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Crimson Tears

Platform: PlayStation 2

Rated: T for Teen, **animated violence.**

A big trend in gaming today is to roll action into some role- playing game elements.

The game **Crimson Tears** for PlayStation2 is a futuristic, Japanese anime-style game that's part fighter, part action and part role- playing game. The characters are bioengineered mutanoids and, as you progress through the game, you gain experience points both for your character and your weapons.

The game starts slow, but gets hard in a hurry, and even when you think you've had enough, the RPG elements and character development will keep you playing a little longer.

AFTER A DEAD SUMMER, games start flowing again in August.

Some on the horizon for PlayStation 2: **NFL GameDay 2005** (Aug. 3); **Hot Shots Golf Fore!** (Aug. 17); **Sly 2: Band of Thieves** (Sept. 14); **Final Fantasy XI Expansion** (Sept. 21); **Jak 3** (Fall); **Ratchet & Clank: Up Your Arsenal** (Fall); **Gran Turismo 4** (Fall); **The Getaway 2** (Fall); **KillZone** (Fall); and **Playboy: The Mansion** (Nov. 2).

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