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The Shapeshifting Detective Review for Nintendo Switch

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I hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving Holiday if you are from the United States, if not happy Black Friday to you all and I hope you find some amazing Video Game Deals today!! I wanted to get a Review out but didn't have a clue which Game to focus on because I have been playing so many lately but none enough to give you a full critical opinion as I always do. Today I bring you one of the most compelling Games I have played on the Nintendo Switch or any system for that matter in a long time. And it happens to be from a Genre that until recently has been all but dead. What Genre is that you may ask? Full Motion Video or FMV for short, it happens to be one of my favorites and one I have plenty of Nostalgia for with games such as Night Trap, Mad Dog Mccree, and others that came out in the 90's the heyday of the FMV Game. But in 2018 can FMV games make a comeback? Lets find out with a more recent title that just hit the Eshop a few weeks ago with The Shapeshifting Detective.

Graphics:

Wow this game looks like real life!! And that's because it is other than the text boxes that pop up on the screen. Overall the Menus in the game are easy to navigate and the Video is crisp and vivid. I was impressed by the work of each Actor during the Game and truly recommend it just for the this alone! Graphics even though its FMV get a Plus!!

Sound:

This is another place where the title really shines! Every line of Dialogue is clean and crisp and the music used in the game adds tension to the experience when it is used. I especially loved the Radio Conversations featuring Poe ([Klemens Koehring \(https://www.imdb.com/name/nm2182668/?ref=ttfc_fc_cl_t7\)](https://www.imdb.com/name/nm2182668/?ref=ttfc_fc_cl_t7)) and Munroe -([Leah Cunard \(https://www.imdb.com/name/nm9819574/?ref=ttfc_fc_cl_t5\)](https://www.imdb.com/name/nm9819574/?ref=ttfc_fc_cl_t5)) the stars of the local Radio Station. Overall Sound which is important in FMV titles gets a Plus!

Gameplay:

Not much can be said about the Gameplay you select dialogue options and watch your choices play out. For the most part the Game leads you down a set fairly linear path but at times you do get to make decisions that can impact the overall outcome of the story. I especially loved the endings on offer but I'll get into that in a moment.

Story:

You are Sam a Detective sent to the sleepy Town of August where the Murder of a young and beautiful Cellists has just happened to investigate, but you are no ordinary detective. You can at will Shapeshift into anyone you see fit to aid you in your investigation. You will spend your time in August questioning various People and Shapeshifting into them to question others. It is a compelling plot device and leads to one of the most interesting and tense endings to any Game I have ever played. Thankfully I am happy to report I picked the right Suspect on my first try and got the good ending but will you be so lucky? Story gets a Plus!

Value:

For \$12.99 this isn't going to break the bank but for about two and a half hours of Gameplay for some it might be hard to justify the purchase. Well let me help you a bit by letting you know this is hands down on of the best FMV titles I have played and I have played allot of them over the years! Most of them have been mediocre at best but this title is now my favorite in the Genre and you should purchase it and support the hard working developers and everyone else involved!! Value gets a Plus!

If your keeping score then you probably figured out that the final Verdict already but if I need to tell you here it is.

The Shapeshifting Detective gets a Perfect 10 out of 10 and gets my Seal of approval!!