

Sir, You're Being Hunted

An RYG Analysis

Platform: PC (Windows 7 only)
DRM: DRM Free
Digital Distributor: Humble Store

Developer: Big Robot
Publisher: Big Robot

RYG's ASSESSMENT

72% **SHOWS PROMISE & POTENTIAL**
Between 65% and 84%

1a. Product Info

Looking at how much information is provided on Sir, You're Being Hunted on the Humble Store site prior and on release.

- ✓ Sir, You Are Being Hunted (version 1.0) was released globally on 01.05.2014
- ✓ Available on Windows, MacOS and Linux
- ✓ Sir, You Are Being Hunted sold through multiple digital vendors
- ✓ DRM Free Options provided through the Humble Store and GOG
- ✓ Minimum and recommended specs provided
- ✓ Advised DRM Free on 01.05.2014
- ✓ EULA, [Privacy Policy](#) and [TOS](#) fully accessible on humblebundle.com
- ✓ All game-related information can be found on big-robot.com

- ✗ Download payload not provided
- ✗ Alpha / Beta access provided for backers only
- ✗ No Manual and/or Readme

1b. Digital Dwnld

Looking at Humble Store as a digital distributing service for PC games.

- ✓ Sir, You Are Being Hunted sold at one, global price
- ✓ Available worldwide through humblebundle.com
- ✓ Download / Client Manager not required for gameplay
- ✓ Minimum and recommended specs provided
- ✓ Advised DRM Free on 01.05.2014
- ✓ User account creation is optional; minimal details required
- ✓ Alternative payment options provided (Visa, Mastercard, Paypal)
- ✓ Correct currency confirmation provided prior, during and after purchase
- ✓ Confirmation of purchase and receipt provided
- ✓ Free and unlimited access and downloads after purchase
- ✓ Can backup purchased games "offline" (e.g. external or optical drives)
- ✓ Refunds and/or exchanges offered for purchased games
- ✓ Can access personal data
- ✓ Can terminate account or request to terminate account

- ✗ Download payload not provided prior to purchase

Note: Requesting refunds, however, are at the sole discretion of Humble or under specific circumstances (e.g. purchases made by mistake due to inaccurate product descriptions, such as Steam, DRM-Free, or Cross-Platform).

Note: Players can have their accounts removed [via Email](#) only.

Note: Downloading Sir, You're Being Hunted will take ~240Mb.

2. Privacy Policy

Note: This applies to the Humble Store's Privacy Policy only.

Note: Sir, You're Being Hunted **will not connect** to any third party server during and after gameplay and does not require a Privacy Policy.

Note: There's 2,27 words within Humble Store's Privacy Policy. Updated April 2014.

Note: Refer to "Is the Information Shared or Disclosed?" in respect to the sale / merger of Humble.

3. EULA (Humble)

Note: There's 4,987 words in the Humble Store Terms of Service. Updated April 2014.

- ✗ Warranties waived (excluding physical merchantability warranties)
- ✗ Cover waived against any unforeseeable damages, disruptions of service
- ✗ Account termination voids past purchases and licenses to play them
- ✗ Consumers prevented from validating Humble Store TOS breaches
- ✗ Can't review and question changes made to Humble Store TOS
- ✗ Past purchases voided after refusing to accept Humble Store TOS

Looking at Humble Store Privacy Policy through the Humble Store

- ✓ Privacy Policy found on humblebundle.com
- ✓ Policy applies to the Humble Store
- ✓ Privacy Policy formatted for easy reading on the web
- ✓ "Personally-identifiable" and "non-personally identifiable" info are defined
- ✓ Policy explicitly specifies which info are collected during purchase & download
- ✓ Policy explicitly specifies which information are used
- ✓ Humble Store does not share or sell its info to third parties
- ✓ Visible opt-in / opt-out process
- ✓ Players can access their personally-identifiable information
- ✓ Players can modify their personally-identifiable information
- ✓ Players have full control over their personally-identifiable information
- ✓ Players can validate the info they've provided

- ✗ Privacy Policy was not written for easy comprehension
- ✗ Players not visibly notified of any changes made to the Policy
- ✗ Players not consulted on future revisions to the Privacy Policy
- ✗ Not advised where the info is specifically stored
- ✗ Assurances of safety and security of information not provided
- ✗ Players cannot export their information
- ✗ User data is retained by Humble Store for an extended period of time
- ✗ Can't review and query changes made to the Privacy Policy
- ✗ Humble Store may transfer all players information in the event of a sale
- ✗ Players must accept changes made to the Policy before using the Humble Store

Looking at Humble Store's Terms of Service

- ✓ EULA / TOS is found on humblebundle.com
- ✓ EULA / TOS covers the Humble Store
- ✓ Refunds and/or exchanges offered for purchased games
- ✓ Can back-up copies of Sir, You're Being Hunted
- ✓ Won't blacklist specific background services or software
- ✓ Users can initiate legal action if the arbitration process fails
- ✓ Users can criticise or provide criticism about the game without reprisals

- ✗ EULA / TOS was not formatted for easy reading on the web
- ✗ EULA / TOS was not written for easy comprehension
- ✗ Drafted to only abide by the laws of the US
- ✗ Players not consulted on future revisions to the EULA / TOS
- ✗ Can't review and query changes made to the EULA / TOS

4. Setup / Install

Note: Sir, You're Being Hunted was distributed via The Humble Store as a ZIP file. The game will not install registry keys under / HKCU/Software/Big Robot/

5. Updates / Patching

Note: The version of Sir, You're Being Hunted evaluated was up to date and required no updates.

