Car Kingdom Rescue

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Chapter One

Society has forever changed since the adoption of computers and AUTOMOBILES…. 

My name is Taylor. Well, let’s say, my name in this world, on the earth, is Taylor. Forgive me if I confused you somehow, though I am pretty sure I did. Don’t worry, I am going to explain it to you. I have always been a crazy gamer, so I became a programmer a few years ago. Nothing is better than writing your own game and being the ‘god’ in it. Five years ago, I began to work on some Virtual Reality Massively Multiplayer Online games. VRMMO is fantastic. Since the biology field has been developing so fast that we are able to analyze the brain waves of human beings, by putting on a single device (looks like a helmet), people can enjoy a VRMMO game as lying on their beds in their rooms. As you can imagine, VRMMO games provide different parallel worlds. Although they are virtual in nature, players can easily get involved and take that world seriously as it is real. Well, I understand if you complain what all these have anything to do with the automobiles, but that is what I am going to realize. Let’s talk about the automobile technology today a little bit. Firstly, you should not be shocked if I tell you all the automobiles are self-driving right now. They are safer, efficient and intelligent. Your cars can talk to you like a real driver. Well, you don’t really need to be surprised this time as well because cars are just integrated with artificial intelligence. You can tell your car where you want to go, what temperature you want to set and which song you want to listen to.

It is natural to think I have the responsibility to promote or advertise my games. However, I will do it in a different way. I am looking for a trend, a market. Imagine that you are driving to a
different city, which may take you several hours. Obviously, you may feel boring because your car is driving itself. I think you might have already got the idea what I want to develop. Exactly, your trip can be your gaming experience. Not only can you wear your VR device to play games in the car, but also make you and your car, part of your VR game, for example, you may feel like you are having a speed race or something like that.

Chapter Two

Let’s do this.

Well, I am not boasting myself, but I always have something done even before I have any proposals. So does this time. Well, that’s how I say “I have completed the task”, but partially I guess. You know, bugs are nightmares to programmers all the time so I need to do some test. However, the VRMMO test is riskier because you have to wear the device which is possible to do some harm to your brain. But, WHO CARES. I am the person who wrote it and how can I let others to test it for me?! Let’s go.

Alright, let’s start the engine, plug the cable and wear the device. Good, everything seems to be perfect. Next step is to find a good position and …. Have Fun! Right, I need to let the car keep going, so let’s set the destination as the Mist Lake! I am exciting right now and what I am going to play is called “the Wrong Turn”, not the bloody movie. It’s a crazy car race with real excitement. I will test the acceleration first, so the map should be a straight street. Start the engine… Three, Two, One, Let’s move!!

Wow! That is amazing, you can feel the wind, the passion from the audiences! I should add some AIs as well. Alright, let’s do a real race. Yeah, that’s what I meant by being the ‘god’ of the virtual world. I have mastered all the driving skills and I have owned the best car with highest performance.
I have to say it feels like I am a furious tiger with wings. Boost! Boost! Boost! I will make a perfect turn to end the race. Three, Two, One. Time to make a sharp left turn. However, the car didn’t make a change. It is running towards the wall. “Wait, Stop!” I shouted, but nothing happened. I won’t die because of this for sure, but it must be hurt. Boom!!! I hit the wall and left unconscious.

Chapter Three

“Wake up Taylor, wake up!” What’s going on? It should not be that serious even though that was a hard collision. But who’s calling me? “Wake up Taylor, I am sorry about this” “That’s okay, well, it’s not your fault after all” I replied. However, I forgot one important thing, which is, who I am talking to. I opened my eye with fear and what I saw passed me out again. I was surrounded by a group of WALKING CARS.

