VIRIDOS: AN OXFORD ARG

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1 EXT. COMPUTER SCIENCE BUILDING

MR. ALONSO (via transmission, happily)

Ah, there you are! Thank you so much for helping me out with the VIRIDOS project! The past few nights have been, uh, kinda busy as we scrambled to get this prototype ready, but now we're...somewhat confident in it. Let me show you how it works.

Tutorial for VIRIDOS mechanics

Tutorial of VIRIDOS mechanics play

CUT TO:

2 EXT. OXFORD ACADEMY

VIRIDOS heads towards the English Building. VIRIDOS begins telling the history of Oxford while moving.

VIRIDOS

Welcome, everyone, and thank you for taking the time to join us today. Oxford Academy is a Gold Ribbon School and a National Blue Ribbon School. It is ranked #2 in California and #19 in the nation by the US News and World Report in 2020. Please keep your hands, arms, feet and legs, inside your house while the robot is movi-

VIRIDOS suddenly glitches out and makes a sharp turn towards the Rosa Parks mural, smashing into it multiple times.

TRANSITION TO:

3 EXT. ENGLISH BUILDING, ROSA PARKS MURAL

MR. ALONSO (via transmission, visibly confused)

That...shouldn't happen. I swear I programmed it on a straight path... Could you take a look to see what's wrong?

PUZZLE #1 (VIRIDOS Glitch)

CUT TO:

4 EXT. ENGLISH BUILDING, ROSA PARKS MURAL

MR. ALONSO

(via transmission)
Hm, there's seem to be an odd script
in VIRIDOS's files now. Hopefully
that's just a one-off glitch hehe,
let's continue the test.

TRANSITION TO:

5 EXT. OXFORD ACADEMY, PORTABLES AND FIELD

VIRIDOS continues the tour, now heading up the right side of the English building towards the portables and the field. VIRIDOS tells about the biomed pathway and athletics.

VIRIDOS

Oxford is dedicated to career success as seen through our pathway programs. Here our biomed pathway takes its classes. Up ahead is our athletic facilities where our soccer field, baseball field, softball field, track, and...track...are...loca-

VIRIDOS glitches again and makes a sharp 180 turn, banging into the Rosa Parks mural once more.

TRANSITION TO:

6 EXT. ENGLISH BUILDING, ROSA PARKS MURAL

MR. ALONSO (via transmission, bewildered)

Huh, back here again? ...that's odd...there's some transmission sending data directly to the robot! No-one else should have access to control it... and why would they bring it here...? (short pause of confusion, then snaps back) A-Anyway, why don't you go and fix the robot.

PUZZLE #2 (VIRIDOS Glitch 2)

CUT TO:

7 EXT. ENGLISH BUILDING, ROSA PARKS MURAL

MR. ALONSO

MR. ALONSO (CONT'D) hopefully that's the last of any technical difficulties.

TRANSITION TO:

8 EXT. OXFORD ACADEMY, WORLD LANGUAGES BUILDING

VIRIDOS continues the tour once again now giving information about the world languages at Oxford.

VIRIDOS

Here at Oxford we offer both Spanish and Korean languages. Students take a Cultures and Conversations course in 7th grade to experience both-

VIRIDOS glitches again, now sputtering gibberish in Spanish and Korean

VIRIDOS

(gibberish)

dak bal , so bal , lechuga , sandia , an yong , ganso , eum ma eui sone mat

TRANSITION TO:

9 EXT. OXFORD ACADEMY, ROSA PARKS MURAL

VIRIDOS beelines for the Rosa Parks mural and slams into it again.

MR. ALONSO

(in confused annoyance)
Gosh darn robot, why won't you
work!? There's gotta be something
else wrong, I've checked the code 5
times now! Check the wall for
anything odd...maybe there's some
interference. Or what about those
weird files from earlier?

PUZZLE #3 (Rosa Parks Mural)

Upon completing the puzzle, the mural wall opens up, revealing a compartment. The communicator starts glitching out.

MR. ALONSO

(constantly cutting out)
Wait! My connection's breaking up!
What's going on?! I can't see!

The connection goes to static. Inside the compartment is a futuristic-looking shrine. On it is a beaten up composition notebook.

