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The STORY of NINTENDO

Scene opens with Jake writing on a chalk board. CARLOS enters, escorting PAUL.

CARLOS

...Yes, we've been testing different input devices for the Nintendo Entertainment System, and we were initially going with two wavy sticks, but man, after watching Tron, I just knew Virtual Reality is the way to go!

Laughter from CARLOS and PAUL

PAUL

Well, thanks for having me.

CARLOS

No problem. We're looking to have it ready by Christmas 1985.

This is Jake. He'll be taking care of you. I'll be back to check on you later...

JAKE

Hi, hi. Um, I'm just going to get you suited up, okay? Here, put this wires-free headset on. I call it wireless. I'm pretty sure it will catch on.

PAUL puts on headset.

JAKE (CONT'D)

Okay, now just stand here. Don't move okay...

JAKE pushes button, lights flash, and noises abound. PAUL is transported to white screen.

PAUL

Hey, there's nothing here...

JAKE

Don't worry, just let me load up the first game...

Super Mario loads

PAUL
Wow... This is rad! Look at all the colors!

JAKE
Okay, could you hit that first question mark block?

PAUL does.

PAUL
Wow! Coins! Can I buy something later?

JAKE
Um... no... could you hit the second block?

PAUL
Okay, okay. I think I got it...

PAUL hits the blocks, gets the mushroom.

PAUL (CONT'D)
What? Mushrooms make you bigger?

JAKE
Just keep going, please...

PAUL continues on, until he reaches a hole.

PAUL
Um... what do I do now?

JAKE
Could you hit the invisible block?

PAUL
Where? Here?

JAKE
No, a bit to the right.

PAUL
Here?

JAKE
No, no. A little bit to the left.

PAUL hits it.

PAUL
Oh there. (sarcastic) Awesome...
Not. What now?

JAKE
You can go down the pipe...

PAUL goes down.

PAUL
Wow. More coins that I can't use.
And I wanted the new A-HA Cassette.

JAKE
Um. Let's just try another game.

JAKE changes the game to Zelda.

JAKE (CONT'D)
Okay, I'm sending you a sword to
fight with.

PAUL receives sword, goes along, meets opponent.

PAUL
A-ha! An enemy! Prepare to die!

PAUL gestures with his sword, and a beam fires from it.

PAUL (CONT'D)
Huh?

Beam disappears before hitting enemy.

PAUL (CONT'D)
Oh man, that's so heinous. Wait let
me try again...

PAUL swings his sword harder, a bigger beam comes out and
hits the enemy.

PAUL (CONT'D)
Tubular!

PAUL continues on world, eventually entering a house with a
man. Text onscreen reads "I AM ERROR"

PAUL (CONT'D)
Hey, I think something's wrong with
this!

JAKE
Oh okay, I'll fix that! Can we try
another game?

JAKE switches the game to Megaman. PAUL jumps through the
gates. Screen eventually turns completely white.

PAUL
Hey, hey! There's nothing here
again!

JAKE
Okay, hold on!

JAKE takes out the cartridge from the Nintendo, blows on it
and puts it back. Barbie loads.

PAUL
What's this?

Song starts playing, game starts dressing PAUL up in girly
wigs and bows.

PAUL (CONT'D)
Oh, no way! This is bogus!

JAKE
Oops, that's not what I wanted to
do.

PAUL
Wait, wait. This is kind of nice...
look at my hair...

Ken walks on screen and starts hitting on PAUL

PAUL (CONT'D)
No! No!! CHANGE IT!

Punch Out loads.

PAUL (CONT'D)
Cool. A boxing game! I can play
this!

PAUL knocks out the opponent.

PAUL (CONT'D)
Did you see that? That was totally
radical!

PAUL continues babbling as the opponent gets up behind him.

JAKE

Oh hey, he's getting up. Hey,
that's not supposed to happen! Oh
no!

JAKE changes the game to Double Dragon just after Paul gets
hit in the head.

PAUL

Oh that was so uncool! I'll get you
for that!

PAUL totally owns in Double Dragon. A skeleton from Final
Fantasy comes on screen. Final fantasy battle sequence plays.

PAUL (CONT'D)

Hey, what happened!?

JAKE

I don't know! Something's wrong!

PAUL

Get me out of here!

PAUL tries to run away bur can't. Screen displays text:
"CANNOT RUN AWAY"

JAKE

You can't run! You're going to have
to fight while I fix this!

PAUL fights and wins. Dog from duck hunt walks on and
changes the game.

PAUL

What's going on???

PAUL gets shot at.

PAUL (CONT'D)

Hey! Hey! This is bogus man! Get me
out of here NOW!

JAKE (OVERLAPPING)

STOP PRESSURING ME!

JAKE yanks out a cord just as PAUL runs off screen. PAUL
reappears on the other side of the screen almost
instantaneously (video).

JAKE (CONT'D)

Uh oh...

PAUL
 Hey man, you'd better get me out of
 here! This is seriously not cool! I
 did not sign up for this!

PAUL starts shrinking

PAUL (CONT'D)
 What's going on? I feel funny? Hey
 hey!! GET ME OUT OF HERE!!

PAUL notices that a ghost from Pac-Man is beside him.

PAUL (CONT'D)
 AAAAAHHHHHH!!!!!!

PAUL is chased by characters through different games.
 Eventually, he bumps into a Pong paddle.

PAUL (CONT'D)
 You guys stink! This is the worst
 invention I've ever seen! You're
 never going to make it big! Damn
 you Nintendooooo!!!

Screen shuts off. Carlos enters.

CARLOS
 So, how did it go?

JAKE makes another mark on the chalkboard.

JAKE
 That's twenty three failures...

CARLOS
 Maybe the world isn't ready for
 virtual reality... do you have any
 other ideas?

JAKE
 Well, I was hanging a clock in my
 bathroom one day, when I slipped
 and hit my head on the sink. After
 that, I drew this.

JAKE holds up a piece of paper with a cross and two circles
 drawn on it.

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