Note: Players will need to log into their Humble Store account from time to time to check if there is a recent patch / update.

6. DRM & Activation

7. Gameplay Experience

- ✗ Warranties waived (excluding physical merchantability warranties)
- ✗ Cover waived against any unforeseeable damages, disruptions of service
- ✗ Termination process dictated by the Humble Store
- ✗ Arbitration process isn't freely-provided and is overseen by the Humble Store

Looking at how Sir, You're Being Hunted is installed on Windows PCs only.

- ✓ Players can extract all game files to the directory of their choosing
- ✓ All game files are installed within folders designated by Players
- ✓ No DRM files installed within folders designated by Players
- ✓ Currently-executing background services won't interfere with installation
- ✓ Error-free installation
- ✓ Installation completed within 5 minutes

- ✗ No installation logs of files and registry keys

Looking at how Sir, You're Being Hunted is patched prior and after gameplay.

- ✓ Can opt-in / opt-out of automatic updates
- ✓ Can play the game unpatched
- ✓ No other DRM files or registry keys are installed
- ✓ Can install patches manually without the client manager

- ✗ Details of patches not provided / provided prior to installation
- ✗ Notifications not provided for availability of game patches

Looking at Humble Store in relation to Sir, You're Being Hunted and its effects on Windows PCs only.

- ✓ Firewall and AV settings aren't modified or required to be modified
- ✓ User account not required
- ✓ Can play single-player game offline
- ✓ Unlimited hardware activations
- ✓ Unlimited installations
- ✓ Activation is simple and hassle-free

Looking at the gameplay aspects of Sir, You're Being Hunted and how it interacts with PC Windows.

- ✓ Can play on minimum specs
- ✓ Can play a backup copy of the game
- ✓ Can play in full screen mode
- ✓ Can play in (flexible) windowed mode

Note: Savegames & Config Files are found under the /Game Folder/Sir_v1/SaveGames/ directory.

- ✓ Video options on resolution, textures, shadows & detail distance provided
- ✓ Separate volume controls provided
- ✓ Can play offline
- ✓ Won't "phone home"
- ✓ Can play without connectivity issues on an ADSL connection
- ✓ Can play error-free for more than 5hrs
- ✓ Won't interfere with services and background software
- ✓ Will resume at the last checkpoint
- ✓ Can perform a manual save during gameplay
- ✓ Can play on more than one PC simultaneously
- ✓ No DRM or monitoring services running in the background

- ✗ English audio only provided
- ✗ Subtitles not provided
- ✗ No known option for user-generated audio localisations

8. **PC Checkup**

Looking at whether Sir, You're Being Hunted will modify certain PC settings without Players permission / consent.

- ✓ PC clean after scanning for viruses
- ✓ PC clean after scanning for malware and spyware
- ✓ PC clean after scanning for rootkits
- ✓ HOSTS wasn't modified
- ✓ Played Sir, You're Being Hunted without major errors
- ✓ Start-up settings remain unaltered
- ✓ No DRM and monitoring services running in the background
- ✓ System configuration files remain unaltered

9. **Removal Uninstall**

Looking at how clean, efficient and effective the removal process is for Sir, You're Being Hunted (How much legacy material is there after the removal of Sir, You're Being Hunted?)

- ✓ Can manually delete Sir, You Are Being Hunted files (including savegames)

- ✗ Some registry files will need manual deletion (from HKCU/Software/Big Robot/

10. **Customer Support**

Looking at the customer support side of Sir, You're Being Hunted through the Humble Store

- ✓ Customer service / support found in one place at humblestore.com
- ✓ Website is easy to use and navigate
- ✓ Searching on the Humble Store is direct and quick
- ✓ Info is easy to read and understand
- ✓ Customer service via. Email is quick to respond within 24 hours
- ✓ Customer service will resolve issues within 24 hours
- ✓ Tone and language used is warm, inviting and personable
- ✓ Focused on understanding problems and providing an effective solution

RYG's VERDICT

72%

BARGAIN-BASE- MENT MATERIAL

SHOWS PROMISE & POTENTIAL

64% and below

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WORTH SUPPORTING

85% and above

Players curious about purchasing Sir, You Are Being Hunted will be happy to know that Version 1.0 was released a week or so ago after years of (community-driven) development. The game itself is almost bug-free during the time in which we evaluated it. It is as polished as it is impressive and fun to play, even if the game rightfully punishes players for sloppy gameplay. There are some minor negatives, all of which are attributed to Humble Bundle's recent additions to their legal and privacy documentation, something in which is difficult to avoid. Still, the DRM-Free purchase of Sir, You Are Being Hunted through the Humble Store is a recommendation in respect to accessibility, configuration and gameplay.



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Disclaimer

These analyses are only a guide and represent RYG's perspective into Sir, You're Being Hunted as a product. We believe everyone should perform their own research and reach their own conclusions. This is one view of many. Again, we thank you for taking the time to read our analysis of Sir, You're Being Hunted and hope you continue to support our work.

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