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Game Writing Sample

This Apartment Keeps Getting Smaller Sample

This Apartment Keeps Getting Smaller is a walking simulator about a young couple who move into a new apartment together. As their relationship evolves, so does the space that they share together.

The aim of this game was to make a walker simulator that took place in the same location over different points in time. By doing this we were able to tell the story of this couple both through the words they said, but also by the space they inhabit.

The two main characters in this story are Us, the player character and Them, their partner.

Scene 1

INT. New Apartment- Day

A modest apartment filled with boxes waiting to be unpacked.

Us:

This place is a lot bigger than I expected!

Them:

Trust me, it'll feel a lot smaller once we're done unpacking.

The player inspect the smaller boxes

Us:

It's funny how we spent so much time packing these boxes just to unpack them all over again.

Them:

I bought a bottle of wine just for the occasion.

Inspecting couch box

Us:

I thought we agreed on the black couch?

Them:

But then the cat hair would stand out too much.

Us:

Cat? What cat? I'm allergic to cats?

Them:

Oh my god. Stop making such a big deal. You know I've always wanted a cat and I'm the one paying for-

Us:

You're right, you're right. Guess I'll bulk order some allergy meds.

Them:

AAAALSO you look cute when you're puffy.

Us:
Shut up!

Inspecting pictures from the top of the stairs

Us:
Now opinion, kitsch or gross to hang up pictures of ourselves in our living room?

Them:
Kitsch, so fucking kitsch.

Inspecting the living room from the top of the stairs

Them:
Are you almost done? I'm hungry.

Us:
What do you want to eat?

Them:
You.

Us:
Gross

Them:
Wait, but I'm also actually hungry, come look at Seamless with me.

Scene 2:

Int. Apartment - Afternoon

The apartment, unpacked and beginning to be lived in.

Inspecting the cat

Us:

I don't know why she named you Mr. Mittens, Mr. Mittens. You do not have any mittens.

ACHOO

Inspecting basket of clean laundry with note that says "Thanks for doing the laundry! <3"

Us:

Maybe I should just be a housewife? Clean all day, drink wine, join the PTA. I start out as a casual member, occasionally baking cupcakes for the bake sale, but then slowly it starts to take over my life. I become the PTA, but I go mad with power. I am overthrown and become PTA-less, returning to my simple life of cleaning and drinking wine. (beat) I need to find a job.

Inspecting the coffee table

Us:

Fuck, where's my laptop? Mr Mittens have you seen it?

Mr. Mittens:

Meow

Us:

ACHOO

Inspecting the photos

Us:

We look cute in these. Very kitsch.

Inspecting couch

Us:

Is everyone who visits going to know we bought this couch at Ikea? Probably.

Inspecting bookcase

Us:

I should take this time to read more, reading makes you more interesting. I swear I will start reading one of these books... tomorrow.

Inspecting the laptop

Us:

Oh fuck I got the interview! I'm not going to have to join the PTA! Fuck the PTA! I have to call Molly!

Inspecting the room from the top of the stairs.

Us:

Our home is coming together. Even you, Mr. Mittens *ACHOO*

Scene 3

Int. Apartment - Dusk

The apartment is now *very* lived in. In a bad way.

Inspecting mess

Us:

God Mr Mittens why are you sleeping in that. I can't believe she didn't clean up her shit, she knew I had my interview today. I'm not her fucking maid. Disgusting.

Inspecting laptop

Us:

What's Molly's laptop doing out here? Did she forget to bring it to work?

Inspecting TV

Us:

She left the TV on? Whatever she's paying the electric bill.

Inspecting Jacket on Bookshelf

Us:

This is not my jacket...

Inspecting room from the top of the stairs.

Unfamiliar voice:

I think somebody just walked up the stairs...

Them:
Oh fuck.

Scene 4

Int. Apartment - Night

The apartment is in utter disarray. There has been a fight in this room.

Inspecting couch

Us:
Fuck this couch.

Inspecting cat

Us:
Fuck this cat! ACHOO

Inspecting photos

Us:
Fuck these tacky pictures!

*Inspecting room from the top of
the stairs.*

Us:
Fuck you Molly!

Scene 5

Int. House - Dawn

A return to your childhood
home.

Inspecting the room. Us:
I wonder if this couch is from Ikea too..