TRANSITION TO:

10 INT. ROSA PARKS MURAL SHRINE

Upon a quick flip through, PLAYER realizes that a big chunk of pages is torn out of the book. VIRIDOS glitches again, this time a voice different from VIRIDOS's default is heard. The communicator displays a dark silhouette with a computer-distorted voice. This is HOSHI REPRESENTATIVE.

HOSHI REPRESENTATIVE
To whoever finds this...we cannot
let Whitney uncover the findings to
Project Emerald. We have scattered
the most important pieces of
research throughout the school. If
you are reading this, find the
research...it is imperative in order
to conquer the Whitney Wildcats.
Pon't worry we will be there with

Don't worry, we will be there with you just continue your current tour test.

CUT TO:

11 EXT. OXFORD ACADEMY, ROSA PARKS MURAL SHRINE

MR. ALONSO

(via transmission)
Hello? Hello?? Ah finally I've got
connection again. I uh don't know
what went wrong there hehe you know
technology these days, but it seems
like I have things under control
finally. So before the robot
started glitching, we were going to
the English building. Let's continue
the tour there. Gosh darn robot,
I've got a lot of work to do on the
programming...

VIRIDOS starts moving into the English building.

TRANSITION TO:

12 I/E OXFORD ACADEMY, ENGLISH BUILDING

VIRIDOS continues the tour into the Oxford English Building.

VIRIDOS

Welcome to the English building. Not only are English classes taught here, but also our yearbook, ASB, and our school newspaper the Gamut meet in these classrooms as well.

MRS. FONG

(via transmission)

Hey, do you mind helping me with a quick problem I have?

TRANSITION TO:

13 INT. ENGLISH CLASSROOM (FONG)

The classroom appears normal, except for a few books scattered.

MRS. FONG

Hey, welcome to my classroom! Good thing you stopped by; my notes for Julius Caesar were scrambled for some reason. Can you help me with this?

PUZZLE #4 (English Puzzle)

PLAYER gets page 1 of composition book (see notebook doc for actual lines) http://kutt.toadtoad.xyz/OARGNotebookPages

CUT TO:

14 INT. ENGLISH CLASSROOM (FONG)

MRS. FONG

Thank you! Now I can continue with my lesson prep. Have a nice day!

HOSHI REPRESENTATIVE

(via transmission)
Good, I've seen you've found out
how we did our clues. You will
continue to see this throughout the
day; it's all part of the plan. Just
continue your tour.

CUT TO:

15 EXT. OXFORD ACADEMY, FRONT OFFICE

VIRIDOS

Here is the front office, the brains of Oxford. Our administrators work -

MR. HERNANDEZ

Ah there you are! I heard you'd be on campus today. Do you mind helping me putting up these posters?

TRANSITION TO:

16 INT. OXFORD ACADEMY, FRONT OFFICE PUZZLE #5 (FRONT OFFICE)

PLAYER gets page 2 of composition book from a safe

HOSHI REPRESENTATIVE

(via transmission)

Well done

CUT TO:

17 INT. OXFORD ACADEMY, MATH BUILDING (WORTHINGTON)

VIRIDOS heads towards the math building through the quad.

VIRIDOS

As we approach the math building, I'd like to take this opportunity to tell explain the different math tracks we-

MS. WORTHINGTON

Hey! Thought I'd catch you on campus testing the tour today. There's a paper on my desk that needs to be filled out. Do you mind doing it for me?

PUZZLE #6 (MATH SUDOKU)

PLAYER gets page 3 of composition book from a safe where combo is retrived from circled numbers on the solved puzzle.

CUT TO:

18 INT. OXFORD ACADEMY, SCIENCE HALLWAY
VIRIDOS continues the tour through the science hall

VIRIDOS

This is our science wing. We have a variety of courses and clubs associated with science.

VIRIDOS makes a sharp right into Ms. Tran's classroom.

TRANSITION TO:

19 INT. OXFORD ACADEMY, SCIENCE CLASSROOM (TRAN)

MS. TRAN

(via transmission)
Hey, how's it going? I got this slip
of paper this morning saying to look
at my periodic table but I don't
know what it means . Do you think
you can give it a shot?

