Process & Decision Documentation

Project/Assignment Decisions

Side Quests and A4 (Individual Work)

- Changing the project from a random win/lose game to a decision-based interactive story
- This change was made because random outcome did not reflect user intent or learning goals
- BONUS: User's stat was tracked through each choices and led to their own ending
- Removing the "night" screen to reduce confusion and simplify state transitions

GenAI Documentation

Date Used: Jan 30-31, 2026

Tool Disclosure: ChatGPT 5.2

Purpose of Use: I used GenAI to brainstorm narrative concepts, debug p5.js logic, refining game state structure, and help rebalance conditional logic for the ending/outcome.

Summary of Interaction: GenAI helped identify why certain game states and endings were unreachable, and suggested clearer condition thresholds. It also provides explanations for bugs related to missing functions, UI feedback issues, and logical errors.

Human Decision Point(s): I decided which suggestions to keep or reject based on whether they matched my intended narrative. I simplified suggested logic, such as removing a "night" screen, and redefine my variable condition because the original was unreachable.

Integrity & Verification Note: I tested all logic changes manually by playing through the game with different decisions. I also verified that conditions matched actual variable changes in the code.

Scope of GenAI Use: GenAI provided a framework for me to work on, all narrative text, logic choices, and structure decisions were adjusted by me. Final conditions were human directed.

Limitations or Misfires: Some suggested conditions initially did not account for how variables changed in my specific implementation. GenAI assumed more game states than I used. Repeated debugging was required to resolve UX issues.

Summary of Process (Human + Tool)

- I started with a provided random win/lose outcome game
- I brainstormed the narrative story with GenAI and added game states
- I repeatedly tested transitions and fixed bugs related to missing functions and routing errors with help of GenAI
- I removed a game state that was suggested by GenAI
- I adjusted variable logic after realizing some endings were not possible to get to

Decision Points & Trade-offs

- I chose a narrative story that provides simple options and is easy to follow
- I removed one game state to avoid unnecessary bugs and confusion
- I lowered condition thresholds so outcomes better reflected player intent

Verification & Judgement

- I playtested all possible choice to confirm each ending was achievable
- I asked other user to play the game and observe whether they get stuck or confused

Limitations, Dead Ends, or Open Questions

- The game does not store long-term memory beyond one playthrough
- It gets hard to keep track of variable status when more states or branching are added

Appendix

1st Iteration:

[insert game screen] This is a game that either show you win or lose randomly by clicking start. now I want to build an interactive story that unfolds through multiple game states and files. provide me some inspiration please

1st Response:

Love this direction — going from a binary **Win / Lose** to a branching interactive story is a *perfect* glow-up 🌱
I'll throw you **concept inspirations + how they could map to game states/files**, so it's easy to imagine building them.

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1. "The Button Knows" (Minimal, Psychological)

Vibe: Calm UI, unsettling narrative
Theme: Choice, agency, illusion of control

Core Idea

Every screen asks you to press a button. Each time, the *story text* reacts to your past choices — sometimes sarcastically, sometimes ominously.

Example States

- `start.js` – "Press START"
- `choiceA.js` – "You chose quickly."
- `choiceB.js` – "You hesitated."
- `observed.js` – "It noticed your hesitation."
- `ending_submit.js` – "You did exactly what it expected."
- `ending_resist.js` – "You tried to break the system."

Branching Twist

- If player **always clicks immediately** → ending about compliance
- If player **opens instructions repeatedly** → ending about curiosity
- If player **waits** (timer-based) → ending about resistance

✨ Great for exploring *game states as narrative memory*.

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2. “One Day Left” (Narrative, Relatable)

Vibe: Soft colors, introspective
Theme: Time pressure, priorities, modern student life

Core Idea

You have **one day**. Each choice moves time forward. You can’t do everything.

Example Choices

- Study for exam
- Help a friend
- Scroll social media
- Sleep

Example States / Files

- `morning.js`
- `afternoon.js`
- `evening.js`
- `night.js`

Each state:

- Displays story text
- Shows 2–3 choices
- Updates hidden variables like:
    - `stress`
    - `energy`
    - `relationships`

Endings

- Burnout
- Peaceful acceptance
- Regret
- Quiet success

💡 This pairs *really nicely* with your clean UI style and empathy-driven design instincts.

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3. “System Error: You” (Meta + Experimental)

Vibe: Glitchy, system UI
Theme: Identity, control, software metaphors

Core Idea

The game *thinks you’re a system process* that’s behaving incorrectly.

Game States

- `boot.js` – “Initializing…”
- `diagnostic.js` – “Anomaly detected.”
- `repair.js` – “Would you like to repair yourself?”
- `override.js` – “Manual override attempted.”
- `shutdown.js`
- `escape.js`

Branching Mechanics

- Saying **YES** too often → forced shutdown ending
- Saying **NO** repeatedly → system instability → escape ending
- Switching answers inconsistently → corrupted ending

✨ Very on-theme with **game states as state machines**.

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4. “The Interview” (Small, Clean Decision Tree)

Vibe: Neutral, professional, tense
Theme: Performance, perception, self-presentation

Core Idea

You’re in an interview. Every answer subtly shapes how the interviewer sees you.

Example Files

- intro.js
- question1.js
- question2_confident.js
- question2_honest.js
- question2_safe.js
- ending_offer.js
- ending_rejection.js
- ending_uncertain.js

Interesting Twist

The *same answer* can lead to different outcomes depending on:

- Prior confidence
- Prior honesty
- Whether you read instructions

This shows **branching + conditional logic** without exploding scope.

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5. “You Already Played This” (Loop-Based Narrative)

Vibe: Subtle déjà vu
Theme: Repetition, memory, cycles

Core Idea

The game loops back to the start… but remembers.

How It Branches

- First playthrough: normal
- Second: text references earlier choices
- Third: UI elements slightly shift
- Fourth: new option appears (“Break Loop”)

Files

- `start.js`
- `loop1.js`
- `loop2.js`
- `loop3.js`
- `true_end.js`

This is *fantastic* for demonstrating:

- Global state
- Save flags
- Narrative payoff

If you want a very manageable scope

I’d recommend:

3–4 main states + 2 endings + 1 hidden variable

That's enough to feel *rich* without becoming a logic nightmare.

Want help turning one of these into:

- A **decision tree diagram**?
- A **state map** (like: Start → Choice → Outcome)?
- A **file structure** for p5.js / JS?
- Or **UI text that matches your current Win/Lose aesthetic**?

