Black Screen Narrative:

It all changed so fast. You would never expect that everything would change in just a blink of an eye. One day you were just having fun, laughing with family and friends, going places wherever and whenever, simply enjoying spending time outside your home, but the next thing you know, you’re stuck at home. Not being able to go out and do the things you usually enjoy, no more parties, going to the mall and eating out, or even visit friends or family.

How could something so small ruin an economy? To cause social disruption? To turn people’s lives upside down?

DATE: FEBRUARY 2020, 8:00 am, week 1, living room

~~Player: A normal and peaceful afternoon.~~ Player: AH! What a peaceful morning.

~~Player: Such a wonderful day to spend my day off just lying and relaxing around the house. Or maybe I could go out with some friends later on. Either way, it’s still a beautiful day.~~ Player: (Such a wonderful day to spend my day off. I got my morning coffee and I have nothing else to do today. Maybe I can visit my friend later this afternoon.)

Player: ACK! \*whack sfx\*

~~Player: What the heck?! Why did you hit me with a pillow?~~ Player: What the-?! Why did you hit me?

~~Prince: Mom said to get up and take out the trash. Just because it’s your day off doesn’t mean you can laze around and ignore all your chores.~~ Prince: Mom said to sweep the floor. Just best because it’s your day off doesn’t mean you can laze ignore your chores.

Prince: Mom’s words not mine.

Prince: Now hop to it!

Player: (So much for a relaxing morning.)

Player: \*sigh sfx\* (Whatever. Let’s just get this over with.)

Player: Better finish sweeping before I get in trouble.

TASK: Find the broom.

Instruction: Click to interact with objects around the room. (Living room only)

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Player: Here it is. Now let’s start cleaning!

\*sweeping sfx\*

DATE: FEBRUARY 2020, 10:00 am, week 1, living room

\*news sfx\*

Player: (Finally done with my chores, now I can go back to relaxing and enjoying my day off.)

Player: (Oh! It’s mom watching some TV. Maybe I should go join her.)

~~Reporter: Breaking news, the Philippines has been suspending all flights from Wuhan City that is considered to be ground zero for the new coronavirus that has been causing respiratory illness called SARS-Cov-2. A variant of COVID virus. Flights from other parts of China will also be strictly monitored… In other news…~~ Reporter: This just in, the Philippines has been suspending flights from Wuhan City, China due to the spread of the **COVID virus**. Flights from other parts of China will also be strictly monitored to prevent the virus from entering the country…

Player: Man, what’s with this new Coronavirus? I’ve been hearing about them a lot lately.

Mom: The news said it’s a **respiratory illness that is caused by the SARS-Cov-2 virus.**

ACHIEVEMENT: New information unlocked.

TITLE: What is Coronavirus Disease 19?

Coronavirus disease 19 or COVID-19 is an infectious disease caused by the SARS-Cov-2 virus than can develop serious respiratory illness.

For more information check: <https://www.who.int/health-topics/coronavirus#tab=tab_1>

~~Carla (mom): Oh dear. Is it about that new virus going around? I hope your father is doing well abroad. He’s all alone out there and I hope it doesn’t affect him.~~ Mom: Oh dear. I hope your father is doing well abroad. I’m worried for your father’s health.

**Choices:**

**1: Dad will be fine.**

Player: I’m sure dad will be fine. People are already aware of this new virus, people will start taking precautions on whatever this is.

Carla (mom): But still, I can’t help but worry for your father. I hope he’s doing ok. I’ll call him later after work.

**2: The government will handle it.**

Player: I’m sure the government will do something about it.

Carla (mom): We can’t always depend on the government to do everything for us. We still have to do our part.

**3: We should be careful.**

Player: If that’s the case, the best thing we could do right now is to remain cautious and wait for further reports on this coronavirus.

Carla (mom): I’ll contact your father. Oh, I hope he is doing alright.