I think it was 6 hours before I woke up again and as the same, surrounded by those “car man”, including my self-driving car, Chen. Since Chen is here, I feel safe because I somehow think he is not going to hurt me. Then he says, “I am sorry Taylor, but seems like bringing you here is my mission.” “Wait what? Here? Where am I now?” “Well, you are on our planet. They summoned you, or us actually.” I know I should be fear, anxiety or panic but I am not. I am a gamer and this might the fantastic game I have ever played. Chen continues “I was just a self-driving car before you tested me today, but when you created AIs in your game, I was not just a car anymore. I became alive. Your AIs gave me birth.” It isn’t that surprising, is it? I mean there are too many films like that. “So I still don’t understand why I am here.” I asked. Then their leader tells me the truth. “We built our car man kingdom thousands of thousands of years ago and we have always been living peacefully on this planet until half a year ago. A group of invaders landed on this planet. The
strange thing was that they didn’t attack us but the only thing they did was to go deep into the land and disappeared. Nothing happened in the following two months but I still thought that might be a huge threat to our kingdom. Later on, our sentinel told me that there was another small group landing onto our planet at the same spot but he noticed that there was another kind of creature. It was much smaller. Like I said, I thought something must have been going on right under our feet but nothing happened as usual. Finally, until two months ago, my worries became the truth. I still remembered on that day, all of them rushed out from the land with tons of pipes.” “Pipes? What are those for?” “They were stealing Vaults from us.” “The Vaults?” “Yes, they are the only energy resource we have. As you can see, they are stealing our lives.” “Okay, I think I know the situation right now, but what do you want from me?” “You need to save us.” “Wait what? I am just a human being, not to mention that I am a programmer and a professional gamer. I cannot even run for 2 miles!” “Show him.” “Show what?” I think this is the real technology, because my car Chen, became an armor and that is to say, I am equipped with my car right now. “What can you do, Chen?” “I have three skills, invisibility, augmented armor and fast movement. Every of them costs energy. The energy is something like rechargeable batteries. If you are not using any of the skills, the battery can recharge automatically.” “That’s amazing, but since your car man are so powerful, I don’t see anything I can help here.” “That is the most important thing I am going to tell you. Do you remember the small creature I mentioned earlier? I think that is their key for their plan. In the first two months, because of some reason, I guess they were not able to locate the Vault or not be able to get them. However, after the creature arrived, they got started, so I think the creature was significant to them.” “Alright, so you want me to find the creature, destroy it or whatever to make it dysfunctional.” “Not bad, but you don’t have to kill it and maybe you just need to talk to it.” “Well, hopefully, it doesn’t seem like possible though. What does it look like?” “I am not sure if
this is a good news or bad news. In fact, we have the reason to believe that it is a ….” “What did you say? It is not possible! It is a …..?

Chapter Four

“Yes, that’s true. You heard me. We have enough reasons to believe that it is a human being, just like you. That’s why we summoned you to this planet.” “Okay, I think I know what’s going on right now. Let’s go Chen and see what you’ve got.” Alright, although I have no idea what the other creature is, I am pretty sure the girl was kidnapped here by the creature. I cannot see any reason why a girl wants to help them. Whatever, we will know soon.

Chen directs me to the spot and during the trip, I used its power a lot and figured out the recharge time and the time period of how long I can use it constantly. In fact, I can activate multiple power at the same time but as you can imagine, it cost more energy.

“Chen, have you ever seen those creatures before?” “I didn’t. Like I said, I know about these things as much as you do.” “Are you afraid?” “No, I am excited, because I can feel how you fee.” “Amazing. You know why I am excited right now? It feels like I am playing a game.”

With the help of Chen’s power, we finally got to the spot where their headquarters should be. It is the pure chaos. The sky is dark because the pipes are everywhere and no light can go across them.

“Damn! Let finish this”, Chen said with anger. “Chill Chen. I can feel something. It seems like somebody is guiding me. I will follow that and let’s sneak into it.” It is weird, because somebody is guiding me in my head. I have never been at this place before, but I know where to go. I am guessing someone is using some power to have updated my device so that I have the knowledge.