Tell me which concept you're vibing with and I'll help you build it step by step 💛

2nd Iteration:

I like the second idea 'one day left', please provide me more details about how the story goes

2nd Response:

Yesss great choice — **"One Day Left"** is emotionally rich *and* very doable technically. I'll flesh it out as a **clear story arc + concrete choices + endings**, while keeping it flexible so you can still make it your own.

I'll break this into:

1. **Narrative premise**
2. **Time structure (game states)**
3. **Choices per state**
4. **Hidden variables**
5. **Endings**
6. **Why this works well for GBDA302**

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1. Narrative Premise

You wake up knowing today *matters*.

Not because of one big event — but because **everything you do competes for the same limited time and energy**.

The game never explicitly says *why* this day matters until the end.
It lets the player *project* their own meaning onto it.

“You don’t get to do everything.
You only get to decide what mattered.”

Tone: calm, reflective, slightly heavy — not dramatic, just honest.

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2. Time Structure (Game States)

The story unfolds across **four main states**, each in its own file.

start.js
morning.js
afternoon.js
evening.js
night.js
ending_*.js

Each state:

- Shows a short paragraph of story text
- Presents **2–3 choices**
- Advances time automatically

There is **no going back**.

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3. Detailed Story Flow & Choices

🟡 START — Awakening

Text example:

“You wake up earlier than usual.
There’s a strange pressure in your chest — not panic, just weight.
Today feels… limited.”

Button:

- **Begin the day**

🌅 MORNING

Text:

“Your phone lights up before you even sit up.
A reminder. A message. A calendar alert you’ve been avoiding.”

Choices:

1. **Study for the exam**
    - +Stress
    - +Responsibility
2. **Check your phone**
    - +Distraction
    - -Time
3. **Stay in bed a little longer**
    - +Energy
    - -Productivity

Small UI detail idea:

- A subtle clock icon advances slightly after choice.

☀️ AFTERNOON

Text changes *slightly* based on morning choice.

Example base text:

“The day moves faster than you expect.
You’re aware of the clock now — every hour louder than the last.”

Choices:

1. **Help a friend who reached out**
    - +Connection
    - -Time
2. **Keep working**
    - +Progress
    - +Stress
3. **Take a break**
    - +Energy
    - -Momentum

Narrative reacts subtly:

- If player ignored phone earlier → “You notice unread messages.”
- If they studied → “Your notes blur together.”

🌆 EVENING

Text:

“The light outside softens.
This is usually when you promise yourself you’ll slow down.”

Choices:

1. **Reflect / journal**
    - +Clarity
2. **Scroll endlessly**
    - +Numbness
3. **Prepare for tomorrow**
    - +Control
    - +Stress

At this point, the player *feels* consequences stacking up.

🌙 NIGHT (No Choice State)

Text only:

“You lie in the dark.
The day replays itself — not as moments, but as feelings.”

Then automatically transitions to an ending.

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4. Hidden Variables (Simple but Powerful)

You don’t show numbers — just track them.

Suggested variables:

- energy
- stress
- connection
- clarity

Each choice nudges these slightly.

This lets:

- The **same ending feel earned**
- The game feel reactive without complex logic

5. Endings (Emotion-Based, Not “Win/Lose”)

🌱 Ending: “You Did Enough”

Triggered by:

- Moderate stress
- Some clarity or connection

Text:

“Nothing extraordinary happened today.
And somehow, that’s okay.
You were present for the parts that mattered.”

🔥 Ending: “Burnout”

Triggered by:

- High stress
- Low energy

Text:

“You did everything you were supposed to do.
You just weren’t there for any of it.”

🌊 Ending: “Drift”

Triggered by:

- Low clarity
- High distraction

Text:

“The day passed gently.
So gently you barely felt it at all.”

💛 Ending: “Connection”

Triggered by:

- High connection

Text:

“The day mattered because someone else did.”

If you want next steps, I can:

- Draw a **decision tree diagram**
- Write **final polished story text**
- Help you define **exact variable thresholds**
- Map this into **p5.js gameState logic**
- Help you design the **instructions screen**

Just tell me what you want to build next — you’re *very* on track

3rd Iteration:

[insert original JavaScript files] Here is the code provided for me to work with, based on your suggestion, please help me revise the code

3rd Response:

Amazing — your existing structure is **clean and well-commented**. The good news: you **do not need to rewrite everything**. We're going to *evolve* it from:

random win/lose → time-based interactive story with endings

I'll walk you through this in a **safe, incremental way**, file by file, so nothing breaks.

🧠 Big Picture: What Changes?

Right now your logic is:

```
start → game → (random) win / lose → start
```

We will change it to:

```
start → morning → afternoon → evening → night → ending
```

Key ideas:

- Replace `game.js` with **story states**
- Replace `win` / `lose` with **ending screens**
- Add **hidden variables** (stress, energy, connection, clarity)
- Keep `main.js` as your router (it's already perfect for this)

1️⃣ main.js — Small but Crucial Changes

Your `main.js` is already doing exactly what we want
We only need to **expand** **`currentScreen`**.

🔧 Change this line:

```
let currentScreen = "start";
```

✅ To:

```
let currentScreen = "start";
// start | instr | morning | afternoon | evening | night | ending
```

🔧 Update draw router:

```
if (currentScreen === "start") drawStart();
else if (currentScreen === "instr") drawInstr();
else if (currentScreen === "morning") drawMorning();
else if (currentScreen === "afternoon") drawAfternoon();
else if (currentScreen === "evening") drawEvening();
else if (currentScreen === "night") drawNight();
else if (currentScreen === "ending") drawEnding();
```

Same idea for `mousePressed()` and `keyPressed()` routing.

👉 **You do NOT touch `setup()`, `draw()`, or `isHover()` logic.**

2️⃣ Global Story Variables (NEW)

Add these **at the top of `main.js`**, under `currentScreen`:

```
let stress = 0;
let energy = 0;
let connection = 0;
let clarity = 0;
```

These replace randomness with **meaningful accumulation**.

3️⃣ start.js — Rename, Don't Rewrite

Your start screen is great
Only change where START goes.

🔧 In `startMousePressed()`:

```
if (isHover(startBtn)) {
  currentScreen = "morning";
}
```

🔧 In `startKeyPressed()`:

```
if (keyCode === ENTER) {
  currentScreen = "morning";
}
```

Text change (optional but nice):

```
text("One Day Left", width / 2, 180);
```

4️⃣ Replace game.js → morning.js

Your current `game.js` logic is random-based
We **repurpose its structure**, not its logic.

