**World's largest text-based MMORPG *TORN* launches on Android**

*Blockbuster sandbox title has seen real-life marriages, employment and even a British Home Office scandal!*

London, England – 8 May 2018. Wannabe kingpins and criminal barons around the world can celebrate today as game publisher and developer Chedburn Networks announced that its long-running MMORPG *TORN* has launched on Android mobiles and tablets. Beginning life as a 16-year-old college dropouts’ bedroom project, the game boasts 20,000 daily active users and has enjoyed an incredible 14-year success on desktop as players indulge their deepest desires to become rulers of this gritty virtual underworld.

Playing out as a sandbox, text-based adventure, gamers begin life as a low-level street criminal, rising through the ranks of TORN City's criminal underworld by forming alliances with 2 million players worldwide, trading for better resources and by taking part in a wealth of gang-related activities, such as heists and robberies. Players navigate *TORN’s* labyrinthine world by simply navigating tabs, maps, menu options and pop-up boxes, meaning anyone can jump right into the action from the get-go with minimal hand-holding required.

Balancing a life of crime with the world of legitimate business is what makes *TORN* a unique experience; Reflective of developer Chedburn Networks motto of “*Give the players the tools, and they will create their own game*”, players can write for the city’s local newspaper, start a company, interview and hire employees and even marry other *TORN* players. How gamers write their Scarface-esque rags to riches story is up to them.

The strong focus on community-driven growth in *TORN* has also been reflected in the real world. Incredibly, the game has seen four real-life marriages between its players and a real-life employment of a TORN City company owner who was so impressed by his employee's digital work ethic he was hired in real life. In another bizarre twist, a British newspaper reported that government staff at the Home Office (the department responsible for immigration, security and law, including the police and prisons) were playing the game so much that they registered 46,351 hits on the *TORN* website in just five months.

*TORN* will be continually updated with additional content including new events, missions, items and more. The game will also feature sophisticated new crime and drug dealing gameplay systems soon after launch.

*TORN* is available as a cross-platform title, meaning players can move seamlessly between the mobile and desktop versions.

Download the game FOR FREE from the Google Play Store:

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.ionicframework.tornv2301860>

Features:

* World’s largest text-based MMORPG, running for 14 years
* 2 million registered players and 20,000 daily active users
* Dozens of gang-related activities to take part in including robberies, heists, agent missions, kidnappings, bounty hunts, drive-by’s and more
* Start factions with real players worldwide, collect and trade items between gangs and conquer opposition territories in intense faction wars
* Grow a financial empire by winning big at the casino, investing in the stock market, buying and renting properties, modifying cars to race at the tracks and playing poker against other real-life players
* Go legit by visiting gyms, getting married to other players and by starting a company – employing other real-life *TORN* residents
* Take to the streets with dozens of upgradable weapons at players disposal, including knives, machine guns, swords, explosives and more
* Equip a plethora of items including body armour, combat gear, helmets and more
* Players can immerse themselves in *TORN’s* energetic forums and chat rooms for lively debate and constant competitions

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**Notes to Editors**

Access the press kit containing the release and visuals here:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/16-31U0SsiTqA8nEyrE95W4Ibgskcw-kK?usp=sharing>

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**About Chedburn Networks**

TORN was founded in 2003 by Joe Chedburn. As a young indie game developer, Joe had no idea that his bedroom PHP project would evolve into the world’s largest text-based MMORPG.

In 2006 Chedburn Networks Ltd was formed and now employs around 20 staff made up of front-end and back-end developers, designers, content writers and marketing professionals.

The longevity of TORN is testament to Joe’s work ethic to consistently “WOW” it’s players by continuously developing new and engaging content. TORN’s freemium model allows anyone to play with full access for free, forever.

In Joe’s words “*TORN, as a project, will never be finished. We will continue to build the most intriguing and engaging MMORPG around. Unlike graphical MMORPGs, text-based games can never be outdated. We will continue to release new features to constantly evolve the game.*”