

Elden Ring Nightreign is already up for preorder with a \$10 gift card

Elden Ring Nightreign's rocky network test might have left some fans disappointed this week, but I sincerely doubt a few brief server issues did much to diminish the growing anticipation for FromSoftware's next soulslike for Xbox, PlayStation, and PC. Thankfully, if you were still planning on picking up the *Elden Ring* spin-off when it launches on May 30th, it's already available for preorder with a \$10 gift card at Best Buy for \$39.99 or from Fanatical for \$35.19 (about \$5 off).

From what we've seen, and our own Ash Parrish has experienced, *Neightrein* isn't so much a sequel to *Elden Ring* as it is a standalone co-op title set in a parallel universe. It's got all the visual hallmarks of FromSoftware's 2022 epic – sweeping vistas, haunting ruins, etc. etc. – along with the brutal boss battles and combat on display in both the original game and its excellent DLC, *Shadow of the Erdtree*.

The big difference between *Nightreign* and previous *ER* titles is that you're forced to tackle the new region of Limveld over a three-day span, either solo or in a team of three. Then you throw in a few character classes, a leveling system, and a *Fortnite*-like storm that shrinks the map over time, making each run absolute chaos. If it seems like an amalgamation of multiplayer games, well, it kind of is.

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