🗂️ Rename:

game.js → morning.js

✨ Conceptual Change

Instead of **one button**, you'll have **3 choice buttons**.

✏️ Example `drawMorning()`:

```
function drawMorning() {
  background(230, 245, 240);

  textAlign(CENTER, CENTER);
  fill(40);
  textSize(32);
  text("Morning", width / 2, 140);

  textSize(18);
  text(
        "You wake up with a strange sense of pressure.\nWhat do you do?",
        width / 2,
        200
  );

  drawChoice({ x: 400, y: 320, w: 300, h: 70, label: "Study for exam" });
  drawChoice({ x: 400, y: 420, w: 300, h: 70, label: "Check phone" });
  drawChoice({ x: 400, y: 520, w: 300, h: 70, label: "Stay in bed" });
}
```

🎯 Input Logic:

```
function morningMousePressed() {
  if (isHover({ x: 400, y: 320, w: 300, h: 70 })) {
        stress++;
        currentScreen = "afternoon";
  } else if (isHover({ x: 400, y: 420, w: 300, h: 70 })) {
        clarity--;
        currentScreen = "afternoon";
  } else if (isHover({ x: 400, y: 520, w: 300, h: 70 })) {
        energy++;
        currentScreen = "afternoon";
  }
}
```

👉 Notice: **same hover logic, same routing pattern, new meaning**.

5️⃣ afternoon.js & evening.js (Pattern Repeat)

You now **repeat the same structure**:

Each file has:

- `drawX()`
- `XMousePressed()`
- 2–3 choices
- Each choice tweaks variables
- Moves to the next screen

This consistency is a **huge design win**.

6️⃣ night.js — No Choices

```
function drawNight() {
  background(20, 30, 50);
  fill(220);
  textAlign(CENTER, CENTER);
  textSize(24);

  text(
        "The day replays itself as you lie awake.\nNot moments — feelings.",
        width / 2,
        height / 2
  );
}
```

Input:

```
function nightMousePressed() {
  currentScreen = "ending";
}
```

7️⃣ Replace win.js / lose.js → ending.js

Your win/lose screens already show how to do **end states**
We merge them into **one evaluated ending**.

🧠 Ending Logic:

```
function drawEnding() {
  background(240);
  textAlign(CENTER, CENTER);
  textSize(28);

  let endingText = "";

  if (stress > 2 && energy < 0) {
        endingText = "You did everything.\nYou were there for none of it.";
  } else if (connection > 1) {
        endingText = "The day mattered because someone else did.";
  } else if (clarity > 1) {
        endingText = "Nothing extraordinary happened.\nAnd that was enough.";
  } else {
        endingText = "The day passed gently.\nSo gently you barely felt it.";
  }

  text(endingText, width / 2, height / 2);
}
```

Restart logic stays exactly the same as win/lose.

If you want next:

- I can **write all four story texts fully**
- Or help you **visually align buttons across screens**

- Or help you **limit to 2 choices per screen** for scope safety

You're not just "making it work" — you're designing it thoughtfully

4th Iteration:

[insert morning.js file that I modified] check if my morning.js is fixed correctly like what you suggested, if not, please tell me what needs to be fixed

4th Response:

You're **very close**, but a few things from the old *Win/Lose* logic are still hanging around and will cause bugs or confusion. I'll first **clearly point out what's wrong**, then give you a **clean, corrected** `morning.js` that matches the *One Day Left* design and plugs into your existing `main.js` perfectly.

🔍 What's NOT quite right yet (important)

❌ 1. Leftover random win/lose logic

These **should not exist** in a story-based screen:

```
triggerRandomOutcome();
currentScreen = "win";
currentScreen = "lose";
```

Your morning state should **always** move to `"afternoon"` based on choice — no randomness.

❌ 2. `morningKeyPressed()` still uses ENTER → random outcome

```
if (keyCode === ENTER) {
  triggerRandomOutcome();
}
```

There is no "default" choice in this story.
Keyboard input should either:

- do nothing, **or**

- map keys (`1`, `2`, `3`) to choices.

❌ 3. Unused / misleading code

```
const gameBtn = { ... };
function drawGameButton() { ... }
```

These are leftovers from `game.js` and **not used anymore**.
They won't crash anything, but instructors *will notice*.

❌ 4. `drawChoice()` is used but not defined here

This is fine **only if**:

- you already defined `drawChoice()` globally (recommended), or
- you plan to define it in another shared file.

I'll assume you want it reusable.

✅ What a CORRECT `morning.js` Should Look Like

Below is a **clean, instructor-friendly, final version**.
You can paste this directly in and replace your current file.

✅ Corrected `morning.js`

```
// NOTE: Do NOT add setup() or draw() in this file
// setup() and draw() live in main.js
// This file defines:
// 1) drawMorning() → visuals for the morning state
// 2) input handlers → player choices
// 3) NO random logic (story-based progression)

// ------------------------------
// Main draw function
// ------------------------------
// Called from main.js when currentScreen === "morning"
```

```
function drawMorning() {
  background(230, 245, 240);

  fill(40);
  textAlign(CENTER, CENTER);

  // Title
  textSize(32);
  text("Morning", width / 2, 140);

  // Narrative text
  textSize(18);
  text(
        "You wake up with a strange sense of pressure.\nWhat do you do?",
        width / 2,
        210
  );

  // Choice buttons
  drawChoice({ x: 400, y: 320, w: 300, h: 70, label: "Study for exam" });
  drawChoice({ x: 400, y: 420, w: 300, h: 70, label: "Check phone" });
  drawChoice({ x: 400, y: 520, w: 300, h: 70, label: "Stay in bed" });

  // Cursor feedback
  const hover =
        isHover({ x: 400, y: 320, w: 300, h: 70 }) ||
        isHover({ x: 400, y: 420, w: 300, h: 70 }) ||
        isHover({ x: 400, y: 520, w: 300, h: 70 });

  cursor(hover ? HAND : ARROW);
}

// ------------------------------
// Mouse input
// ------------------------------
// Called from main.js when currentScreen === "morning"
function morningMousePressed() {
  if (isHover({ x: 400, y: 320, w: 300, h: 70 })) {
        // Study
        stress++;
        clarity++;
        currentScreen = "afternoon";
  }
  else if (isHover({ x: 400, y: 420, w: 300, h: 70 })) {
        // Check phone
        clarity--;
        energy--;
```

```
            currentScreen = "afternoon";
  }
  else if (isHover({ x: 400, y: 520, w: 300, h: 70 })) {
            // Stay in bed
            energy++;
            stress--;
            currentScreen = "afternoon";
  }
}

// ------------------------------
// Keyboard input (optional, simple)
// ------------------------------
// Number keys map cleanly to choices
function morningKeyPressed() {
  if (key === "1") {
            stress++;
            clarity++;
            currentScreen = "afternoon";
  }

  if (key === "2") {
            clarity--;
            energy--;
            currentScreen = "afternoon";
  }

  if (key === "3") {
            energy++;
            stress--;
            currentScreen = "afternoon";
  }
}
```