~~Prince: Well, whatever it is I’m sure everything will be just fine. Now let me watch the TV in peace, I need to know the latest news about my favourite celebrity.~~

~~Player: Maybe you should stop watching celebrity gossip and watch the actual news instead?~~

~~Prince: They’re interesting. Leave me alone.~~

~~Player: This is still alarming to hear. I hope this doesn’t turn out for the worse.~~

Player: Alright. Let’s just hope that everything is under control so nothing bad will happen.

DATE: MARCH 2020, 7:00 pm, week 2, living room

~~Player: It’s been three months since the COVID-19 was first announced. There have been a lot of reports going around the world related to this virus. This is so scary.~~ Player: (It’s been a couple of months since the COVID-19 virus was first announced. I’ve been seeing a lot of reports regarding the virus. This is so scary it’s making me worry for the safety of myself and my family.)

Prince: What do you think is going to happen now that there have been reported COVID cases in our country?

Player: I don’t know. Let’s just watch the new and find out more.

~~Reporter: This just in, the president has declared a state of public health emergency. Classes have been suspended and work-from-home is sought amid local coronavirus cases. Citizens must remain in their homes until further notice.~~

Reporter: The President has declared a state of public health emergency. Classes have been suspended and work-from-home is sought amid the local Coronavirus cases. Strict **home quarantine** are implemented in all household.

Reporter: Citizen must remain at home until further notice.

DATE: MARCH 2020, 7:10 pm, week 2, living room, ECQ

ACHIEVEMENT: New information unlocked.

TITLE: Community Quarantine

Community Quarantine refers to the restriction of movement within, into, or out of the area of quarantine individuals, large groups of people, or communities, designed to reduce the likelihood of transmission of an infectious disease among persons in and to persons outside the infected area.

For more information check: <https://doh.gov.ph/sites/default/files/health-update/20210506-OMNIBUS-RRD.pdf>

~~Reporter: This just in, the president has declared a state of public health emergency. Classes have been suspended and work-from-home is sought amid local coronavirus cases. Citizens must remain in their homes until further notice.~~

Reporter: Residents who refuse to follow the mandatory quarantine may be arrested under the state of public health emergency.

ACHIEVEMENT: New information unlocked.

TITLE: Refusal to mandatory quarantine.

Residents who fails to cooperate may be imprisoned and penalized.

For more information check: <https://www.officialgazette.gov.ph/downloads/2020/02feb/20200308-PROC-922-RRD-1.pdf>

<https://cnnphilippines.com/news/2020/3/9/Mandatory-quarantine-public-health-emergency.html>

Prince: No classes! Let’s go!

Carle: ~~It seems like we’ll be staying home for the next couple of months. The only time we’ll be able to go outside is when we need to buy basic necessities, even then, we still need to wear facemasks and do social distancing. I have to say, this is a smart strategy to prevent the virus from spreading.~~  Carla: It seems like we’ll be staying home until then. We can’t really do much other than isolate ourselves to for our own health and safety.

**Choices:**

**1: I’m not staying home.**

Player: There is no way I’m staying home for that long.

Prince: I don’t really mind. No school work means I can play video games all day every day.

Carla (mom): [Player name], the government just said that everyone must remain inside. It’s the safest thing to do to avoid the virus.

Player: I can make decisions for myself. I don’t need the government to tell me what I can and cannot do.

Carla (mom): Please, you must think this through.

**Choices:**

**A: You’re right.**

Player: I’m sorry, I wasn’t thinking clearly. You’re right, if I want to remain safe I must follow what the government says. I can always message them online. Besides, I’m sure there are a lot of things I can do to keep myself entertained.

~~Carla (mom): Thank you for understanding.~~

**B: No. I do what I want.**

Player: Like I said, I’m a grown up, I can make decisions I know are best for me. I’m going to die of boredom if I stay home for that long.

ENDING 1: QUARANTINE VIOLATOR

**2: No work!**

Player: Alright! I can sleep whenever I want now that I don’t have to wake up early to go to work.