PUZZLE #7 (SCIENCE)

PLAYER gets page 4 from compsition book from smoker thing Tran has

HOSHI REPRESENTATIVE

(via transmission)
Nice work, that's four clues down.
Keep going, hopefully Whitney hasn't
caught on yet...

TRANSITION TO:

20 INT. SCIENCE HALL, MOVING TOWARDS EXIT

VIRIDOS suddenly stops.

MR. ALONSO

Uh oh, what's goi--

The lights black out as the communicator and rest of the robot shut off, leaving a completely black screen. A light pulses on screen, saying "Using Emergency Power". The other HUD items fade in slowly, but now are more stripped down and "dark" in terms of design (more akin to a terminal look than a full GUI). The communicator plays static as the HOSHI REPRESENTATIVE hacks into it again.

HOSHI REPRESENTATIVE

(holding back panic)
...Look, something is wrong. We picked some strange signals fetching data from the robot. The IP address traces to Whitney. We think they're on your trail. It is imperative that you find the pages and find them quick. Go to classroom 30B. And be careful.

PUZZLE #8 (Blackout Puzzle)

Map of 300 building is displayed with the instructions "go to classroom 30B". Most of the rooms have 360° photos, but have nothing of interest (and the instructions don't disappear unless in 302). Clicking on Classroom 302 triggers the next cutscene.

CUT TO:

21 INT. WORLD LANGUAGE CLASSROOM (KIM)

VIRIDOS

Welcome to the Language Building. At Oxford we offer, Spanish and Korean languages. Additionally, we also have two of our pathways in this building Virtual Enterprise and Engineering.

MRS. STEPHAN goes onto the communicator.

MRS. STEPHAN How's the tour been so far? I know (MORE)

MRS. STEPHAN (CONT'D) you can't respond to that, but I just hope you're enjoying it. Huh, that's odd. The lights are out. Is everything okay there? Uh...anyway... Right now, we're in Mr. Kim's room, and did you know he has a stash of Choco Pies in that cabinet over there? It's too bad he put a lock on it...

MR. KIM

Actually, I didn't do that. Someone came in and locked it up, leaving a strange note on the desk. Hey, since you're here, why don't you check it out?

PUZZLE #9 (World Language Puzzle)

After opening the cabinet, a page is found with the Choco Pies.

MRS. STEPHAN Wait, what's tha--

HOSHI REPRESENTATIVE Good, you found the page. Now go to classroom D - 3, A - 1, E - 2 [103].

Same map system, this time with the 100 building.

CUT TO:

22 INT. OXFORD ACADEMY, HISTORY CLASSROOM (VOSSKUHLER)

MRS. VOSSKUHLER
Oh, hello. Glad you're here. When I
heard there was a blackout I decided
to check in on the classroom. For
whatever reason, someone threw a
safe into it. There's also a slip of
paper, but I can't read it from my
camera angle.

PUZZLE #10 (History Puzzle)

The slip of paper has a list of presidents. Using a poster in the room, you can figure out the code based on that. Or it could have text like "p4 p7 p 21" and on the poster, each president would have a letter underlined, so that would correspond to the actual code. Once the puzzle is completed, you get another page in the safe.

HOSHI REPRESENTATIVE
We've almost stopped Whitney from
(MORE)

HOSHI REPRESENTATIVE (CONT'D) getting into our system. It should be safe to say this now: go to the locker rooms.

CUT TO:

23 I/E. OXFORD ACADEMY, P.E LOCKERS

VIRIDOS

As we approach the locker rooms, I'd like to take this chance to let you know about the plethora of athletics Oxford offers. Despite us being an academic school, we do-

MRS. JENSEN (interrupting)

I thought I heard that tour robot, glad I caught you guys! The blackout must've done something funky; there are a bunch of posters that I haven't seen before! Maybe you guys can go check it out?

PUZZLE #11 (P.E Puzzle)

PLAYER receives page from composition book

HOSHI REPRESENTATIVE Okay, I think Whitney has lost our trail. Head to the custodial building for your next page.