Next (recommended order)

1. Duplicate this pattern for `afternoon.js`
2. Then `evening.js`
3. Then build `ending.js` (evaluation logic)

If you want, next I can:

- Review your **afternoon.js before you move on**

- Or write a **shared `drawChoice()` helper** to reuse everywhere

You're doing really solid work — this is the right level of polish

5th Iteration:

Provide a list of separate file that I should have and what they are

5th Response:

Great question — this is exactly the kind of clarity instructors love to see 👍
Here's a **clean, final file list** for your *One Day Left* project, plus **what each file does** and **why it exists**.

📁 FINAL FILE STRUCTURE (One Day Left)

```
index.html
main.js
start.js
instructions.js
morning.js
afternoon.js
evening.js
night.js
ending.js
ui.js   (optional but recommended)
```

🧠 File-by-File Breakdown

1️⃣ index.html

Purpose: Loads everything.

What it does:

- Loads p5.js
- Loads all JS files in order
- Creates the canvas via `main.js`

Why it exists:

- Entry point for the project
- Keeps JS modular and organized

2️⃣ `main.js` (Router / Controller)

Purpose: Controls the entire game flow.

What it does:

- Stores `currentScreen`
- Stores global story variables:
  - `stress`, `energy`, `connection`, `clarity`
- Calls the correct `drawX()` function
- Routes mouse and keyboard input
- Defines shared helpers like `isHover()`

Why it exists:

- Separates **flow control** from **content**
- Makes adding new screens easy

3️⃣ `start.js` (Main Menu)

Purpose: Entry into the story.

What it does:

- Shows title: *One Day Left*
- Buttons:
  - Start Day
  - Instructions

- Routes to `"morning"`

Why it exists:

- First impression
- Clear user onboarding

4️⃣ instructions.js

Purpose: Explains how to interact.

What it does:

- Explains clicking + keyboard controls
- Explains that choices affect outcomes
- Button to return to start

Why it exists:

- Accessibility
- Clarity for non-gamers

5️⃣ morning.js

Purpose: First decision point.

What it does:

- Introduces pressure & tone
- 3 choices (study / phone / rest)
- Modifies story variables
- Routes to `"afternoon"`

Why it exists:

- Sets emotional and mechanical baseline

6️⃣ afternoon.js

Purpose: Escalation of choices.

What it does:

- Focuses on time pressure
- Choices:
    - Help a friend
    - Keep working
    - Take a break
- Routes to `"evening"`

Why it exists:

- Shows trade-offs clearly

7️⃣ evening.js

Purpose: Reflection vs avoidance.

What it does:

- Slower, introspective tone
- Choices:
    - Reflect
    - Scroll
    - Prepare
- Routes to `"night"`

Why it exists:

- Emotional turning point

8️⃣ night.js

Purpose: Transition state (no choices).

What it does:

- Displays reflective text only
- Any click → `"ending"`

Why it exists:

- Gives space for consequence
- Builds anticipation

9️⃣ ending.js

Purpose: Narrative resolution.

What it does:

- Evaluates:
  - stress
  - energy
  - connection
  - clarity
- Displays one of several endings
- Allows restart

Why it exists:

- Replaces win/lose logic
- Demonstrates decision trees

🔟 `ui.js` (Optional but Smart)

Purpose: Shared UI helpers.

What it does:

- `drawChoice()`
- Shared button styles
- Cursor feedback helpers

Why it exists:

- Reduces repetition
- Cleaner files
- Easier visual consistency

(You can also keep `drawChoice()` in `main.js` if you prefer fewer files.)

🧩 How This Maps to Game States

Screen State	File
start	start.js
instr	instructions.js
morning	morning.js
afternoon	afternoon.js
evening	evening.js
night	night.js

ending	ending.js

If you want next:

- I can write `night.js`
- Or `ending.js`
- Or help you document this for your submission write-up

You’re doing *very* well — this is polished, thoughtful work

6th Iteration:

[insert my separate JavaScript files] Here are my code so far, nothing is displaying, please guide me through fixing the code for each file separately

6th Response:

Great, thank you for sharing **everything** — this makes it much easier.
You’re actually *very close*. The reason **“nothing is displaying”** is not because your logic is bad, but because **one missing function causes a JavaScript runtime error**, which stops p5 from drawing *anything*.

We’ll fix this **calmly, one file at a time**, in the *exact order you should debug*.
Please follow **Step 1** → **Step 6** in order.

🔴 ROOT CAUSE (Why nothing shows)

Your screens (`morning.js`, `afternoon.js`, `evening.js`) all call:

```
drawChoice(...)
```

But **`drawChoice()` is never defined anywhere**.

👉 In JavaScript, **one undefined function = entire sketch fails silently**.
That’s why you see a blank canvas.

So the plan is:

1. Fix the **fatal error** first
2. Then fix **missing handlers**
3. Then fix **ending interaction**
4. Finally sanity-check flow

✅ STEP 1 — Add `drawChoice()` (MOST IMPORTANT)

📍 Where to put it

Add this **at the bottom of** **`main.js`** (best place), **after** **`isHover()`**.

✅ Add this EXACT function:

```
// ------------------------------------------------------------
// Shared UI helper: drawChoice()
// ------------------------------------------------------------
// Draws a clickable choice button used by story screens
function drawChoice({ x, y, w, h, label }) {
  rectMode(CENTER);

  const hover = isHover({ x, y, w, h });

  noStroke();
  fill(hover ? color(180, 210, 255) : color(200, 225, 255));
  rect(x, y, w, h, 14);

  fill(40);
  textAlign(CENTER, CENTER);
  textSize(22);
  text(label, x, y);
}
```

📌 Why this fixes the blank screen

- `drawMorning()` calls `drawChoice()`
- Without it → JS error → nothing draws

- With it → all story screens can render

👉 **Refresh after this step**.
You should now see the **Start screen**.

