

Simulacra Script Sample - Greg & Anna

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Simulacra Script Sample

Simulacra's storytelling takes place in a simulated phone interface, and uses social media and texting as its main elements. The style is somewhere between melodramatic teen romance and B movie. We wanted to realize mobile conversation as much as possible, so each character's grammar issues or complete lack of grammar are characteristic to each of their texting styles. Furthermore, the texts are spaced to mark individual texts and their pacing.

The game begins when you find Anna's phone, and find out that she's gone missing after a breakup up with her ex, Greg. The phone has a strange virus that forces the player to reboot the phone, and in doing so corrupts some of the past data. After the reboot, the player uncovers the old text history below which reveals intimate details and clues for future puzzles.

Final implementation can be seen here:
<https://youtu.be/ICQvVQd3gdU?t=5169>

JULY 19TH 2017 - NIGHT - TEXT

GREG

Hey

Since it was the cat's birthday
yesterday

When is your birthday again?

If I can close the next client

You're in for a treat

ANNA

You keep calling it "The Cat". It
has a name you know

GREG

You're avoiding the question!

I know the month

ANNA

You get three guesses

AND

If you screw all of them up

You let me drive your car

GREG
No!!

ANNA
Yes!

GREG
I could just ask ashley

ANNA
No cheating

GREG
Texting her

Player can now check Ashley text history for clues on birthday password puzzle.

ANNA
Noooooooooooooooooooo

GREG
I WIN!

ANNA
I will get you for this
You will regret this day
Count your friends
And fort your pillows
For you will need every comfort in
the year's ahead.

Yes. I do not pity you at all.

GREG
Haha

JULY 27TH 2017 - NIGHT

ANNA
Hey

Are we boring?

GREG
What do you mean?

ANNA

When we were out last night it was
like everyone was 20 something

And they had some kind of
futuristic job

A founder of a startup, game
programmer, neuroscience researcher

GREG

You work at a surveillance company

ANNA

I know

Not what i mean

Like we just mainly go out, chill,
chill + Toby.

You're a salesman and I work stupid
big data bullshit.

Are we basic?

Are we normcore?

Whitebread?

GREG

I'm a salesman

so no question there

ANNA

Dodging the question

GREG

75% chance that at any given time
we are the most boring couple in
the room

but who cares?

ANNA

Are you bored of me?

GREG

What?

Fuck no

where'd that come from?

JULY 29TH 2017 - NIGHT - TEXT

ANNA

It's been bothering me.

Last night you didn't really want to dance.

And I know you don't like dancing like I do anyway.

But like you seemed kind of upset about it.

GREG

Haha

No

I was just tired

ANNA

Yeah?

GREG

Yes

ANNA

Can we hang out again tonight?

I think maybe work stuff is getting to me

GREG

Can't

ANNA

Whyyyyyyyyyyyyy?

GREG

Work

ANNA

I guess maybe I'll hang out with Ashley

GREG

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JULY 30TH 2017 - NIGHT

ANNA

You'd tell me right?

GREG
Tell what

ANNA
If you're hiding something

GREG
I told you your present only comes
on your birthday

ANNA
It's not that
You're acting weird

GREG
You always say I'm a weirdo

ANNA
Weirder than usual

GREG
An example would help

ANNA
I dunno just a gut feeling

GREG
You're over thinking things

ANNA
Promise me
Promise me that everything is fine

GREG
Whats gotten into you?

ANNA
Just do it. Please.

GREG
Ok I promise. Everything is fine
I love you

AUGUST 1ST 2017 - PAST MIDNIGHT

GREG
Hey
You're mad

(MORE)

GREG (CONT'D)

I can tell

You dont just storm out the house
without saying anything

ANNA

Tell me

GREG

Tell what

ANNA

I want you to tell me why do you
think im mad

GREG

Tell what?!?

Anna texts a CORRUPTED IMAGE. It shows a black static image with a tool icon centered on it. When tapped, the RESTORE TOOL is opened, showing a tile puzzle made of pieces of an image.

When the puzzle is completed it reveals a photo of Anna holding Greg's phone open on an image of a handwritten note:
FARIS & KANE ext. 0405 YOLANDA <3 XOXO

Anna sends a CORRUPTED MESSAGE. When tapped, the RESTORE TOOL is opened, and shows a puzzle where words of a sentence need to be put back in their original order.

ANNA

(When corrupted message is
solved)

Who the hell is Yolanda?

GREG

You looked through my phone?

ANNA

I knew something was up

You could've fucking told me.

How long were you going to wait?

GREG

Fuck

I made a mistake

I can explain

ANNA

Please do

GREG

She was the client I need for last
months target

We met a few times after work

Shes presistent

I made a mistake

I own that

but everything after that

Was not me

ANNA

Bullshit.

GREG

Anna

Anna sends a CORRUPTED IMAGE. When solved through the RESTORE TOOL it reveals an image of Greg's phone open on an image of a pregnancy test showing one line for a result of not pregnant. A Snapchat-like caption over it reads "its inconclusive. Have to try again tomorrow".

Anna sends a CORRUPTED MESSAGE.

ANNA

(when puzzle solved)

You cheated on me and almost got
her pregnant!

This is unreal

GREG

I told you I'm not allowed to just
get rid of clients

ANNA

(through voice message)

You're not allowed to fuck clients
either.

GREG

She was the last close I needed!

I know it's hard to believe

ANNA
I don't fucking care.

GREG
Anna

ANNA
Leave me the fuck alone greg

GREG
Anna
Let me fix this