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WHAT IN THE WORLD?
IT CAN'T BE TIME ALREADY.

IT'S NOT POSSIBLE...

NOT ANOTHER DAY OF THAT JOB! I'LL GO CRAZY!

ALRIGHT ALREADY!
HOW DID MY LIFE TURN OUT LIKE THIS?

I HAD SUCH HIGH HOPES...

AN ADVENTURER...

A SKYDIVER...

INSTEAD I LIVE IN THIS TINY APARTMENT BUILDING...

AND SIT IN FRONT OF A COMPUTER ALL DAY.
I WISH I WAS ANYWHERE BUT HERE.

WHOA!!

AIDAN SLOWLY REGAINS CONSCIOUSNESS....

I'M AFRAID TO SEE THE DAMAGE.

HOW DID...?

WHAT THE...?
As he looked around,

Thump Thump Thump

Aidan's heart was trying to thump out of his chest.

I must be losing my marbles.

What is that noise?

Thunk Thunk Thunk

Oh no!

How is this happening?!

Can someone please explain what is going on?!
AHEM...

SCARE ME TO DEATH, WHY DON'T YOU?!

MWAAHAHA!

STOP!

YOU KNOW, YOU OUGHT TO BE MORE CAREFUL ABOUT WHAT YOU SAY...

YOU'LL END UP EATING YOUR WORDS.

HAVE A FORK...
IT'S ALL UP TO YOU REALLY, SO KEEP MUM UNLESS YOU MEAN IT.

SEE?....

TOLL BOOTH

BUT YOU'RE NEW HERE SO I'LL SHOW YOU THE ROPES.

SWOOSH
OH, PULL YOURSELF TOGETHER...

THANKS...

YEA, YEA. JUST TRY AND KEEP UP.

WHAT IS THIS PLACE?...

WHAT'S YOUR NAME ANYWAY?

NEVE

AND WHERE ARE WE GOING?!

NOW, I GUESS YOU'RE WONDERING WHAT THIS PLACE IS...
AIDAN FROZE...

RUSTLE

HOW DID YOU...?

OH NO! I'M SORRY! I SHOULDN'T HAVE SAID THAT!

WHOOOOSH

WHOA!

HOW DID THAT HAPPEN?

IF WE AFFECT TOO MUCH WITHOUT ACTIVELY CREATING IT OURSELVES, THE WORLD GETS...OUT OF CONTROL

YOU SHOULDN'T BE HERE, YOU SHOULD GO!

WALK OUT THE DOOR!

GO!
AIDAN WOKE WITH A START

NO. NO. NO. NO. NOO!

IT HAD TO BE REAL... IT FELT SO REAL...

IT WAS ALL SO FAMILIAR...

AND THEN IT DAWNED ON HIM

I IMAGINED IT ALL WHEN I WAS A BOY!

I CREATED THAT WORLD!

THAT'S AN INTERESTING THOUGHT! I'VE GOT TO GET BACK THERE!
I WISH I MAY, I WISH I MIGHT...

AS YOUR CREATOR, I COMMAND YOU TO LET ME BACK IN!

EVERYDAY AIDAN TRIED TO GET BACK TO THAT WORLD

HERE GOES NOTHING...

PRETTY PLEASE WITH CHERRIES ON TOP?

HE JUST COULDN'T FIGURE OUT THE RIGHT THING... UNTIL...

THINK, THINK, THINK!

I'VE GOT IT!!
NEVER SAID YOU HAVE TO ACTIVELY CREATE THINGS IN LIFE...

PHEW!

THIS WILL WORK

CREAK

I DID IT!

I AM JUST THE BEE’S KNEES!

AAAHH! I TAKE IT BACK! I TAKE IT BACK!
OW. I GUESS I NEED TO BE MORE CAREFUL... I CAN HANDLE IT, THOUGH

WHAT A RUSH!

THE WORLD IS MY PLAYGROUND!

I COULD FLY HIGHER THAN A KITE!

OR MAKE PIGS FLY!

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OH, I'M ON CLOUD NINE!

OR....

UH- OH.

WHAT HAVE I DONE?!
I thought I could control myself. It was just too tempting.

Aidan crawled into bed

With all his energy wasted...

Neve's going to kill me.

Beep Beep Beep

Urgh, I despise that clock...

Bomb Bomb Bomb

I should have listened to her... Nothing comes for free.

What am I going to do?

Oh my poor head is throbbing!
GET YOUR BUTT BACK HERE NOW. AND FIX THIS.

YOU GIVE IN AND GIVE UP THAT EASILY?!

WHY DON'T YOU DO SOMETHING WITH YOUR OWN LIFE INSTEAD OF RUINING MINE?!

FIX THIS! NOW!
WHAT DO YOU WANT ME TO DO ABOUT IT?!

I JUST DISCOVERED THIS PLACE!

YOU MADE THIS MESS, YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE THAT CAN FIX IT.

I CAN'T EVEN GET MY OWN LIFE TOGETHER. HOW CAN I FIX YOURS?...

AIDAN, YOU HAVE TO TRY. TAKE CONTROL!

YOU'RE RIGHT! I CAN BEAT THIS!

FIGHT BACK!
WE'LL HAVE TO USE WHAT WE'VE GOT!

THERE'S THE BIRD IN THE HAND. HE'S WORTH QUITE A BIT IN BATTLE.

WHAT KIND OF CAVALRY DO WE HAVE!?

THERE'S CURIOSITY. HE DID A NUMBER ON QUITE A FEW CATS.

AND THE ROLLING STONE CAN RUN THAT SCOUNDREL AROUND IN CIRCLES!
OH! JACK B. NIMBLE AND JAQUES B. QUICKE ARE HERE!

ALRIGHT! LET'S SHOW THIS MONSTER WHO'S BOSS!

JACK, JAQUES! DISTRACT HIM!

AY AY CAPTAIN!

YOU'LL NEVER CATCH US!

WOOSH RAWRR

HA!
CURIOSITY, YOU KNOW WHAT TO DO!

HUH?

BIRDIE, ROCKY! TANGLE 'EM UP!

ARRGH!

NOOO!
I CAN'T BELIEVE WE DID IT!

I CAN! YOU JUST NEEDED A PUSH!

NOW GO HOME!

JUST AS AIDAN AWOKE, HE RECEIVED A CALL FROM HIS BOSS...

HELLO?

WHAT?! YOU'LL QUIT WHEN PIGS FLY!

I QUIT!

FUNNY YOU SHOULD SAY THAT...

AIDAN!? WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN!? YOU'RE GOING TO GET FIRED!