

Step Into a Killer's Shoes in Episode 3 of *Cognition*, A PC / Mac Adventure Game Released Today

FBI Agent Erica Reed meets her match in The Oracle, coming face to face with a gruesome past

SAN JOSE, Calif. - May 16, 2013 - Phoenix Online Studios' episodic adventure game, *Cognition: An Erica Reed Thriller*, continues today with *Episode 3: The Oracle* for PC and Mac. This chilling continuation of a psychic FBI agent's hunt for a serial killer can be downloaded from CognitionGame.com/store and other online stores. The 4-part *Cognition* series will conclude in late summer with *Episode 4: The Cain Killer*.

Cognition's third episode picks up right where the last left off, with a body hurtling down the Enthron Towers' 33 stories to smash onto a parked police cruiser. When Erica arrives at the scene her post-cognitive powers kick into overdrive, presenting her with powerful visions of past murders and betrayals that occurred in this mysterious luxury apartment building. As Erica discovers more about the serial killer who's baiting her, she realizes that she's not the only one having visions. Now the only way to stop the Oracle is to step into the killer's shoes.

In this unique game, player control alternates between FBI agent and killer as Erica pieces together the past events that led to this moment. Before it's all over, players will make a series of gruesome discoveries regarding the case Erica most wants to solve: the murder of her own brother. With the same graphic novel art style, *Fringe*-like paranormal themes, and *Saw*-style horror sequences that the *Cognition* series has been heralded for since its debut last fall, *The Oracle* is a must-play adventure that builds to an unexpected and wrenching climax.

At CognitionGame.com/store, *The Oracle* sells for \$9.99 individually, or in Season Pass bundles that allow players to catch up on the rest of the series at discounted prices. For one day only, Phoenix is offering the following special deals:

- The \$9.99 individual episode comes with 5 free MP3 tracks from the game: <http://store.postudios.com/products/cognition-episode-3>
- The episode 3 & 4 bundle is on sale for \$9.99 (regularly \$14.99): <http://store.postudios.com/products/cognition-season-upgrade-episodes-3-4>
- The 4-episode Season Pass is on sale for \$19.99 (regularly \$29.99): <http://store.postudios.com/products/cognition-s1-season-pass>

These launch deals will end tomorrow, May 17, at 3:00pm Eastern / 12:00pm Pacific.

Cognition: An Erica Reed Thriller has had a strong showing on Steam Greenlight, where it has received more than 25k votes from Steam users who want it added to the service. People who want to support the effort can vote for *Cognition* here: <http://steamcommunity.com/sharedfiles/filedetails/?id=92915746>

About Phoenix Online Studios

Established in 2004, Phoenix Online Studios began as a group of *King's Quest* fans from around the world that came together to create an unofficial sequel to the series. The resulting project, *The Silver Lining*, earned widespread community support and withstood two cease-and-desist orders to become one of the most ambitious fan projects ever made. After completing four *Silver Lining* episodes, the team shifted their focus to commercial projects with *Cognition: An Erica Reed Thriller*, which debuted in October 2012 and is currently releasing for PC, Mac, and iPad. The team is also working on an English version of the Italian indie adventure *Face Noir*, and is providing art and programming for Jane Jensen's upcoming game *Moebius*. Learn more at <http://www.postudios.com>.