# Cracking Creatives



Lands of Jail!



### LANDS OF JAIL'S WINNING CREATIVE STRATEGY

Months since launch

6.7M+

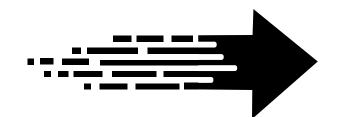
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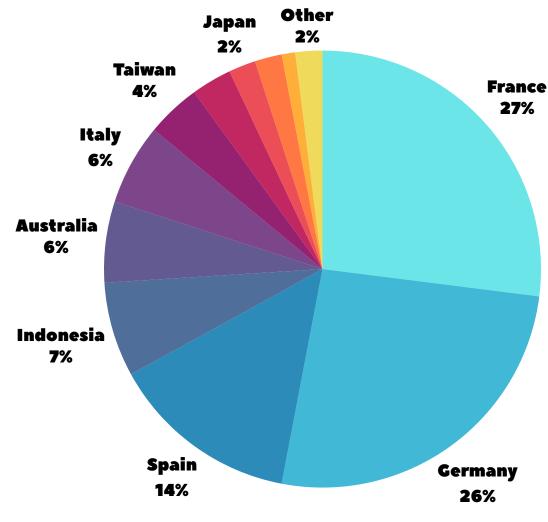


## What powers their winning ads?

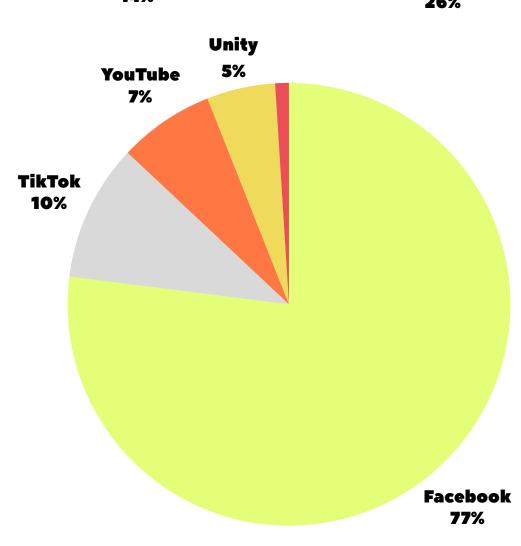


#### **UA ADS STRATEGY 2025**

Top Countries



Top Ad Networks



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### CREATIVE STRATEGY AND TAGS IN TOP ADS



64% animated embellished gameplay videos

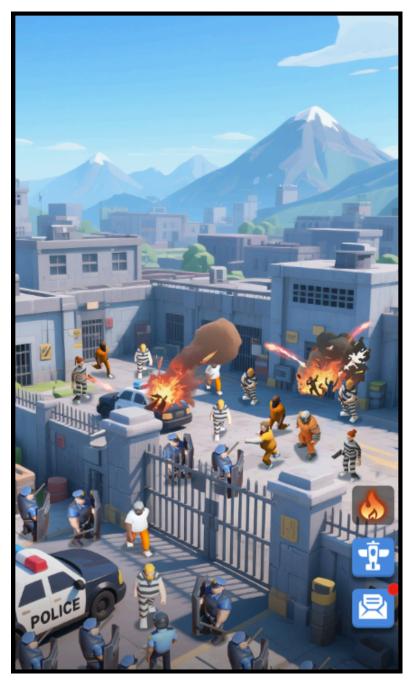


Median duration of creatives was 30 seconds



Audio cues use 45%+ layered ASMR







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#### **Hook styles:**

- 36% physical violence (kick or fight)
- 27% choice making/decision popups
- 18% aerial shots of prison vistas
- 9% UGC cold open
- 9% escape attempts







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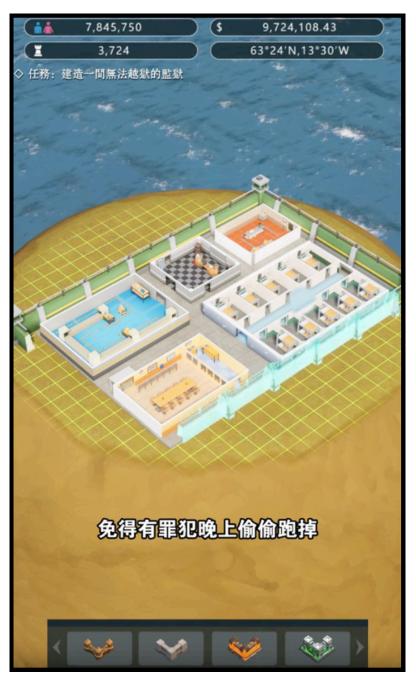
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#### Ad Narrative Theme:

- 55% transformations/cell cleanup
- 27% build and manage your own prison
- 18% prison life drama/fights



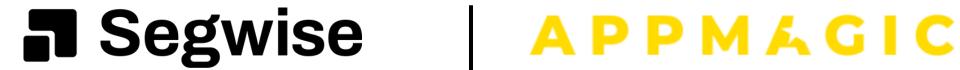






#### LAST 30D CREATIVE EXPERIMENTS

What's New	Why They're Testing It
Al-Generated "Cinematic Prison" Vistas(drone shots, floating / underwater / icy fortresses)	Quick to iterate and scalable without heavy 3-D budget
Facebook HTML Cards	Cheap retarget format; loads near-instant in feed Doubles as low-risk concept testing before full video
Overcrowded-Prison Management Scenarios	Highlights macro builder loop (layout → traffic flow) in one glance
Escape & Catch Hooks Guards catching inmates	Adds creative relief; broadens appeal beyond builder fans
Dark-War-Survival-Style shots	Piggy-backs on proven visual language that converts



#### UNTAPPED CREATIVES EXPERIMENTS

Untapped Angles/Hooks	Why It Could Work	Suggested Creative Execution
"Pardon vs Punish" choice based creatives	Ethical polls = instant engagement	Similar to the current choice based embellished gameplays
Female Warden POV	Opens female demographic	Showing female prisoner PoV's and life in a day of a female prisoner
6-Second Chaos→Order	Ultra-short hooks win Stories/Reels	Riot scream → hyper-clean timelapse → CTA card
Playable ads experimentation	Unexplored as of now - Playables slash CPI, lift D1	Choice based creatives and actual gameplay ads.
Escape-Plan Fail	Prison-break fantasy underused	Blueprint sneak → spotlight catch → "Build safer prison" CTA
Body-Cam Day-in-Life	POV realism = shareable	GoPro shots→ overlay choices → gameplay cut
Al "Craziest Prisons" Tour	Curiosity to know what the inside of a prison looks like	8 s ice fortress drone → "Manage this?" text → UI build clip





#### WHY THEIR CREATIVES WORK

- Shock-to-Satisfy Loop: Kick → filthy cell → cleaning montage → glorified result. Works because it squeezes pain and relief into <30 s.</li>
- **Humor:** "Property valuation of criminal" is a fresh spin on income-flex memes.
- Interactive Choice Framing: UI pop-ups ("DENY rest", "Choose cell size") give viewers a sneak peak on what to expect although far from actual gameplay reality.
- Side-by-side "Your Prison vs. Other Prison": uses loss aversion; viewer wants to prove they'd build better.
- Al Drone World-Building: Aerial "floating/underwater" prisons cue AAA production values cheaply.