✅ STEP 2 — Fix `ending.js` (Missing input handlers)

Your `ending.js` only has `drawEnding()`
But in `main.js`, you route to:

```
endingMousePressed();
endingKeyPressed();
```

These **do not exist**, which will crash *once you reach the ending*.

✅ Fix `ending.js`

Replace your file with this:

```
function drawEnding() {
  background(240);
  fill(40);
  textAlign(CENTER, CENTER);
  textSize(28);

  let endingText = "";

  if (stress > 2 && energy < 0) {
	endingText = "You did everything.\nYou were there for none of it.";
  } else if (connection > 1) {
	endingText = "The day mattered because someone else did.";
  } else if (clarity > 1) {
	endingText = "Nothing extraordinary happened.\nAnd that was enough.";
  } else {
	endingText = "The day passed gently.\nSo gently you barely felt it.";
  }

  text(endingText, width / 2, height / 2 - 40);

  textSize(16);
  text("Click or press R to restart", width / 2, height / 2 + 80);
}
```

```
function endingMousePressed() {
  resetGame();
}

function endingKeyPressed() {
  if (key === "r" || key === "R") {
	resetGame();
  }
}

function resetGame() {
  stress = 0;
  energy = 0;
  connection = 0;
  clarity = 0;
  currentScreen = "start";
}
```

✅ STEP 3 — Fix `night.js` (Missing keyboard handler)

Your `night.js` has no `nightKeyPressed()`
But `main.js` **always calls it**.

✅ Add this to `night.js`:

```
function nightKeyPressed() {
  currentScreen = "ending";
}
```

Now night works with **mouse + keyboard**.

✅ STEP 4 — Instructions screen text (Not broken, but outdated)

Your instructions still say:

“You have a chance to win or lose!”

Not a bug — but misleading.

✅ Replace instruction text with:

```
const lines =
  "Make choices throughout the day.\n" +
  "Your decisions affect how the story ends.\n\n" +
  "Click buttons or use number keys.";
```

This won’t break anything, just improves clarity.

✅ STEP 5 — Sanity-check `main.js` (You’re 95% correct)

Your `main.js` is **structurally correct**
Once `drawChoice()` exists, routing will work.

Only optional improvement (not required):

🔹 Safer input routing

To avoid future crashes, you *could* use optional chaining:

```
else if (currentScreen === "night") nightMousePressed?.();
```

But this is optional — your current version is fine now that handlers exist.

✅ STEP 6 — Load order check (index.html)

Make sure your `index.html` loads files in this order:

```
<script src="p5.js"></script>
<script src="main.js"></script>
<script src="start.js"></script>
<script src="instructions.js"></script>
<script src="morning.js"></script>
<script src="afternoon.js"></script>
<script src="evening.js"></script>
<script src="night.js"></script>
<script src="ending.js"></script>
```

📌 `main.js` **must load before** other files so globals exist.

✅ What should work AFTER these fixes

You should now be able to:

1. See **Start screen**
2. Click **START**
3. Progress through:
    - Morning → Afternoon → Evening → Night → Ending
4. Restart cleanly
5. Use mouse *or* keyboard

🧠 Key takeaway (important for debugging mindset)

When *nothing* renders in p5.js, always suspect:

- missing function
- undefined variable
- load order

You did **everything else right** — this was a classic, very normal bug.

Next, I can:

- Help you add **console debugging habits**
- Polish typography & spacing
- Help you write the **design rationale** for submission

You handled a real dev moment here — nicely done 🌱

7th Iteration:

still nothing showing after completing steps 1-6

7th Response:

Got it — thank you for sticking with this. When **absolutely nothing shows even after fixing logic**, that means we're dealing with a **foundational boot issue**, not a story-state issue.

We're going to debug this like a real dev, **top-down**, and I promise we'll find it.
I'll guide you **one file at a time**, starting with the only place that can cause *total silence*.

🚨 CRITICAL REALITY CHECK

If **nothing appears at all** (not even a blank colored canvas), then:

❗ `setup()` is not running

That means **p5.js is not initializing**, which can ONLY be caused by:

1. `index.html` problems
2. Script load order problems
3. File name / path mismatch
4. A syntax error that prevents JS from parsing *before* setup runs

So we **stop touching story files** for now.

✅ STEP 0 — ONE-LINE TEST (Do this first)

Open **`main.js`** and add this at the VERY TOP:

```
console.log("main.js loaded");
```

Then refresh the page.

❓ Tell me what happens:

- Do you see **“main.js loaded”** in the browser console?
  - ○ ✅ YES → go to Step 1
  - ○ ❌ NO → index.html is broken (very likely)

👉 This single check saves 20 minutes of guessing.

✅ STEP 1 — Check the browser console (MANDATORY)

Open DevTools:

- **Mac:** `Cmd + Option + J`
- **Windows:** `Ctrl + Shift + J`

Look for **RED error messages**.

Common ones I expect based on your code:

- `Uncaught ReferenceError: drawChoice is not defined`
- `Uncaught ReferenceError: drawStart is not defined`
- `Uncaught SyntaxError`

👉 **Copy the first red error exactly** if you see one.

If there are **NO errors**, continue.

✅ STEP 2 — Verify `index.html` (THIS IS MOST LIKELY THE ISSUE)

You haven’t shown it yet, and statistically, this is where things break.

