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## BOSTON FIG 2013 | Hacking Things To Pieces In “Puzzle Axe”

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Putting puzzles together can be seen as a way to take away stress, but these days what better way to overcome the hardships of life than taking it out in a video game? Apparently the guys over at Trinome saw these two stress-relievers and decided to combine them to create *Puzzle Axe*, a smartphone & tablet game that has you hacking things to pieces and putting them back together.

*Puzzle Axe* follows the tale of a kingdom with two sons and two powerful axes. One son, jealous of the other, steals one of the axes and decides to cut down the kingdom one swipe at a time. It is now up to you to take the remaining axe, slice down evil, piece together your home, and stop your evil brother.

In the demo I had to first cut down a monster to size one swing at a time, and then piece him together again to turn him good. At first I went in full swinging, only to find out that doing so would make it a whole lot harder to put him back together. So I then went back to start over, and decided to go with a hack-and-piece method, taking my time and concentrate on making the evil creature in a wholesome nice one. Soon after I then had to put back together a massive hall in all of its massive glory.

*Puzzle Axe* is a pretty easy game to learn, as its touchscreen mechanics were quick to the actions I wanted to take place.

Graphically the game is wonderfully cartoonish to look at, and its story is also told with the help of beautiful animated cinematics, showcasing the actions and developments of the characters in the story. All in all, Trinome's title looks to be a lot of fun in the long run.

*Puzzle Axe* is due this December for iOS and Android devices. While no console ports have been announced its designer Samuel Boucher said he'd love to see it appear on the 3DS in some shape or form.

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