

Snögard's Tale

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Abstract

The Games 4 Girls competition is a contest created by the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign to encourage the production of games that are fun for young women and girls, and to give university students the opportunity to create games in a real-world fashion. The Ohio State University had one group submit an entry last year, titled "Angels & Demons" that allowed girls to solve puzzles to get through levels. The game was a finalist in the contest. This year, the same group +2 new members hopes to create a new game, titled "Snögard's Tale," that combines elements of a role-playing game with minigames and puzzles, which the designers hope will relieve the tedium that most girls feel while playing standard hack & slash games. The designers have included several elements in their game which they hope will be appealing to female players. Firstly, the game features a female main character for players to view as a role model. The goal is for the main character to learn a lesson through the course of the story. The storyline features cameos from favorite games of the past and lots of humorous anecdotes. Also, the game features many cute images such as Larry the Dragon to entertain girls.

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