I Wanna Go Home Writing Sample

I Wanna Go Home is a 2D narrative game about attending a high school party as the “new kid in town”, and working up the confidence to talk to a dozen party goers, and, hopefully, not be the “new kid” anymore. The following is a selection of conversations with various characters throughout the game.

This game was written with the narrative tool [Yarn Spinner](#) and the writing sample is formatted as such. Choices are presented like this:

Emi: Are you enjoying reading my writing sample?
-> Yes, I love your writing sample.
-> This is the greatest writing sample I have ever read.

And continuations of a conversation look like this:

Emi: Are you enjoying reading my writing sample?
-> Yes, I love your writing sample.
Emi: And I think I might... love you...
-> But we don't really know each other.
Emi: Sometimes you just know.
-> This is the greatest writing sample I have ever read.
Emi: Aww shucks!
Emi: Thank you for reading my writing sample!

This example is showcasing two possible conversations. The first one reads as:

Emi: Are you enjoying reading my writing sample?
You: Yes, I love your writing sample.
Emi: And I think I might... love you...
You: But we don't really know each other.
Emi: Sometimes you just know.
Emi: Thank you for reading my writing sample!

And the second one reads as:

You: This is the greatest writing sample I have ever read.
Emi: Aww shucks!
Emi: Thank you for reading my writing sample!

With this all in mind I hope you enjoy the next section of my writing sample!

Intro/Conversation with Your Friend Hazel Upon Arriving at Party House

Hazel: C'mon you're new, this is your chance to meet people.

-> You forced me to come, dude.

Hazel: If you keep that attitude, you're gonna have no **confidence**. Then you'll just be a sad little worm and nobody likes a sad little worm.

-> I guess you're right, but I'm not happy about it. (I am not happy about this)

Hazel: You wanted to talk to Ivy from science class. And she's here, tonight.

Hazel: Wait, my girlfriends calling me. Catch you later. (Walks off)

(She's right, I should make new friends here, but it's so hard to talk to new people. I wish I was home.)

Liam, The Party Host

Liam: New kid, you look like you're having fun! Haven't really gotten a chance to talk to you at school yet. People being nice?

-> Oh yeah, it's cool, I have, like, a ton of friends already.

Liam: Oh, nice. You must be cooler than me, I had, like, no friends for months when I hit 9th grade.

-> It's...kinda hard.

Liam: I get that. Hey, you see me at school, come say hi.

Liam: What do you do for fun though?

Liam: My dad and I are big Sasquatch fans, we go to all the games.

(I didn't even know we had a football team. Or is that a basketball team?)

-> Me too! I love our...defensive line.

Liam: Um, the Sasquatches are our basketball team...

Liam: It's okay if you don't like sports, new kid, I get it.

Liam: Hey I gotta get back to hosting, sorry.

-> I'm not a sports fan.

Liam: That's alright, new kid. I'm mostly into it to spend time with my Dad.

Liam: You do you!

Liam: Hey, I gotta mingle some more, but hit me up at school and tell me what you're into!

Theo, A Kid Studying For the SAT at a Party

First Encounter

Theo: Oh man, I'm so screwed. I'm taking the SAT tomorrow morning and for some reason I'm here right now, like an idiot. You! Help me with these practice questions. Please!!!

-> Sure!

Theo: Thanks, you're saving my future! Ok here's a question, is this sentence correct? "Hunger is a problem that effects millions worldwide."

->Yes

Theo: No, it should be “affects!” Are you trying to destroy my future?! First I fail the SAT. Then I don’t get into college. Then my future wife divorces me for spending our life savings on Idol Gashapon mobile games. -1 conf

->No

Theo: You’re totally right, it should be “affects”! Good eye new kid. I really appreciate you helping me study for this stupid test during a party of all places. A lot of people wouldn’t. +1 conf
-> No thanks.

Theo: I understand, most people wouldn’t want to do SAT questions during a party...

Second Encounter

Theo: My life is a series of terrible mistakes.

Theo: Can I please ask you an SAT question?

-> Sure you can.

Theo: You are saving my life.

Theo: Alright, “What is the probability of drawing an Ace or King from a deck of cards?”

-> 2/19

Theo: Did you just pull that number out of your ass?!

Theo: Am I just a joke to you?!

Theo: Sorry. I shouldn’t get so mad...

Theo: I’m just...

Theo: My family’s great failure!