Prince: And I can stay up all night playing video games!

Carla: \*Sigh\* Why are two being so childish?

**3: We should remain positive.**

Player: We just have to keep calm and stay positive. Everything will pass.

Carla: If we’ll be staying here for more than a month, we need to find ways to save money.

Prince: I know what I’m going to do for an entire month.

Carla: Are video games the only thing in your mind right now?

Prince: Yes…

ENDING 1: QUARANTINE VIOLATOR

DATE: MARCH 2020, 9:00 pm, week 3, bed room, ECQ

Player: (One week into quarantine and I’m already bored out of my mind. There literally nothing else to do.)

Player: (Stores are closed you I can’t go out on a snack run. I could go out for walk, I’m sure nothing bad will happen.)

\*door close sfx\*

\*footsteps sfx\*

\*night bgm\*

Player: (Wow. I’ve never seen the neighbourhood so quiet before.)

Police: Hey you! Stop right there!

\*intense/chase bgm\*

Player: (Oh shoot! What should I do?)

**Choices: (Time limit)**

**1: Run away.**

\*running and panting sfx\*

\*crash sfx\*

Player: !!!

Police: You are under arrest for quarantine violation.

**2: Stay in place. (No more time limit)**

Player: What are you doing?! Let go of me!

Police: You are under arrest for quarantine violation.

DATE: APRIL 2020, 9:00 am, week 1, living room, ECQ

Player: (Ever since the lockdown started I have been able to have some time to myself and just relax, not worrying about anything else for the most part.)

Player: Hmmm… ~~Finally finished my chores for today, but~~ it’s quiet. Too quiet. Very suspicious.

Prince: AHHH!

Player: That’s more like it.

Prince: Ugh…

Player: Good morning sunshine. Nice pair of eye bags, my guess is that you stayed up all night playing video games. Yes?

Prince: Why does mom have to make me do chores?

Player: Just because you don’t have any school work to do doesn’t mean you have to neglect your responsibilities at home. Now finish your chores before mom scolds you again, it will be a lot worse for you.

Prince: What about you huh? You’re supposed to be doing yours too right?

Player: Just so you know, I’ve done my part of the chores. Now get to work you couch potato.

Prince: Ugh! I hate this.

Player: (Now that’s out of the way. What should I do now?)

ACHIEVEMENT: Quiz Master

1. 2019-nCov or novel coronavirus is caused by the virus SARS-Cov-2.
2. “CO “ in COVID-19 stands for corona, “VI” for virus and “D” is for Disease.
3. COVID-19 can spread by coughs or sneezes that is generated by an infected person.
4. To prevent and slow the transmission of COVD-19 infection, people should practice physical or social distancing.
5. Medical Mask should be worn to suppress the transmission of the coronavirus.

Mini Game: Pop Quiz

1. 2019-nCov or novel coronavirus is caused by the virus \_\_\_\_\_? Answer: SARS-Cov-2
2. “CO “ in COVID-19 stands for corona, “VI” for virus and “D” is for what? Answer: Disease
3. COVID-19 can spread by coughs or \_\_\_\_ that is generated by an infected person. Answer: Sneezes
4. To prevent and slow the transmission of COVD-19 infection, people should practice physical or social \_\_\_\_. Answer: Distancing.
5. What should be worn to suppress the transmission of the coronavirus? Answer: Medical Masks

TASK: Find something to do.

Instruction: Click the arrow to switch and select object to interact with them.

**1: Watch TV.**

Player: I have nothing else to do right now. Maybe I should binge watch some of my favorite TV series.

**2: Use your phone.**

Player: I’ve been hearing a lot of COVID related news, but so far I only know that one of the symptoms of the virus is difficulty in breathing and fever. I should look up for more Coronavirus information, just to be sure.

Player: Wow, I’m learning a lot today.

