

BioGamer Girl: "THE WALKING DEAD, EPISODE 3" (Video Game Review)

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THE WALKING DEAD has returned with EPISODE 3: LONG ROAD AHEAD, which continues the story of Lee Everett and his band of survivors, and as the s name suggests, the group is far from safe. In fact, things only seem to be getting worse. As the last episode left off, most of the group had survived a terrible ordeal involving both bandits and a family of even more dangerous cannibals. Things were looking up for a moment when the group stumbled upon supplies that you could take or leave, but as we all know, life has a tendency to turn horribly wrong in THE WALKING DEAD universe.

When LONG ROAD AHEAD begins, Lee and the group are once again struggling for survival, but it seems that there is a traitor amongst the ranks. Someone's been stealing from the supplies and the weak bonds between some members are being pushed to the limit. The episode plays primarily on the fight and struggle for survival in a post-apocalyptic, zombie-infested world. Emotional beats, arguments and zombie attacks drive the story forward, as the strong bond between Lee and Clementine continues to grow. While some will surely perish, plenty of new characters enter the mix as well, even after the terrible events that transpired when trusting other survivors in the previous episode. LONG ROAD AHEAD provides one of the best storylines of the game so far and one the most endearing in THE WALKING DEAD universe.



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be decided quickly and some bonds will strengthen while others diminish; but this is all what makes the series so fantastic. New mini-games and puzzles have been introduced and are definitely fun, while they last. Sniping zombies, fixing broken transportation and making your way past a broken ladder are only a few of the interesting scenarios you'll encounter in the play through. Of course, prior decisions you've made will once again show up and help determine how some of this episode's scenarios turn out for Lee and the group.

The high quality presentation of THE WALKING DEAD returns and while the game's graphics remain fantastic, they do tend to mess up momentarily. Essentially, if you've enjoyed these games in the past, there is no reason not to pick up LONG ROAD AHEAD. If you haven't tried the game out yet, you'll need the previous two episodes in the series to access the latest, but at \$5 an episode, you can't beat this deal.

