

Playing Games

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CHARACTER NAME	BRIEF DESCRIPTION	AGE	GENDER
Emerald	Feisty, sees no need to be nice.	12	F
Louis	Trying to be a good guy.	12	M

Emerald is sitting in her room playing a video game. She's using her whole body, twisting herself upside down. Louis walks in--

LOUIS

Uh, hey--?

This startles Emerald. She gets distracted and messes up on the game.

EMERALD

No, NO, AAAAAUUUGGGHHH!!!

LOUIS

Uh--

EMERALD

AAAAAAAUUUGHHH!!!! KNOCK! KNOCK!

LOUIS

What? I---

EMERALD

KNOCK before you come into MY room and ruin MY concentration--- Oh man! It's over. The tournament is over!

LOUIS

You can start another one---

EMERALD

No, LOUIS I cannot. I have been playing that particular level, with that PARTICULAR character since December 17th 2017 at 417pm in the afternoon. I am able to PAUSE when I am forced to leave the game to do stupid stuff like school, or food. But you RUINED my concentration and hence LOST. MY. GAME!

LOUIS

Geez. I'm sorry. You don't have to be such a meanie! Mom said I should get you to come to dinner cause she's been yelling for you for like an hour.

EMERALD

My mom.

LOUIS

What?

EMERALD

My mom. She's not your mom. Even though she says "call me mom." She's actually not allowed to just GIVE you mom rights.

LOUIS

Fine. Whatever. Come to dinner. (Under his breath) I hate you.

EMERALD

It's mutual.

LOUIS

I don't want to be here either you know.

EMERALD

Great, then go away.

LOUIS

This is MINE and my dad's house. Why don't you go away?

EMERALD

Believe me, I'd love to.

LOUIS

(Mean)

I don't know if you know this. But this house is haunted. By a psycho kid killer, who'll rise up out of the toilet and eat your head!

EMERALD

GOOD!

LOUIS

And it only eats stupid girls!

EMERALD

Awesome. Can't wait to get chomped up. It's much better than living with you.

LOUIS

Come to dinner before I get in trouble.

EMERALD

(Sticks her tongue out)

BLLLLBBBTTTTT!

LOUIS

So mature. OK, forget it. If your mom wants you she can just come and get you herself.

He turns to leave. Emerald restarts her game. Louis watches for a second. Then:

You'll never get past that level unless you find the extra heart under the tree, under the graveyard, under the mountain.

EMERALD

(As he is leaving.)

Wait! Which tree?

LOUIS

(Comes back.)

The one that's made of Yum Yum fruit. There's like ONE pixel you hit and you get another heart to defeat BashTet. Otherwise she moves too fast and you never have enough hearts.

EMERALD

(Suspicious.)

Why are you telling me?

LOUIS

Because it's really dumb that you haven't gotten past this level.

EMERALD

I LIKE this level. I get to stab Franky over and over again.

LOUIS

O--oo--kay. I think maybe the ghost in the toilet is scared of YOU.

EMERALD

Good. Anyway. That heart thing may be a helpful thing to know.

LOUIS

You're welcome.

EMERALD

Whatever.

LOUIS

Also, you need to flick the controller like this, (he does a funky flick) to get past the Gore Dragon.

EMERALD

Huh.

LOUIS

Ok, I'm going now.

EMERALD

(she makes a desicion.)

You can come back if you want.

LOUIS

Why?

EMERALD

So I can beat you senseless in DragonMasters.

LOUIS

Ha! Nice try.

EMERALD

Scared?

LOUIS

Dude. I practically INVENTED DragonMasters

EMERALD

Then you shouldn't be so scared of me.

Louis rolls his eyes.

LOUIS

Whatever. I'm going to eat. It's spaghetti.

EMERALD

That doesn't sound too puke-y.

LOUIS

It's delicious!

EMERALD

Maybe-- I'll have some. And then I challenge you to a round of DragonMasters. I am AMAZING.

LOUIS

Yeah? Well I'm ASTONISHING.

EMERALD

We'll see about that. I'm hungry let's go eat.

She exits. Yells back as she exits.

I still don't like you.

LOUIS

The feeling's mutual.

He goes to the video game. Plays a couple of seconds, smiles.

I'm gonna take her down!

He exits.