Player: There is so much information posted here. I need to keep myself updated.

**3: Take a nap.**

Player: (Ugh. Everything is so boring, nothing else to do and we have to do this for who knows how long.)

Player: I think I’ll just lay down and take a nap.

\*phone ring sfx\*

Player: Huh? Who could that be?

Player: Oh, it’s dad. It’s been a while since we last talked. I should answer his call.

Dad: Hey kiddo, glad you picked up ~~it’s nice to be able to hear from you. You should call me.~~ How are you doing?

Player: No promises. Let me tell you that one time when Prince got mad over a video game...

Player: I’m doing fine dad. How’s things over your side?

Dad: I’m doing well ~~good.~~ Fortunately, I haven’t lost my job to the COVID pandemic. A heard a lot of OFW lost their jobs amid pandemic and are forced to go back home.

Player: Yeah, there are around 13,000 OFW returning this month. It’s sad ~~how so much can change in so little time~~.

Player: After their arrival they are required to undergo a 14-day facility-based quarantine.

Dad: By the way, how are your mom and brother holding up? I’ve been getting complaints about yours and Prince’s bickering.

Player: The house has become ~~more~~ livelier than ever now that we have to stay home 24/7.

Dad: Don’t drive your mom too crazy with your antics.

Player: No promises. Let me tell you that one time when Prince got mad over a video game...

4**: Exercise**

Player: Alright, time to work hard and get my quarantine bod. Starting with a simple stretching.

Player: One. Two. Three. Four. Five. Six. Seven. Eight. Next.

Player: One. Two. Three. Four. Five. Six. Seven. Eight.

Player: Now for some jumping jacks.

Player: One. Two. Three. Four. Five. Six. Seven. Eight.

Player: Yeah! I can feel my body changing already. Quarantine bod here I come.

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\*eating sfx\*

Prince: Weren’t you exercising not too long ago?

Player: I got lazy. I’ll continue tomorrow.

Prince: Sure. Whatever you say.

DATE: APRIL 2020, 1:00 pm, week 4, living room, ECQ

Prince: How long do we have to keep this up? It’s been ~~three~~ months since quarantine started and I’m starting to feel restless. I have nothing else to do and I’m getting bored.

Carla (mom): You should try helping around the house more often, that way you wouldn’t be bored. Now stop your whining, the news is on.

Reporter: Good afternoon and welcome to ABC News Network…

Reporter: Areas under MECQ and GCQ may allow business activities to resume - requiring strict compliance with minimum safety standards and protocols.

Reporter: Public transportations is limited and crossing over to other regions remains banned…

Prince: I don’t get it. What’s the difference between ECQ, MECQ and GCQ?

Carla**: ECQ or Enhanced Community Quarantine** means there are no activities except for utility services, food, services, water, and other essential sectors. There are no public transportations or physical classes.

ACHIEVEMENT: New information unlocked.

TITLE: Enhanced Community Quarantine

ECQ or Enhanced Community Quarantine is a state where home quarantine is strictly implemented in every household to prevent the spread of the novel coronavirus.

For more information check: <https://doh.gov.ph/sites/default/files/health-update/IATF-RESO-12.pdf>

Carla: **MECQ or Modified ECQ** still requires people to stay home, some can go out as long as they follow safety protocols like wearing a face mask and maintain 2 meter social distance from others. Government workers can return on-site while others remain working from home.

ACHIEVEMENT: New information unlocked.

TITLE: Modified Enhanced Community Quarantine

For more information check:

Carla: **General Community Quarantine**, however, allows people to travel for work while following the safety protocols. Mass gathering is still forbidden.

ACHIEVEMENT: New information unlocked.

TITLE: General Community Quarantine

For more information check:

Player: From what I heard, people are allowed to go out but **children and elderly people are most vulnerable to the virus** so they must stay home unless it's an important matter like going to the hospital.