Your `index.html` **must look like this structure**:

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html lang="en">
  <head>
        <meta charset="utf-8" />
        <title>One Day Left</title>
  </head>
  <body>
        <!-- p5 library -->
        <script src="p5.js"></script>

        <!-- YOUR FILES (ORDER MATTERS) -->
        <script src="main.js"></script>
        <script src="start.js"></script>
        <script src="instructions.js"></script>
        <script src="morning.js"></script>
        <script src="afternoon.js"></script>
        <script src="evening.js"></script>
        <script src="night.js"></script>
        <script src="ending.js"></script>
  </body>
</html>
```

🚫 Common silent killers

Check carefully:

- ❌ `p5.min.js` vs `p5.js` mismatch
- ❌ Files inside `/js/` folder but script tag not updated
- ❌ Capitalization mismatch (`Morning.js` ≠ `morning.js`)
- ❌ Missing `<script src="main.js"></script>`

👉 **If one filename is wrong, nothing runs.**

✅ STEP 3 — Force a visual proof (Canvas sanity test)

In **main.js**, temporarily replace your `draw()` with this:

```
function draw() {
  background(255, 0, 0);
}
```

Refresh.

Expected result:

- 🔴 **Red canvas fills the screen**

If you **do not see red**:
➡️ p5 is not loading → index.html or p5.js path is broken

If you **do see red**:
➡️ p5 works → logic issue (go to Step 4)

✅ STEP 4 — Verify `drawStart()` exists at runtime

Restore your original `draw()` and then add:

```
function draw() {
  background(0);
  fill(255);
  text("DEBUG DRAW", 100, 100);

  if (currentScreen === "start") {
        console.log("Calling drawStart");
        drawStart();
  }
}
```

Refresh and check console.

Outcomes:

- ❌ Error: `drawStart is not defined`
  → `start.js` not loaded or filename mismatch
- ✅ Console logs appear but nothing drawn
  → drawing logic issue

- ❌ Nothing logs
  → draw() never runs → setup broken

✅ STEP 5 — The ONE missing thing most students forget

Where are you opening the project from?

If you are:

- ❌ Double-clicking `index.html`
- ❌ Using Finder / File Explorer

👉 p5 *usually works*, but **some browsers block script loading**.

✅ Correct way (recommended):

- Use **VS Code + Live Server**
- OR run a local server:

```
python3 -m http.server
```

Then open:

```
http://localhost:8000
```

🔍 Why I'm confident this is solvable

Your JS logic is:

- ✔ syntactically correct
- ✔ consistently structured
- ✔ state-machine sound

This is **not** a design failure — it's a boot / load issue.

🔁 Your next reply (very important)

Please reply with **ONE of these**:

1. The **first red console error**
2. Confirmation whether **red canvas appears**
3. Your **index.html contents**

Once I see that, I can pinpoint the exact line causing the blackout — no guessing, no rewrites.

You're doing the right thing by debugging methodically. This is real dev work, and you're handling it well

8th Iteration:

I tried to remove night screen, but I got stuck once Im on evening screen, and it wont lead to ending screen

8th Response:

Perfect — this is a **very specific, very fixable** stuck point 👍
If you can **reach the evening screen but clicking does nothing**, that narrows it down a lot.

I'll walk you through this **surgically**, no guessing.

🔍 WHAT THIS SYMPTOM MEANS

"I see the evening screen, but it won't go to the ending screen"

This means:

- ✅ `drawEvening()` is running
- ❌ `eveningMousePressed()` is **not being triggered**, **or**

- ❌ it *is* triggered but **never switches `currentScreen`, or**
- ❌ `ending` is not properly wired in `main.js`

We’ll verify these **one by one**.

✅ STEP 1 — Confirm `eveningMousePressed()` is being called

🔧 Temporary debug test (VERY IMPORTANT)

Open **`evening.js`** and add this **at the top of `eveningMousePressed()`**:

```
function eveningMousePressed() {
  console.log("Evening mouse pressed");

  if (isHover({ x: 400, y: 360, w: 340, h: 70 })) {
      clarity++;
      stress--;
      currentScreen = "ending";
  }
  else if (isHover({ x: 400, y: 460, w: 340, h: 70 })) {
      clarity--;
      energy--;
      currentScreen = "ending";
  }
  else if (isHover({ x: 400, y: 560, w: 340, h: 70 })) {
      stress++;
      clarity++;
      currentScreen = "ending";
  }
}
```

👉 Now:

1. Open DevTools console
2. Click **anywhere** on the evening screen

❓ What happens?

Case A: Nothing logs

➡️ `eveningMousePressed()` is NOT being called
→ go to **Step 2**

Case B: “Evening mouse pressed” logs

➡️ Function is called
→ go to **Step 3**

✅ STEP 2 — Fix `main.js` routing (MOST COMMON ISSUE)

Open **`main.js`** and check `mousePressed()`.

🔴 It MUST include this line EXACTLY:

```
else if (currentScreen === "evening") eveningMousePressed();
```

📌 Common mistakes:

- Typo: `"Evening"` instead of `"evening"`
- Function name mismatch (`eveningMousePress` vs `eveningMousePressed`)
- Line missing entirely after removing `night`

👉 If this line is missing or wrong, **the click will never fire**.

After fixing, refresh and retest Step 1.

✅ STEP 3 — Check hover boxes (VERY COMMON)

If `eveningMousePressed()` **does log**, but clicking buttons does nothing:

🔴 Your hover boxes may not match the drawn buttons

In `drawEvening()` you draw buttons at:

```
y: 360
y: 460
y: 560
```

Make sure `isHover()` uses **the exact same values**.

✅ Correct (they match in your code):

```
isHover({ x: 400, y: 360, w: 340, h: 70 })
```

❌ If *any* number differs → clicks won't register.

👉 Copy–paste coordinates directly from `drawChoice()` calls to avoid mismatch.

✅ STEP 4 — Confirm `ending` exists and is routable

In **`main.js`**, verify ALL of the following:

1️⃣ `draw()` includes ending:

```
else if (currentScreen === "ending") drawEnding();
```

2️⃣ `mousePressed()` includes ending:

```
else if (currentScreen === "ending") endingMousePressed();
```

3️⃣ `ending.js` defines:

```
function endingMousePressed() { ... }
```

📌 If any of these are missing → transition silently fails.

✅ STEP 5 — Force a hard test (no hover)

To rule out hover issues completely, do this **temporary test**:

In `eveningMousePressed()` replace everything with:

```
function eveningMousePressed() {
  console.log("FORCING ENDING");
  currentScreen = "ending";
}
```

Click anywhere.

Results:

- ✅ Goes to ending → hover math issue
- ❌ Still stuck → routing or screen string mismatch

This test is **extremely powerful**.

✅ STEP 6 — The #1 silent killer: string mismatch

Check **EVERYWHERE**:

```
currentScreen = "ending";
```

AND

```
if (currentScreen === "ending")
```

⚠️ These must match **character for character**:

- `"ending" ≠ "Ending"`
- `"ending " ≠ "ending"`

JavaScript will not warn you.

🧠 Why I’m confident this will fix it

You already:

- Draw the evening screen correctly
- Have valid button visuals
- Have correct story logic

This means the bug is **100% in routing or hover detection**, not design.

🔁 Your next reply (super important)

Please tell me **exactly one thing**:

- Do you see `"Evening mouse pressed"` in the console or not?

From that single answer, I can pinpoint the exact broken line and give you the final fix in one shot

9th Iteration:

now it works. please also check over my condition:

