Welcome to Hell

END OF EMBER

It's Ember's birthday. She has been sent to Hell by accident. Her ally is Abe, a talking chainsaw-gun powered by hatred.



Abe's tutorial introduces shooting, melee, rolling, bombs and hatred. Clear rooms, collect resources and change your weapons during a run.

During a run

1. **Clear a room** — Defeat the demons.
2. **Collect resources** — Hatred and teeth.
3. **Upgrade / shop** — Mutator and shop.
4. **Fight the boss** — Survive the fight.

If you die, the run ends. Start again in a new arrangement of rooms.

Controls

Keyboard and mouse, Xbox, and PlayStation bindings.

Action	Keyboard / mouse	Xbox	PlayStation
Move	WASD	Left stick	Left stick
Aim	Mouse	Push right stick (direction, not click)	Push right stick (direction, not click)
Shoot	Left click		
Melee	Right click	RT	R2
Dodge roll	Space	RB	R1
Throw bomb	Left Shift or E	LB	L1
Use item	Q	LT	L2
Interact	F	A	Cross
Select / swap weapons	1 / 2 / 3	D-pad up / down	D-pad up / down
Pause	Esc	Menu	Options

The playtest uses Xbox button prompts. Bindings may change during testing.

Weapons and upgrades

Use each resource at the place shown below.

Hatred	**Mutator** →	**Different weapon forms**
Collected from dead demons.	Spend hatred here.	Mutate Abe during a run.
Teeth	**Shop** →	**Weapons, bombs and items**
Collected during a run.	Spend teeth here.	Buy the equipment and items on display.
Cursed items	**Stack effects** →	**Guns and bombs**
Upgrades for your build.	Combine upgrades.	Cursed items change how your guns and bombs work.

Carry several weapons and switch between them using the controls on page 2.

Combat tips

Use melee, rolling and bombs for different threats.

Threat	Avoid	Action
Projectile fire	Taking a hit while firing.	Melee destroys projectiles. Rolling grants invulnerability.
Close enemies	Letting a crowd pin you down.	Melee knocks enemies back. Use the space to reposition.
Bomb blast	Standing beside your bomb.	Move away after throwing; your own bombs can hurt you.
Leaky walls	Using bombs on every wall.	Bombs open leaky walls, but cannot open Sheol walls.

Streaming and video

You may stream, record and monetize End of Ember videos. No permission request is needed.

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Steam playtest

Free on Windows; announced to close December 6, 2026. Full-game release: TBA.

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