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Middling reviews and plummeting stocks haven't prevented Crimson Desert from reaching a tremendous 2 million units sold merely a day after its release. However, a new controversy surrounding developer Pearl Abyss's massive RPG seems to be brewing, and it involves everyone's favorite subject these days: AI-generated art. In the past few hours, a number of Crimson Desert players have taken to Reddit, Bluesky, and other social media platforms with images depicting what they suspect to be generative AI-created art. In each instance, it seems to be environmental art--like ornate portraits or medieval woodcut-inspired paintings--that is being called into question. In one example, Reddit user Ok-Error-403 explained their reasoning, writing: "Signs of AI: [T]hree fingers on the hand holding the bag and four on the left hand is the biggest giveaway. Also AI does linocut patterns this way where the strokes aren't consistent and has wonky folding for clothing. I could be wrong ... would love to be, but I'm 99% sure it's AI." On Bluesky, user Lex Luddy shared a series of images of an ornate portrait which, upon closer inspection, depicts mushy-faced warriors atop many-limbed horses. It only takes a cursory glance to realize this picture doesn't suit Crimson Desert's more grounded art direction, and is far more in line with what we see in generative AI-created images. These images were also shared on Reddit, with user Rex_Spy writing that those who wish to see it themselves should go to "Oakenshield Manor, in the southwest part of the first city/town. It's the staircase in the back of the manor." Continue Reading at GameSpot

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Gamers really don't like AI. We already saw the push back of the community against DLSS 5

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I think the anti-AI sentiment will die out. The world has already moved on from caring about that, for the most part, and it will continue to be used.

Do they want cheap or expensive games? The gamers will accept AI. Over time the cost of using a real artist will go up because there won't be as many, and AI will do as good of a job or better.

Any time you see something that is easy to detect as AI, just remember that you're not looking at the best example of AI, you're looking at a cheaper product that is using detectable AI. There are far more advanced uses that are near or completely indistinguishable from original digital art, to the human eye.

I don't think it matters that they used AI w/ some mistakes for the content. They should use more and double down on it.