



## **Escape a Metropolis Monstrosity**

An illustrated platform game. Become the Daughter of the desert and unmake The Sprawl, a surreal and invasive city, before it swallows your homeland and traps you forever.

**Developer:** Rust This World, based in Santa Fe, New Mexico, USA

**Tentative Release Date:** Quarter 2, 2023

### **Description:**

The Sprawl is a 2D action-exploration platformer / metroidvania, featuring hand-drawn environments and traditional frame-by-frame animation. The game experience is driven by a core narrative and a unique player character. Utilizing a customizable skill-tree, the player must choose to either fight or outmaneuver a series of other-worldly enemies and devious traps within the 4 districts of The Sprawl. Through the neon din of Radiant Echoes streets to the rainy factories of the Murk Water harbor, and out of the blackened trash heap of the Buried Fire ruins to the opulent views of the Pierced Sky spires. The only way out is to make your way to the heart of the city, and untangle the secrets of what lies at the center of The Sprawl.

### **History:**

Originally envisioned in 2011, when founders Dylan and Aileen were living in San Francisco, early concepts of The Sprawl began as an allegory of their experience within the city. When the Covid-19 pandemic struck in 2020, Dylan and Aileen, now jobless, decided it was time to finally develop the game that they had been inspired to create for almost a decade. Drawing on their past art and animation experience, they taught themselves the basics of the Unity game engine and enlisted the help of their art-skilled friends to bring their vision to life.

**Credits:**

Aileen Mell – Creative Director / Character Animator / Narrative Lead

Dylan Pommer – Creative Director / Concept Artist / Environment Artist / Assistant Programmer

Cathy Laughlin – Lead Programmer

Miljen Aljinovic – Narrative Editor / Assistant Programmer

Sarah Martinez – Score Composer / Musician

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