Prince: Since we’re under GCQ now that means [Player name] can go back to work right? Either way I’m still stuck inside the house. If this goes on I’m gonna die of boredom.

Carla: I don’t think so young man. If I remember correctly your school is having **flexible learning**. Be sure to study hard, you know what will happen if you get a bad grade.

ACHIEVEMENT: New information unlocked.

TITLE: Flexible Learning

For more information check:

Prince: \*gulp sfx\* Yes mom.

DATE: APRIL 2020, 8:00 pm, week 4, bed room, GCQ

Player: (Return to work, huh? I should contact the company for more information about this.)

Player: \*Phone buzz\* That was fast.

Player: Oh sweet. They’ll be providing a company shuttle for safety measures. It looks like I’ll be resuming work by next week.

Player: The **new normal**… I wonder what’s in store for me.

ACHIEVEMENT: New information unlocked.

TITLE: New Normal

For more information check:

<https://doh.gov.ph/sites/default/files/health-update/20210506-OMNIBUS-RRD.pdf>

DATE: MAY 2020, 6:00 pm, week 1, bed room, GCQ

Player: (Tomorrow will be my first day back on the job. I should prepare my stuff for tomorrow.)

**Mini Game:**

Player: I have a list of items I should find, I’m sure they’re around here somewhere.

**Instruction:** Tap to interact with objects.

**List:**

Facemask

Face shield

Sanitizer

Wallet

**Living Room:**

**Sofa:** No time to relax now.

**TV shelf:**

**TV:** Not in the mood to watch TV.

**Face shield:** Got it.

**Plants (1-3):** A healthy looking plant.

**(4):** There’s a piece of paper. 1

**Mugs:** Empty.

**Window:** Nothing to see here.

**Drawer:** There’s a key! (Bedroom drawer)

**Picture Frame:** There’s something written at the corner of the frame. 7 \_ \_ \_

**Kitchen:**

**Cans:** Nope.

**Drawer/Cabinet:** It’s filled with canned goods.

**Stove:** I’m not hungry.

**Hand Sanitizer:** Here’s my hand sanitizer.

**Bedroom:**

**Bed:** I can sleep later.

**Window:** Nothing to see here.

**Shelf:**

**Plant:** The house plants are growing quite nicely.

**Books:** I have no time to read

**Study Table:** Pens, papers and box that looks like it needs a 4-digit code to unlock.

I found my facemask.

**Phone:** I have 0 new messages.

**Dumbbells:** Just some dumbbells

**Drawer:** It’s locked. (Key from living room drawer)

Here’s my wallet.

A drawer full of clothes.

**Picture Frame:** \_ \_ 2 \_

DATE: MAY 2020, 7:00 pm, week 1, bed room, GCQ

Player: (Great. Now I have everything set, I am ready for tomorrow.)

DATE: MAY 2020, 6:00 am, week 2, shuttle vehicle, GCQ

~~Player: Mom, I’m leaving for work.~~

~~Carla (mom): Wait! Don’t forget to wear your facemask and face shield.~~

~~Player: Thanks mom.~~

~~Carla (mom): Also, take this hand sanitizer with you and stay away from crowded places.~~

~~Player: Yeah, I will keep that in mind. Love you mom.~~

~~Carla (mom): I love you too. Take care.~~

Player: \*yawn sfx\* (I’m so sleepy. Staying up all night on social media was not the best idea.) ~~I see there is also strict safe distance when it comes to transportation. The number of people inside the vehicle is limited to avoid overcrowding.~~

Player: (I can see that people are sitting **one-seat apart in public transportation**, limiting the vehicle’s capacity. That’s good I suppose.)

ACHIEVEMENT: New information unlocked.

TITLE: Road Transport

For more information check:

<https://dotr.gov.ph/55-dotrnews/3282-dotr-announces-omnibus-guidelines-on-public-transportation-in-the-enforcement-of-enhanced-community-quarantine.html>

~~Worker 1: Man, these past four months have been rough…~~

~~Player: Should I eavesdrop on their conversations?~~

Worker 1: These past few months have been rough.

