

Mass Disaffection 被迫更改故事结局

英语学习点: 不满意 *Vocabulary: Being disgruntled*

The game manufacturer Bioware has announced that it will release further content for Mass Effect 3, following complaints from **disgruntled** users.

The final part of the Mass Effect trilogy was released at the start of this month to great critical **acclaim**.

But it didn't take long for gamers to **voice their displeasure** at the game's endings. Fans were **up in arms** that although they were able to **tailor** the game by making over a thousand decisions, there were only three basic plot endings.

The **backlash** soon gathered pace on internet forums and microblogging sites. A campaign for a new endings even raised more than \$70,000 (441,000 yuan) for charity.

Cheesed-off gamer Sebastian Sobczyk told the BBC: "They just completely destroyed the whole game for us. If I wanted to get my soul crushed, I could just turn on the TV and put the news on."

After three weeks of **taking the flak**, Bioware appeared to **cave in** yesterday. In a blog post, the co-founder and general manager of the company Ray Muzyka said that the **peevled-off** players would be provided with a number of "game content initiatives" to get "further **closure**" on the story.

Mr Muzyka also urged fans to keep their feedback **constructive**. He warned **whingers** Bioware wouldn't "support or respond to destructive commentary".

It remains to be seen exactly what form these "game content initiatives" will take. No manufacturer has issued completely new endings after a game's release before, but it looks like nothing short of that will **appease** these fans. This certainly seems to be one story that will end in a way of their choosing.



词汇表请参看答案与词汇部分

Quiz 测验

阅读短文并回答问题。

1. Why are users of Mass Effect 3 unhappy?
2. True, false or not given: *When it was released, reviewers criticised the game because of its ending.*
3. True, false or not given: *Mass Effect 3 is about tailoring suits.*
4. Look at the article. Can you see a noun that refers to a bad public reaction to something?
5. Look at the article. Can you see another expression that means 'cheesed off'?

Exercise 练习

请你在不参考课文的情况下完成下列练习。从每个表格中选择一个意思合适的单词填入句子的空格处。

1. The diners were _____ about the service in the restaurant.

down on legs	up in arms	up to here	down with
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2. I'm rather _____ that they never phoned me back.

grumpy	disgrumpy	disgruntled	discrumped
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3. There has been a really big public _____ to the news.

backlash	acclaim	flak	closure
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4. We can try it, but if our customers don't like the idea you can be sure they will _____ their displeasure.

voice	speak	shout	say
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5. All that woman does is moan. She's such a _____.

tailor	backlasher	flaker	whinger
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Answers and Glossary 答案与词汇

Quiz 小测验

1. Why are users of Mass Effect 3 unhappy? They are disappointed at the limited number of endings to the game.
2. True, false or not given: *When it was released, reviewers criticised the game because of its ending.* False. It was released to great critical acclaim.
3. True, false or not given: *Mass Effect 3 is about tailoring suits.* False. Users can tailor the game, but it has nothing to do with suit tailoring.
4. Look at the article. Can you see a noun that refers to a bad public reaction to something? A backlash.
5. Look at the article. Can you see another expression that means 'cheesed off'? Peeved-off, disgruntled, up in arms.

Exercise 练习

1. The diners were up in arms about the service in the restaurant.
2. I'm rather disgruntled that they never phoned me back.
3. There has been a really big public backlash to the news.
4. We can try it, but if our customers don't like the idea you can be sure they will voice their displeasure.
5. All that woman does is moan. She's such a whinger.

Glossary 词汇表

disgruntled	不满的
acclaim	称赞, 喝彩
to voice one's displeasure	告诉公众你的不满
to be up in arms	各个群体联合起来表示非常不满
to tailor something	定制
a backlash	强烈抵制, 反弹
cheesed-off	(口语) 非常不满
to take the flak	收到很多批评
to cave in	让步, 认输
peevd-off	恼火的, 气愤的
closure	结束, 收尾
constructive	建设性的
a whinger	只会发牢骚的人
to appease someone	平息, 安抚某人