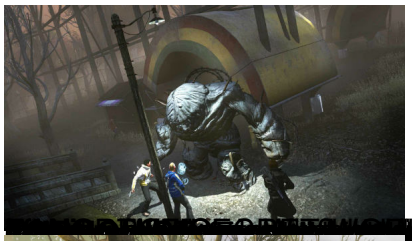
THE SECRET WORLD is an upcoming MMO that imagines a world where all of the nightmarish monsters, myths and legends you've heard of in your lifetime are, in fact, real. The humans of this universe battle against these horrific creatures in a seemingly endless war that you are about to join. Fango spoke with the game's senior producer and creative director Ragnar Tørnquist about the mechanics, some of the terrifying monsters you'll face and how the special locations in player vs. player mode will impact the game. Read on!

**FANGORIA:** THE SECRET WORLD is an upcoming MMO with many unique qualities set in a world where monsters and mythic beasts are real, and society is very different from our own. Where did the inspiration for THE SECRET WORLD'S universe originate, and how difficult was creating a world in which all of these creatures could coexist?

**RAGNAR TØRNQUIST:** THE SECRET WORLD takes place in the modern day real world, and we have taken inspiration from a lot of different sources, but behind it all, tying it together, is our own extensive and deep storyline that spans millions of years, and multiple dimensions. The initial inspiration for the universe came from years of devouring contemporary fantasy and horror comics, novels, movies, and TV shows, and also from a lifelong interest in myths and legends, ancient history, cryptozoology, magic and the occult. There are not a lot of games in general —and absolutely no online games—that draw on these rich sources of inspiration, and it felt like such a natural fit for us.

It's taken us the better part of ten years to create the world, and everything in the game has an extensive backstory; absolutely everything, from the characters and monsters, to the three secret societies, to every mission and piece of lore, every weapon... This is something that players really feel and appreciate when they start digging into the setting. There's so much there, it'll take months and years to get to the bottom of it all.



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