CUT TO:

24 EXT. OXFORD ACADEMY, CUSTODIAL BUILDING

MR. VASQUEZ

Ah, glad to see our tour robot functioning despite the odd blackout. I thought you'd might want to take a look at this. All of my mops are all over the place for some reason!

PUZZLE #12 (Custodial Puzzle)

CUT TO:

25 EXT. OXFORD ACADEMY, QUAD

PLAYER receives page from custodian puzzle. VIRIDOS starts spewing random text/audio that becomes progressively glitchier. As the audio slows down and stops, the communicator glitches as a WHITNEY REPRESENTATIVE appears. Still a silhouette, but with a gradient yellow and black background.

WHITNEY REPRESENTATIVE

(devilishly)

We know who you are and what you're after. You will not succeed. Whitney will reign number 1! Stop now...or else...(pause)...By the way, we know where you are...

Using IP address, WHITNEY REPRESENTATIVE identifies the player's real life location. The communicator glitches again as HOSHI REPRESENTATIVE hacks back in.

HOSHI REPRESENTATIVE

(with urgency)

Hurry! They're onto us! You must find the rest of the research before it's too late! I'm sorry, I can't help you anymore until you find the rest of the pages; this connection just isn't safe anymore. The fate of our rankings is in your hands. I'll leave you with one last hint.

PUZZLE 13 (Morse Code)

Morse code decoder will be given on the side of the popup with room selection

VIRIDOS

HOSHI REPRESENTATIVE

...Shut up!

Oxford is part of the Anaheim Union High School District...

VIRIDOS's tour capabilities get cut off and disabled by the HOSHI REPRESENTATIVE.

CUT TO:

26 INT. OXFORD ACADEMY, CHOIR ROOM

MR. HOGAN

(shocked)

Glad I ran into you. I just received this cryptic email from someone from Whitney?? Do you know what's going on? You're free to use my piano if you feel like it.

PUZZLE # 14 (VAPA Puzzle)

MR. HOGAN

What an interesting tune. I hope everything will be alright; best of luck.

HOSHI REPRESENTATIVE Morse code to classroom G, A-1, B(702).

CUT TO:

27 INT. COMP SCI ROOM

MR. WAI

Ok, I was looking through the various pathway classrooms when all of the computers started glitching out. Only one of them works, but it's stuck on the same screen. It seems like it's an application to program something, but I'm not at the computer myself. Since your robot is on campus, can you see if you can figure it out?

PUZZLE # 15 (Pathway Puzzle)

The completed puzzle opens a compartment in the classroom with the page.

CUT TO:

28 EXT. OXFORD ACADEMY, QUAD

Player has completed the missing research and is assembling the pages. A cryptic poem is on the final page.

PUZZLE 16 (Project Emerald Cryptic Clue)

The message that emerges from Puzzle 16 is "Look by the stairs near the elevator".

HOSHI REPRESENTATIVE
Awesome, I"m so glad you were able
to piece it all together. The secret
is safe now, our engineers have
blocked Whitney's connection.

TRANSITION TO:

29 EXT. OXFORD ACADEMY, SCIENCE STAIRWELL BY ELEVATOR

Camera pans towards metal opening to secret room.

PUZZLE 17 (The Final Puzzle)

TRANSITION TO:

30 INT. SCIENCE STAIRWELL BY ELEVATOR

Camera pans to show the green polo sitting majestically in the center of the room. HOSHI REPRESENTATIVE now provides the history of Project Emerald. HOSHI REPRESENTATIVE

And there you have it, the glorious Green Polo, the results of Project Emerald. Our studies have shown that students who wear this polo are guaranteed to be the best Oxford student. You have clearly proven yourself worthy of the green polo through your efforts to thwart Whitney from getting possession of our coveted product. Thank you for everything, make us proud, go Patriots. HOSHI out

The communicator then comes online again with Mr. Alonso exasperated and relieved after finally figuring out how to reconnect with it.

MR. ALONSO

There you are, finally my systems are back online! What on earth has VIRIDOS gone through?? sigh, I guess I've got a lot of re-programming to do. Thank you for your help again, can't imagine what this poor robot's been through...

FADE TO BLACK

Final credits and leaderboard is shown. If this is the first place winner, maybe a video from Ms. Houston explains the green polo prize.

THE END