

Press Release: The Translation of *Shadows of Esteren* is Coming out this Summer

Hello Everyone,

Agate RPG, Forgesonges, and Studio 2 Publishing are proud to announce the release of the Core Book for the role-playing game *Shadows of Esteren*, just in time for Gen Con Indy 2012.

Shadows of Esteren is a medieval role-playing game, with an emphasis on the horrific and the Gothic. Drawing inspiration from Celtic myths, this universe has a discreetly fantastic side hidden under a bleak, realistic surface. This world is populated with humans who have to cope with tough daily lives, and face a supernatural threat lurking in the dark. With the focus of its adventures being investigation and survival, *Shadows of Esteren* is a game that favors an immersive mood and interactions among the Players.

This particular atmosphere is drawn from several sources of inspiration: the harshness and romanticism of Mel Gibson's *Braveheart*; the universes of Tim Burton, particularly the one of *Sleepy Hollow*; Hayao Miyazaki's *Nausicaä of the Valley of the Wind* and *Princess Mononoke*; as well as *Berserk*, the manga by Kentaro Miura.

Shadows of Esteren is a French role-playing game designed by Forgesonges, a collective of authors and illustrators, whose original version was published in September 2010 by editor Agate RPG. The translation of the whole series in English is planned. To celebrate the birth of Esteren on the other side of the Atlantic, we are currently working on the construction of a Kickstarter project with exclusive additions. It will be launched at the end of the month of June. We will give you more details on the subject as soon as possible.

You will find several documents in file format:

- An introductory article concerning the universe of *Shadows of Esteren* and its leading principles.
- An open letter from Nelyhann, the coordinator of the *Shadows of Esteren* series, in which he talks about the origins of the project, the history of its conception and of its translation.
- A selection of artworks from the *Shadows of Esteren* series.

Feel free to make use of these various documents for your websites and blogs to communicate this announcement to your readers.

Additionally, here is a link to the portal of *Shadows of Esteren*:

http://www.esteren.org/shadows_of_esteren/

For more information, here is the link to the portal of the original version (in French):

<http://www.esteren.org>

We remain available to answer your questions or interviews, and to bring you any necessary additional information.

Yours sincerely,

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