing Wukong in other IPs.
Activate player discussions on Wukong image from their knowledge.



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INFLUENCER

1. IDENTIFY SUITABLE INFLUENCERS

TARGET AUDIENCE: Look for influencers whose followers align with our target demographic.

INFLUENCER SIZE: Consider a mix of micro-influencer for niche engaged audiences and macro influencers for wider reach.

3. CAMPAIGN EXECUTION

CONTENT TYPES: Encourage a variety of content, such as reviews, live streams, social media posts.

EXCLUSIVE ACCESS: Early exclusive access to game and special in-game items to showcase.

EVENT COLLABORATION: Invite influencers to participate in our on/off-line events

5. MONITOR SUPPORT

ENGAGEMENT: Actively engage with the content posted by influencers (Comment, sharing etc.)

7. STAY UPDATED

MARKET TRENDS: Stay updated about trends in influencer marketing and adjust strategy accordingly

2. DEVELOP CAMPAIGN BRIEF

Objective: increase game awareness, drive downloads. Key Messages: Provide key points: unique features, storyline, and gameplay elements.

CREATIVE FREEDOM: Allow influencers some creative freedom to resonate with their audience

4. MEASURE AND ANALYZE

KPIs: Define Key performance indicators such as engagement rates, reach and conversion

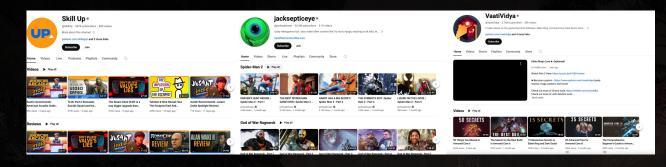
TRACKING: Use tracking links or promo codes to monitor the impact

6. LONG_TERM RELATIONSHIPS

BUILD RELATIONSHIPS: Build long-term relationships with influencers who are genuinely enthusiastic about the game.



INFLUENCERS



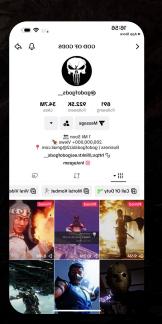
YOUTUBE













MARKETING

Budget

Revenue = Predicted Sales Quantity * Unit Price — Platform Fee

Revenue = 5 million * \$59.99 * 70% = \$209 million

Marketing Budget = Revenue * 14% = \$29million

MARKETING

Budget

Item	Cost.	
Community, PR, Social, Strategy	\$	4,350,000
Asset Production	\$	5,800,000
Media	\$	8,700,000
Event Production	\$	4,350,000
Big Idea Production	\$	5,800,000
Total	\$	29,000,000