THE VALUE OF THE UNCOMMON PROTAGONIST

Not a middle aged,
emotionally closed off
white-man, Sally's a
noteworthy character in a
sea of stereotypical
protagonists. A teenager
with blue pigtails, Sal
possesses trauma but is still
kind and empathetic.
Physically unemotive due to
his prosthetic, Sal's voice is
developed to be humanizing
and identifiable.



THE DEVIL
IN THE
DETAILS

For devoted secret-seekers,
Sally Face's gameplay gives a
sense of accomplishment, but
for those interested in a more
low-effort playthrough, or
those unaccustomed to just
how much video games can
make you work for the full
picture, it can be tedious to
finish the story with a feeling
of unfulfillment, and no idea
where to find the missing
pieces.





NARRATIVE REVIEW BY

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A BRILLIANT PLOT
TOOL:
CLIFFHANGERS

NARRATIVE MOMENTUM

The pacing of Sally Face is controlled in the form of five chapter installments that feature in-game timeskips between episodes, often aging up characters and their interpersonal relationships to show that time has passed.

Interactive flashback exposition is established as a

nteractive flashback exposition is established as a storytelling device, with players acting out the order of events.

THIS GIVES PAST CONTEXT...





...FOR PRESENT CONSEQUENCES.

The mystery created through the linear (but not always chronological) advancement of story structure allows for sustained player intrigue, investing audiences in character action and consequence.



WORTH ROOTING FOR: THE POWER OF FRIENDSHIP

Brought together over shared goals with high stakes and staying together through camaraderie and choice, the core four characters endear players to them through inside jokes, vulnerable moments and the heroic determination of taking up a task much bigger than themselves.



In games that rely heavily on story, it's crucial to keep both attention and investment. The cliffhangers placed at the end of Sally Face's respective chapters keep players coming back time and time again in hopes of finding out what happens to the characters they've been playing as.

CRAFTY DESIGN
COMPLIMENTS
NARRATIVE



Exploration is controlled through Apartment rooms becoming accessible within each chapter; a choice easily explained by certain residents being at work or unenthused by your presence at the time.

The setting is easily traversable and allows for worldbuilding to develop itself

traversable and allows for worldbuilding to develop itself in a contained space that still manages to emphasize exploration.