(Oh man, I really should have paid more attention in math class.)

-> 1/13

Theo: That’s totally right!

Theo: I thought I was doomed, but now...

Theo: I am filled with hope!

(Oh wow, I must have really paid attention in math class that day.)

-> 5/12

Theo: Did you just pull that number out of your ass?!

Theo: Am I just a joke to you?!

Theo: Sorry. I shouldn’t get so mad...

Theo: I’m just...

Theo: My family’s great failure!

(Oh man, I really should have paid more attention in math class.)

-> I really don’t want to.

Theo: Of course, it’s a party.

Theo: I should probably stop asking people questions.

(Oh no! He looks even sadder than before!)

Third Encounter

Theo: Sorry if I bothered you before.

Theo: It’s crazy to ask people SAT questions at a party.

Theo: I’ve just been so stressed.

Theo: I shouldn't have come to this party but...

->But, there's somebody here you wanted to see?

Theo: It's so embarrassing but- do you know Leon?

->From the band?

Theo: The very one.

->You like him?

Theo:maybe...

->I could help you out.

Theo: You would really do that for me? Thanks so much! (I hope I can help him out!)

->He seems really weird.

Theo: Well thanks for your opinion.

(I think I made him mad...)

->That's really cool!

Theo: Well thanks I guess? I'm going to get back to studying.

(He still seems for stressed...)

->The theater kid?

Theo: No, that's Jeffery. I'm going to get back to studying.

(I think I insulted him.)

->The party host?

Theo: No that's Liam. Liam's cool I guess, but not like that. I'm going to get back to studying.

(It's not hard to remember all of these new names.)

->But you were afraid of missing out?

Theo: Sure I guess. Sorry I'm getting too distracted. I need to get back to studying.

(I think he had something else on his mind.)

Final Encounter

Theo: Leon asked me on a date!

Theo: Tomorrow!

Theo: Right after my SAT!!!!

Theo: I'm so excited! Thank you so much!

(For the first time all night Theo looks really calm.)

The Dog

Dog: Woof!

(He's a good boy!)

Dog: Woof! Woof!

(I love him so much!)

Dog: Woof! Woof! Woof!

(He fills me with a deep sense of self worth.)

The Band

First Encounter

Craig: And then we go on stage and just fuckin' shave our heads.

Grace: Hell yeah, that'd be siiick!

Leon: But what should we call our band?

Craig: New kid, what do you think we should call our band?

-> Windows 95

Grace: I am not going to be in a band that calls themselves fuckin' "Windows 95."

Leon: Thanks, but no thanks new kid.

(I thought it was a good name...)

-> Rip Van Twinkle

Grace: I am not going to be in a band that calls themselves fuckin' "Rip Van Twinkle."

Leon: Thanks, but no thanks new kid.

(I thought it was a good name...)

-> The Decent Gatsby

Grace: I am not going to be in a band that calls themselves fuckin' "The Decent Gatsby."

Leon: Thanks, but no thanks new kid.

(I thought it was a good name...)

-> Oh no! We lost our instruments!

Grace: I am not going to be in a band that calls themselves fuckin' "Oh no! We lost our instruments."

Leon: Thanks, but no thanks new kid.

(I thought it was a good name...)

-> Leon's Giant Balls

Grace: Oh hell yeah that's a sick name.

Craig: Leon does have giant balls!

Leon: My doctor says they are perfectly normal, but that I should keep my eyes on them.

(I can't believe that's the one they liked!)

Second Encounter

Grace: Yo, you're the kid that named our band...

Grace: What was it again?

Leon: I don't know, I'm stoned as fuck.

Craig: What's up?

-> I actually have a question for Leon.

Leon: Oh word? Ask away.

-> How big are your balls?

Grace: They're huge.

Leon: It's true.

(I don't think this was how I wanted this conversation to go...)

-> Do you know Theo?

Grace: DOES HE KNOW THEO!

Craig: HE WISHES HE KNEW THEO!

Grace: HAHAAHAHAHAHA!

Leon: Guys shut up. Y-yeah I know him. What about him?

-> Oh nothing, just wondering.

Leon: Oh...OK.

(I don't think this was how I wanted this conversation to go...)

-> I think he would like it if you talked to him.

Leon: You really think so?! I think I will!

Grace: Hell yeah! Get your man!

