

## **The Real Life Video Game**

After a long day of school, I decided to play my video game, Desert Call. At first, I wasn't doing well. Then... I was in the zone. I was into the game so much I could almost feel myself in the game, but then, I really was! I tried to take my hands off of the controller, but I didn't have one. When I looked around and saw the cactuses and the creepy bugs I knew what was going on. Then... I tried to find the game's objective.

I looked for the map and it was in my pocket. My shirt had three hearts. When I looked at the map, I saw where I was, The Eagle's Cove. "The Eagle's Cove?" I said. "Caw caw," some eagles called. *Were those eagles?* Then I saw an eagle, two no three! Next, a bow and arrow appeared in my hand! Next thing I knew, I was in a fight against eagles.

I never actually used a bow and arrow before, so I'm not positive I will win this fight. After a while, one swooped down and almost scratched me, so I knew these eagles were not nice. When I try my first time, I aim, shoot and I hit one. I aim again and I hit one again. "Wow" I say. (It was actually the game's AI accuracy). They swooped down and almost scratched me again because I had to dodge their deadly talons. Once they were all gone, I had to find a village. After hours upon hours upon hours of walking, starving and thirsty, and as I'm imagining food in my dry mouth, it starts to water, next, I found a village and I started asking around.

When I was asking around no one would answer, then I found this important looking guy and walked up to him. "Hello!" I said,

“Ah you’re here,” the man said. “I’ve been waiting for you to come so we could destroy the Sand Dune King.”

I now know what the objective is: destroy the Sand Dune King.

“Let’s go do this.”

“Alright.”

I looked at the map and saw where the Sand Dune Kingdom was.

“So, we are here and we need to get from the Wing Village to the Sand Dune Kingdom. We’ll find a cave to rest in.”

“That’s a good idea.”

“Thanks. By the way, what was your name again?”

“Dare.”

“Okay, Dare.”

“What’s yours?”

“Jack Maller. But call me Jackey.”

As we’re getting ready, I asked him what kind of supplies he uses. Mainly because I have no idea what we would have to do because I’d never done this before. When we were done, we set off to destroy the Sand Dune King.

On our way there, we were already fighting off huge beasts and monsters. After a while we find a cave and decide to head in to remake some supplies. As we make our way down a path, we see an old, hunched over wizard. “I am the Sand Dune King’s best and only sorcerer,” the old man says. “I could see you coming with my crystal ball. And to make him happy, I, Norman the Sorcerer, will make the both of you perish.” He holds out his wand and says these weird magical words and all the sudden, lightning comes out of his wand. “GET DOWN!” Dare shouts. Lucky for Dare, he had good reflexes, but for me, weeeellllll I was hit and died. But, I have two hearts instead of three. So that showed my lives. Dare ran up to the wizard, broke his wand and threatened him. “Why are you doing this?” he

started laughing, "The Sand Dune King cursed me and you broke the wand which broke the curse. He took my original one and he turned it into his staff. And if I get it back, it will turn into my wand again." "Will you come help us destroy the Sand Dune King?" I ask, "Okay, I will help." And right there, we got a new recruit.

Three days later, we finally made it to the Sand Dune Kingdom. We look around, but it doesn't take a while for us to find the Sand Castle. When we make it to the castle, we see guards. We climb the far wall and get in. We find a tunnel and crawl through it. Then we see a bunch of guards around a door and I know the Sand Dune King is right behind those doors. Now above the Sand Dune King, I drop as quietly as I can and so do the others. We sneak up and— "Stay back," the Sand Dune King says. "Or what?"

"You will die"

"Oh really? Try m—" He shoots lightning from his staff like what the wizard did. I dodge right on time. He shoots a fireball and I'm hit. "Ha. You weakling."

I run up to him, take his staff and run away and give it to the wizard. "Rally poltellynus stormpavo." The wizard says as the staff turns into a wand again. "NO," The Sand Dune King says, "I'm sorry don't hurt me. Please". "Alright," I say. *FINISH GAME?* I press *YES*. Next, I was in my room. I was laughing at the satisfaction of beating the game. Though I try to look for the game and it's not there. "Oh my gosh, you're back," Mom says.

"We were so worried. Where were you?"

"What do you mean? I was only gone for a few hours." At least I thought I was. "What do you mean a few hours?" My dad says. "You were gone for two days."

"You are in big trouble."

"But dad, I can explain."

"I don't want to hear it. Bed."

I wanted to explain but I couldn't, so I gave up.

I decided that next time I play video games, I'll make sure to not get sucked in. Also so I don't get in trouble.