```
if (stress > 2 && energy < 0) {
endingText = "You did everything.\nYou were there for none of it.";
} else if (connection > 1) {
endingText = "The day mattered because someone else did.";
} else if (clarity > 1) {
endingText = "Nothing extraordinary happened.\nAnd that was enough.";
} else {
endingText = "The day passed gently.\nSo gently you barely felt it.";
}
```

the first two options never appeared. please tell me orders that would make them appear (as a way to test)

9th Response:

Yesss 🎉 glad it's working now — huge milestone.

You're asking exactly the *right* question next: **"Are my endings actually reachable?"** Short answer: your logic is *correct*, but **some endings are much harder to reach than others given your current numbers**.

Let's break it down calmly and concretely, then I'll give you **exact click orders you can use to test each ending**.

🔍 Your ending logic (recap)

```
if (stress > 2 && energy < 0) {
  // Burnout
} else if (connection > 1) {
  // Connection
} else if (clarity > 1) {
  // Enough
} else {
  // Drift
}
```

Important facts about this structure:

1. **Order matters**
   JS stops at the *first* true condition.
2. Some variables are **harder to push past thresholds** in only 3 screens.
3. Your choices often **increase clarity**, which causes the *third* condition to "steal" outcomes.

✅ ENDING 1 — "You did everything…" (Burnout)

Condition

stress > 2 AND energy < 0

That means:

- stress must be **3 or more**
- energy must be **-1 or lower**

Why it almost never appears

You only have **3 decision screens** (morning, afternoon, evening).
Most stress increases are +1, and some choices *reduce* stress or increase energy.

✅ Exact test path to FORCE this ending

Morning

- 👉 Study for exam
  stress +1, clarity +1

Afternoon

- 👉 Keep working
  stress +1, clarity +1

Evening

- 👉 Prepare for tomorrow
  stress +1, clarity +1

Now add **energy loss** (this is the tricky part):

If earlier you also chose:

- Afternoon: *Help a friend* (energy--)
- Evening: *Scroll endlessly* (energy--)

🔢 Example final values

stress = 3
energy = -1

✅ Burnout ending appears.

📌 **Why this is hard:**
You only have *one* strong energy-drain path unless you deliberately avoid resting.

✅ ENDING 2 — “The day mattered because someone else did.” (Connection)

Condition

connection > 1

So:

- connection must be **2 or more**

Why it never appeared for you

Only **one screen** currently increases connection:

```
// Afternoon
connection++;
```

So connection maxes out at **1** → condition never true.

🔧 Two ways to fix this (pick ONE)

✅ Option A — Easier testing (recommended)

Lower the threshold:

```
else if (connection > 0) {
```

Now **one "Help a friend"** choice will trigger it.

✅ Option B — Add another connection source

For example, in `evening.js`:

```
// Reflect / journal
connection++;
clarity++;
```

Now this path works:

Afternoon

- Help a friend (+1 connection)

Evening

- Reflect / journal (+1 connection)

➡️ `connection = 2` → ending appears

✅ ENDING 3 — "That was enough." (Clarity)

Condition

```
clarity > 1
```

This one appears a lot because:

- Morning: Study (+1)
- Afternoon: Keep working (+1)
- Evening: Prepare (+1)

Clarity is very easy to stack, so this ending **often overrides** others.

⚠️ Why the first two get “stolen”

Because your logic checks in this order:

Burnout → Connection → Clarity → Drift

But clarity grows fastest.

So unless:

- Burnout is **very clearly true**, or
- Connection threshold is reachable,

the game falls into the clarity ending first.

✅ RECOMMENDED TEST-FRIENDLY ORDER (BEST PRACTICE)

For development/testing, I strongly recommend this temporary order:

```
if (stress > 2 && energy < 0) {
  // Burnout
} else if (clarity > 1) {
  // Enough
} else if (connection > 0) {
  // Connection
} else {
  // Drift
}
```

Then once you're happy, you can switch back for submission.

🧠 Design takeaway (this is a GOOD sign)

You just discovered something important:

Narrative outcomes are constrained by math, not intention.

That's *exactly* what your project is about — limited time, limited capacity, tradeoffs.

This isn't a bug.
It's a **systems design insight**, and instructors love that.

If you want, next I can:

- Help you rebalance numbers so **all endings are equally reachable**
- Or help you **document this tradeoff** in your reflection (huge bonus)
- Or help you add a **debug overlay** to show variable values live

You're thinking like a designer *and* a developer now — seriously well done

10th Iteration:

Please help me reset my condition so that the outcome likely matches user decision, right now the first two is not showing up

10th Response:

Great instinct — this is exactly the moment where **systems design** matters more than code syntax.
Your intuition is right: *right now the math does not reflect the story*, so some endings feel unreachable or misleading.

I'll do this in three clear steps:

1. **Explain why your current conditions fail**
2. **Give you a reset set of conditions that match player intent**
3. **Show concrete test paths for each ending**

No refactor needed — just smarter thresholds + ordering.

1️⃣ Why your current conditions don't match user decisions

Your current logic:

```
if (stress > 2 && energy < 0) {
  // Burnout
} else if (connection > 1) {
  // Connection
} else if (clarity > 1) {
  // Enough
} else {
  // Drift
}
```

What's going wrong

❌ *Burnout is too strict*

- `stress > 2` requires **3 stress**
- `energy < 0` requires **negative energy**
- With only **3 decision screens**, that combo is rare unless the player *min-maxes badly*

❌ *Connection is mathematically unreachable*

- You only increment `connection` **once**
- `connection > 1` can literally never happen

❌ *Clarity steals everything*

- Clarity is very easy to build
- Since it's checked before Drift, it absorbs most runs

So the *system* contradicts the *story*.

2️⃣ Reset conditions that MATCH user intent (recommended)

Below is a **clean, intention-based evaluation**.

🔑 Design principle

“What did the player mostly prioritize?”

Not:

- absolute numbers
  But:
- **dominant pattern of behavior**

✅ NEW ENDING LOGIC (DROP-IN REPLACEMENT)

```
// Burnout: pushed too hard without recovery
if (stress >= 2 && energy <= 0) {
  endingText = "You did everything.\nYou were there for none of it.";
}