(I'm really glad I could help them!)

Anime Kid

First Encounter

Ace: So you think you're cool enough to approach me, tsk. I bet you haven't even watched Legend of the Galactic Heroes. Don't know what that is? It's an anime, the highest form of art- hmmf. You probably have never heard of it.

-> I know what anime is?

-> I actually really like anime.

I consider myself a real sommelanime. There's no chance you can match my knowledge. For instance question one: What is the name of Naruto's son?

-> Rawruto

Ace: Do you think anime is some sort of joke. I must laugh HAHAAHAHAHAHA.

Ace: At you. You are the joke. Baka.

-> Boruto

Ace: Hmm. You're better than I thought, but do you know the answer to this EXTREMELY challenging question? What is the nickname given to every main character in the greatest anime ever *JoJo's Bizarre Adventure*?

-> HoHo

Ace: That's a Pokémon you fool. I knew you couldn't match my wits tsk.

-> OhNo

Ace: You have fallen for my trap, as expected. I knew you couldn't match my wits tsk.

-> JoJo

Ace: Huh?! You.. you... Alright. I know you won't get this one you... you.. Punk!

What's my favorite Digimon?!

-> Agumon

Ace: A classic answer. For somebody who doesn't know anything at all! Better luck next time.

-> Patumon

Ace: A classic answer. For somebody who doesn't know anything at all! Better luck next time.

-> Why do you want to test my anime knowledge so bad?

Ace: I just wanted to bond with people about my greatest passion, but maybe I was being too harsh. Thanks for talking anime with me new kid.

Second Encounter

Ace: I hope you don't view me as purely one dimensional.

Ace: I also read manga.

(Of course he does)

Ivy, The Girl You Wanted to Talk To

Ivy: Hey new kid! I'm glad you could make it.

Ivy: I've actually been meaning to talk to you...

Ivy: ...but I've been a little nervous.

Ivy: Which is silly, cause, you're the new one.

Ivy: I was actually the new kid last year, so like, I get ya.

Ivy: But, well...hahaha, y'know.

-> I'm having a really good time.

Ivy: That's great. You seem really comfortable here, even if you're new.

Ivy: Y'know what they say: my home is your home.

Ivy: Well this isn't my house but you know what I mean.

Ivy: I hope it feels that way, eventually!

-> Thank you

(I think I'm going to like it here...)

->Will you marry me?

Ivy: ...

Ivy: What?

Ivy: You are way too drunk.

Ivy: I think you need to go home.

(I should definitely go home. And vomit. Vomit and go home.)

Nguoi La Writing Sample

Người Lạ is a cinematic 3D visual novel that follows the story of professional speedrunner Tien. Tien and her brother Duc have recently moved to Ho Chi Minh City. While Tien is preparing for a major tournament, an obsessive fan begins to creep into her life. The overall story acts as an homage to Alfred Hitchcock's 1951 thriller *Strangers on a Train*.

The following sample is a collection of scenes from throughout the game.

INT. ESPORTS ARENA - DAY

An esports match is going on. The crowd is going wild.
PHUONG, 25, is sitting down in front of a computer in the back.
A few volunteers surround Phuong when in walks TIEN, 29, and her
brother DUC, 19.

VOLUNTEER #1

OH MY GOD, it's Siren! She's so cute, I'm crying.

VOLUNTEER #2

Take this letter Tien... Ahh she took it! I love you so much! I've
been praying for you to win tomorrow's match every day.

PHUONG

Hey, I thought you wanted me to win!

Phuong walks towards them.

TIEN

Hey what's up?

PHUONG

Glad you're finally here!

Tien, Duc, and Phuong begin walking towards a table full of
computers.

TIEN

Yeah, I've just been mentally prepping to talk to you-know-who.

PHUONG

Huh... Do you want to talk about it?

TIEN

Yeah, but can we go somewhere a little more private? Duc mind
taking care of the fans for a bit?

DUC

Sure! Hi everyone!

VOLUNTEERS

Hi Duc!!

INT. BATHROOM - DAY

Tien is sitting on a closed toilet and Phuong is leaning against the sink.

TIEN

And after I moved to Vietnam to get the hell away from him, he's "coincidentally" touring in southeast Asia during *Sweet Games Played Fast East*.

PHUONG

Is 99 Dropping going to be in Saigon?

TIEN

You are not going to see them.

