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## #1 NYT BESTSELLING AUTHOR CHARLAINE HARRIS SIGNS WITH INDIE GAME STUDIO TO BRING SHAKESPEARE, ARKANSAS TO LIFE

**Barrie, ON, February 15, 2016:** One More Story Games is pleased to announce that we are working with #1 *New York Times* bestselling author Charlaine Harris to adapt her novel *Shakespeare's Landlord* into an interactive story game.

Shakespeare's Landlord is the first novel in a five-part series featuring Lily Bard, a tough and complicated woman who is determined to hide her nightmarish past from her small town neighbors. After stumbling across a body being dumped in a park late at night, Lily embarks on a journey to find the killer, as well as the reason they're trying to frame her for the murder.

"Playing the adaptation of 'Shakespeare's Landlord' allows you to explore what might have been in so many different ways within my story world. I'm sure my readers will love it!" says Ms. Harris.

One More Story Games is developing *Shakespeare's Landlord* using its proprietary software, *StoryStylus*, designed for emerging and established writers to create and publish interactive story games reminiscent of the Choose Your Own Adventure series of books. Fans of Ms. Harris can follow the story game development at <u>www.lilybard.com</u>, watching the transformation from book into living, breathing interactive world.

"Charlaine Harris was our first choice – she writes strong female characters, and we believe that the casual games scene needs more storytelling with diverse voices, especially as women gamers make up half the audience!" – Jean Leggett, Chief Operating Officer, One More Story Games

Charlaine Harris and One More Story Games are planning to launch *Shakespeare's Landlord* on mobile, Facebook and web platforms in early 2017.

**Charlaine Harris** is a #1 New York Times bestselling author, best known for her Sookie Stackhouse novels that were adapted by HBO into the *True Blood* television series. Ms. Harris's novels have sold over 36 million copies worldwide. In 1996, she released the first of the dark Shakespeare mysteries, featuring Lily Bard, a karate student who makes her living cleaning houses. Her most recent series, *Midnight, Texas*, has been picked up for pilot by NBC, and her Aurora Teagarden series is currently a TV movie series on Hallmark Movies & Mysteries. Read more at www.charlaineharris.com.

**One More Story Games** is an independent games studio in Barrie, Ontario. Since its inception, it has raised over \$250,000 to develop its publishing platform for interactive story content. It is lead by industry veteran Blair Leggett, previously of Electronic Arts and Zynga. Read more at <u>www.onemorestorygames.com</u>.

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