// Connection: chose people over productivity
else if (connection >= 1 && stress <= 1) {
  endingText = "The day mattered because someone else did.";
}

// Enough: balanced effort and reflection
else if (clarity >= 2) {
  endingText = "Nothing extraordinary happened.\nAnd that was enough.";
}

// Drift: avoidance / disengagement
else {
  endingText = "The day passed gently.\nSo gently you barely felt it.";
}
```

Why this works

- ✔ Burnout is now **reachable**

- ✔ Connection only requires **one intentional social choice**
- ✔ Clarity still matters, but doesn’t override everything
- ✔ Drift becomes a *real* outcome, not a default

3️⃣ Exact test paths (so you can verify immediately)

🔥 Burnout — “You did everything…”

Morning

- Study (stress +1, clarity +1)

Afternoon

- Keep working (stress +1, clarity +1)

Evening

- Prepare for tomorrow (stress +1)

➡️ Result:

stress = 3
energy = 0

✅ Burnout triggers

💛 Connection — “The day mattered because someone else did.”

Morning

- Stay in bed (energy +1)

Afternoon

- Help a friend (connection +1, energy -1)

Evening

- Reflect / journal (clarity +1)

➡️ Result:

connection = 1
stress = 0–1

✅ Connection triggers

🌱 Enough — “That was enough.”

Morning

- Study (clarity +1)

Afternoon

- Keep working (clarity +1)

Evening

- Reflect / journal (clarity +1)

➡️ Result:

clarity = 3

✅ Enough triggers

🌫️ Drift — “The day passed gently…”

Morning

- Check phone

Afternoon

- Take a break

Evening

- Scroll endlessly

➡️ Result:

low stress, low clarity, low connection

✅ Drift triggers

Optional (but powerful): add a debug overlay while testing

```
textSize(12);
text(
  `stress:${stress} energy:${energy} clarity:${clarity} connection:${connection}`,
  width / 2,
  height - 30
);
```

Remove it before submission.

If you want next:

- I can help you **rebalance variable gains**
- Or help you **justify this system in your reflection**
- Or help you **polish ending text tone**

You've crossed from "making it work" into **intentional system design** — that's the real win here 💛

11th Iteration:

burnout still not showing, help me identify the problem

11th Response:

Perfect, thank you for sticking with this — and you're not crazy 😅
I've now looked at **your actual variable changes across files**, and I can tell you **exactly why Burnout still never shows**.

This is a **logic + math mismatch**, not a bug.

🔴 THE REAL REASON BURNOUT NEVER TRIGGERS

Your current Burnout condition is:

```
if (stress >= 2 && energy <= 0)
```

But here's the key issue:

👉 **With your current choices, `energy` almost never goes below 0.**

Let's prove it by walking through your code.

🔍 How `energy` actually behaves in YOUR game

Morning (`morning.js`)

- Study → no energy change
- Check phone → `energy--`
- Stay in bed → `energy++`

Afternoon (`afternoon.js`)

- Help a friend → `energy--`
- Keep working → no energy change
- Take a break → `energy++`

Evening (`evening.js`)

- Reflect → no energy change
- Scroll endlessly → `energy--`
- Prepare for tomorrow → no energy change

🔢 Best possible "burnout" path (math)

Let’s try to *intentionally* tank energy:

Morning

- Check phone → energy = -1

Afternoon

- Help a friend → energy = -2

Evening

- Scroll endlessly → energy = -3

✅ Energy is low enough

BUT — look at stress on this path:

- Morning: Check phone → no stress
- Afternoon: Help friend → no stress
- Evening: Scroll → no stress

➡️ stress = 0

❌ Burnout fails because stress is NOT high.

🔄 Now try to raise stress

Morning

- Study → stress = 1

Afternoon

- Keep working → stress = 2

Evening

- Prepare for tomorrow → stress = 3

➡️ energy = 0

❌ Burnout fails because energy is NOT low.

💥 CONCLUSION (THIS IS THE CORE PROBLEM)

Your design never allows high stress AND low energy at the same time.

The system literally cannot produce that state.

That’s why Burnout *cannot* appear.

This is actually a **great design insight**, not a mistake.

✅ THE CORRECT FIX (Minimal, Intentional)

You have **two clean options**.
I strongly recommend **Option A**.

🟢 OPTION A (RECOMMENDED): Redefine Burnout realistically

Burnout doesn’t require *negative energy* — it requires **high stress regardless of rest**.

✅ New Burnout condition (DROP-IN FIX)

```
if (stress >= 3) {
  endingText = "You did everything.\nYou were there for none of it.";
}
```

Why this works

- Stress is the *true signal* of burnout
- Energy is already indirectly represented by choices
- Burnout becomes **reachable and meaningful**

✅ Test path

- Morning → Study

- Afternoon → Keep working
- Evening → Prepare for tomorrow

➡️ `stress = 3` → Burnout appears

🟡 OPTION B: Make energy loss overlap with stress (more complex)

If you want to keep the **stress + energy** idea, you must **change at least one choice**.

Example fix (evening.js)

```
// Prepare for tomorrow
stress++;
energy--;
clarity++;
```

Now this path works:

- Morning → Study (`stress +1`)
- Afternoon → Keep working (`stress +1`)
- Evening → Prepare (`stress +1, energy -1`)

➡️ Burnout triggers

⚠️ This is valid, but more invasive.

🧠 DESIGN TAKEAWAY (THIS IS IMPORTANT)

What you just discovered is *exactly* what your project is about:

Systems don’t fail because of code — they fail because of assumptions.

Your system was **logically consistent**, but **narratively impossible**.

That’s *excellent* learning.

✅ FINAL RECOMMENDED ENDING LOGIC (CLEAN & BALANCED)

Here’s the version I’d submit:

```
if (stress >= 3) {
  endingText = "You did everything.\nYou were there for none of it.";
}
else if (connection >= 1 && stress <= 1) {
  endingText = "The day mattered because someone else did.";
}
else if (clarity >= 2) {
  endingText = "Nothing extraordinary happened.\nAnd that was enough.";
}
else {
  endingText = "The day passed gently.\nSo gently you barely felt it.";
}
```

✔ All endings reachable
✔ Matches player intent
✔ Easy to explain in critique

If you want, next I can:

- Help you **justify this in your written reflection**
- Or rebalance numbers one last time for elegance
- Or help you add a **tiny visual indicator** explaining why an ending occurred

You’re doing *real* systems thinking here — this is strong work