“We are close.” I have a strong feeling. “Be invisible and let’s get in there.” It is an empty room. The wall is covered with a lot of screens which make the room as bright as morning. All of the
sudden, the door was closed and all the screens turned off. “It’s a trap! Well, we are invisible. Just be quiet.” Then I heard a human’s voice, “I know you are there, help me. Please help me.”

Chapter Five

“Who are you and why should I trust you?” “Listen Taylor, I don’t have time to explain all the things, so I will make it short. My name is Jiam and I am a crazy fan of VRMMO. One day when I was playing, the system announced that there would be a small update, so that all of the players were required to log off in five minutes. However, I was as the last step of the mission, so I didn’t log off. You are a programmer so you should know that won’t be a problem because the system will kick you off anyway. Five minutes later, nothing happened. I tried to log off but I couldn’t find the button. I was locked into that world. Then, a strong current shocked me and I passed out. When I woke up, I was landing on some strange planet. I think you have already got the answer. Yes, I was landing on this planet. I am a prisoner here. The creature out there, named Diao, plan to steal all the Vault here. I was kidnapped because in that VRMMO game, I have the ability to detect resources. “Why don’t you escape?” “Because they used mind control on me.” “Mind control?” “Yes, as long as I go out of this room, I will not control myself.” “How can I save you?” “There is a guy called Big Han. He is good at magic. I cannot see any ways to defeat him. However, since we both came from parallel worlds, Big Han must have a prototype as well. Look for it and modify his power. However, it is too late. “Hello, stinky fly. Why are you hurting our princess?” Big Han said. He is too big to defeat, not to mention he is a master of magic. “I will be back Jiam.” I shouted. “You are not going anywhere. I heard your dirty conversation. You cannot find my prototype because I destroyed it. I am the
eternal!” I attempted to heat him by using all the power Chen has, but none of them worked and even worse, I couldn’t get close to him. He is a real monster.

Chapter Six

“Not bad, I will give you a quick kill for respect.” Big Han said with his ugly smile. After the attempts, my battery is running out, but I think I am winning. All I have to do is to wait for him to kill me. “Go to hell! Pyro blast!” Big Han made a spell and at the same time, a fireball was flying towards me. I will be dead. Boom! After a huge noise, the wall crashed. “What?!?” “You lost this game” Big Han was set up apparently. “I will tell you what happened and like you said, to show respect. We deliberately let you hear our conversation so that you would go to check your prototype. However, after your soul was away, I felt that the power in the room was significantly reduced. Then, based on my game experience, I understood that this room is the key. As long as this room is not isolated, Jiam would be out of control from you.” “Okay, but why didn’t I hit you? I was not likely to miss a target.” “You were not. I have to admit that you are the best magic speller I have ever seen. You know why I used up all of my power to attack you? Because you were focusing on defending so that our duplicates could confuse you.” “Your duplicates?” “Yes, Jiam is a mage in that game and she knows how to use Mirror Image. The one you hit was not me, I was a minion.” “Damn! You think that’s it? I will burn you to hell!” Another fireball is shot towards us, but he has made a fatal mistake. One spell Jiam could sing, is called Counter spell. When someone casts a spell, it will be countered. So, Big Han burnt himself to ash.

“Let’s go Jiam. You are free now.” “You are my hero, Taylor.” “Well, you saved yourself. You are a great mage.” “I am just a player.” “I have a question. How do you know my name?” “Well, like
I said, I am a crazy gamer and so are you. I knew you in Sword Art Online, the VRMMO RPG.”

“Wait, are you …?” “Yes, I am Asuna. So our devices are connected and that’s how I directed you here.” “Asuna, I have been looking for you since the SAO server went down. I miss you so much.”

“Here I am. So do you want to realize your first promise?” “Asuna, marry me.” Asuna replied with tears on her face, “I love you”.

After Big Han was dead, all the pipes crashed. Although Diao did steal some Vault from this planet, but the car man kingdom was free again. The leader was grateful about what I did, so he allowed us to take Chen, my best friend, back to the earth. At last, of course, Jiam and I got married and we could play together.

That is life.