A franchise will typically release one or two games a year, if fans are lucky. However, game developer and publisher Konami is making March the biggest month ever for SILENT HILL fans with the release of SILENT HILL DOWNPOUR, SILENT HILL HD COLLECTION and SILENT HILL: BOOK OF MEMORIES, all within a three week span.

The flood of new game releases will begin March 13 with SILENT HILL DOWNPOUR. Incarcerated some time ago for unknown reasons, the game's protagonist Murphy Pendleton has since became a troublesome prisoner and is now being transported to a new facility. When the prison transport vehicle is involved in an accident, it provides the perfect distraction for Murphy to escape into the accursed town of Silent Hill. Excitingly, DOWNPOUR is said to take place primarily in a previously unexplored sector.

In addition to the new location, time will actually passs in Silent Hill, and weather will play a key factor as well. If you are caught out in a bad rain storm, prepare for an onslaught of enemies, or do your best to run away from the fight for a better chance of survival. Combat in the game primarily revolves around the utilization of melee weapons, with a scarcity placed on firearms and the like. Melee weapons degrade with use, and only one weapon can be carried at a time, so you'll really have to manage what you fight with and how you approach each battle. At various points through the game, your frightening fight for survival will also extend into the dreaded Otherworld, where you will have to quickly find your way out of the nightmarish maze before you are hunted down by a killer ball of dark energy. Konami Digital Entertainment's Producer, Devin Shatsky explained, "SILENT HILL DOWNPOUR will have a huge area to explore, and there will be tons of lore objects to find in the game. The newest and biggest thing we have added are the side quests. Murphy can just be exploring, and next thing you know your on a mini-adventure. Murphy is capable of handling himself, and you can pick up things in the environment to use as weapons. He is more of your average man and this will be evident in how the character handles."

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