Player: They’re so loud they need to keep their voices down. Should I listen or just ignore them?

**Choices:**

**1: Eavesdrop.**

~~Player:~~ *~~I’m sure it’s fine as long as they won’t find out I’m listening to them.~~*

~~Worker 2: I know, right? I heard that some small businesses were shot down because of the pandemic. I feel bad for the people who lost their jobs because of Covid-19. People are struggling with their financial needs.~~

~~Worker 1: This virus really made a huge impact in the economy. It’s really scary how much can change in a span of five months.~~

~~Worker 1: Also, these facemasks are really annoying. It’s very hot and I feel like I’m suffocating.~~

~~Worker 2: Whoa! What do you think you’re doing? Don’t remove your facemask.~~

~~Worker 1: But I can’t breathe properly.~~

~~Worker 2: Coronavirus gets transmitted through respiratory droplets like saliva and discharge from the nose. It can also spread through a cough or sneeze, so please don’t take off your mask. Better safe than sorry.~~

~~Player:~~ *~~That was rather informative. Now that I think about it, the incubation period of the virus is 2 to 14 days after exposure. The symptoms will show within those 14 days after getting the virus.~~*

~~Player:~~ *~~This virus is very dangerous and scary.~~*

Worker 2: Yeah, I’m still getting used to wearing a facemask. I can’t exactly breathe properly with this covering the bottom half of my face.

Worker 2: Better safe than sorry since **facemasks suppress the transmission of the virus**. The use of mask alone is not sufficient but it does help prevent respiratory droplets from reaching others.

Worker 1: That’s true.

Player: (Right. It’s best to **avoid crowded places too**.)

**2: Ignore them.**

Player: (I shouldn’t eavesdrop on other people’s conversation, it’s rude.)

DATE: MAY 2020, 7:30 am, week 2, office, GCQ

Player: *First day back on the job and I am loaded with paper work. My back hurts from sitting all day, I need to stretch.*

Ian: Hey [Player Name]! Great to see you again, how’s my old pal doing?

**Choices:**

**1: Hey Ian.**

Player: Oh, hey Ian. It’s great to see you too. What’s up?

Ian: Nothing much other than the whole pandemic thing. It’s nice being able to go out after being stuck home for months.

Player: I hear you. Though it was a nice change of pace, being able to relax and all, I can’t stay indoors for that long. I need to at least roam around every once in a while.

Ian: That’s true. Speaking of going out, some of our co-workers and I are eating out tonight after work since the **restaurants have reopened**. You’re welcome to join us if you want.

**Choices:**

**1: Sure. I’ll join.**

Player: I could do some outside activity for a change. Count me in.

Ian: Nice! We’ll see you after work. FRIEND ROUTE

**2: Sorry. Maybe next time.**

Player: Sorry Ian, I have somewhere else to be after work. Maybe we can hang out together some other time.

Ian: It’s cool, next time then. HOME ROUTE

**2: I’m busy.**

Player: I’m kind of busy at the moment so can we talk later?

Ian: Sure, but before I go I just wanted to ask if you would like to join us after work, we’ll be having dinner at a nearby restaurant that just reopened.

**Choices:**

**1: Dinner sounds good.**

Player: Sure, I’ll be seeing you guys after work.

Ian: Sweet. I’ll let you do your work now. See you later. FRIEND ROUTE

**2: I can't tonight.**

Player: Not tonight. Maybe some other time.

Ian: Oh, some other time then. Talk to you later. HOME ROUTE

**3: Stay away!**

Player: Woah! Keep your distance please. At least five meters away, I don’t want to get infected by COVID.

Ian: Relax. I don’t have the virus.

Player: Virus or no virus, we must **maintain proper social distancing**.

Ian: \*sigh sfx\* Fine. I’ll see you around. HOME ROUTE