PHUONG

You are right and I'm sorry this is happening to you.

TIEN

I knew dating Jun was a mistake. He was too tall, charming, and handsome.

PHUONG

Something had to be wrong with him.

TIEN

And that something just *had* to be him being a manipulative piece of shit.

PHUONG

There's always something.

TIEN

Ugh...

PHUONG

Tien you are a strong and amazing person and the second best Quarter-Life speedrunner at this tournament.

TIEN

Rude.

PHUONG

No matter what happens, I have your back.

TIEN

I don't deserve you.

They hug.

EXT. RESTAURANT - DAY

While TIEN and DUC eat lunch, an American stranger named MAX intrudes on their meal. Though he acts uncomfortably familiar to the pair, Tien tentatively agrees to be interviewed by him for an esports documentary.

TIEN

Yeah... wait oh man it's 7!

MAX

What?

TIEN

Sorry Max, we actually have to run!

MAX

Oh okay...

TIEN

Thanks so much for dinner. We'll talk soon.

Tien and Duc stand up.

MAX

Oh before you go can I get your number so we can schedule the interview?

TIEN

Oh, yeah sure, it's XXX-XXX-XXXX.

MAX

Got it! Would you mind if we filmed it at your apartment? People would be really interested in what a famous speedrunner's bedroom looks like!

TIEN

Oh... I don't know... our place is a mess right now.

MAX

I'm sure it's fine! It would humanize you!

TIEN

I'll have to think about it... it was nice meeting you!

MAX

Good luck tomorrow!

Tien and Duc leave however Tien leaves her water bottle behind.
MAX sees it and then gets a call.

MAX

Hello?

MAX

No, I do not wish to speak with her.

MAX

Fine.

MAX

Hello mother.

MAX

I just finished dinner with my girlfriend and her brother.

MAX

If she wasn't real then how did I just buy her fucking dinner?!

MAX

Goodbye mother.

MAX

Love you too.

MAX

Bitch.

INT- TIEN'S APARTMENT - NIGHT

Shortly after a heated conversation with her ex-boyfriend JUN, TIEN looks for her water bottle while Duc is inside his bedroom on his computer.

TIEN

Duc have you seen my water bottle?

DUC

...

Tien walks into Duc's bedroom.

TIEN

Or it's okay, I'll find it... Good luck with your stream!

Tien leaves the room but the camera stays.

DUC

Hey everyone, the first map I'm going to be surfing on tonight is surf_cowfarm!

DUC

Oh wow! FrostedNugs thanks so much for the sub. I'm only four away from getting my second emote now!

DUC

Yeah, I don't know what it'll be. I like frogs a lot..

DUC

Oh you like frogs too? Frogs are awesome.

Tien's phone rings and she goes to pick it up.

TIEN

Hello?

MAX

Hey, just calling to make sure that thing you had to go to went well.

TIEN

Who is this?

MAX

It's Max!

TIEN

Oh, hey Max. Could we talk later? I'll add your number and we can schedule the interview later.

MAX

Is everything okay?

TIEN

Yeah.

MAX

Are you sure? You sound upset.

TIEN

Yeah I'm fine, just tired. Let's talk tomorrow.

MAX

Tien if something is wrong you can talk to me about it.

TIEN

No offense Max, but I don't really know you.

MAX

Does this have to do with Jiaheng being in Vietnam?

TIEN

Excuse me?

MAX

He's your ex right?

TIEN

Is this for your documentary Max, because I am not comfortable with that question. I'm going to go.

MAX

Wait! I'm sorry, sometimes I just talk without thinking.

TIEN

Don't worry about it, it's fine.

MAX

You're really cool Tien.

TIEN

Thanks Max, I hope you have a good night. Thanks for checking in.

MAX

I hope whatever was bothering you won't be a problem anymore. Good luck tomorrow.

Tien hangs up the phone.

DUC

Tien! Tien!

TIEN

What's wrong Duc?

DUC runs out of his room.

DUC

Tien did you know Jun is missing?! He hasn't tweeted in hours, which is unheard of for him. Nobody has heard anything from him since he was here.

TIEN

What? Where'd you hear that?

DUC

There are people raiding my stream saying he's probably staying with us during the 99 Dropping tour? Do you know anything about this?

TIEN

...

DUC

Tien?

Police sirens grow louder in the distance.