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The Casusally Harcore Gamer

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INT. FAMILY ROOM - DAY

JEREMY and RANDAL are sitting talking to each other.

JEREMY

So then what do I do if it doesn't work and he runs at me?

RANDAL

Well, typically that would be when you turn and run, but since you're trapped in hardened chocolate, you should probably try to dodge as best you can.

CARISSA walks up and sits down.

CARISSA

Hey guys, what're you talking about?

RANDAL

We're just running through some scenarios.

CARISSA

I don't care. I just came over to tell you I finished that game you lent me and to return it.

JEREMY

Oh. Where is it then.

CARISSA

Yeah, I forgot to bring it.

JEREMY

You came over to return my game and you forgot to bring the game?

CARISSA

Pretty much.

RANDAL

You play video games?

CARISSA

Yeah. Why, do you think because I'm a girl I can't?

RANDAL

What? I never said that, I just didn't think about it.

CARISSA
I'm sure, just like I didn't think
about how you are just trying to
talk your way out of this?

RANDAL
So what kinds of games do you play?
I've been playing Breath of the
Wild a lot lately myself.

Randal holds up Breath of the Wild and then tosses it aside.

CARISSA
You carry it with you?

RANDAL
Don't judge.

CARISSA
Well, I haven't played that game
yet.

RANDAL
So what game was it?

CARISSA
The game I borrowed from Jeremy? It
was, ah, I don't remember the
title.

JEREMY
It was Dark Souls, wasn't it?

CARISSA
Yes, that was it.

RANDAL
Dark Souls? You beat Dark Souls?
How long have you been playing it,
a year.

JEREMY
Actually I just loaned it to her
last week.

RANDAL
You beat it in a week?

CARISSA
Actually, I didn't get a chance to
start it until yesterday.

RANDAL

So you beat it in a day? I'm starting to think you're making this up.

CARISSA

What, so I'm not allowed to be a hardcore gamer?

RANDAL

Again with the putting words in my mouth.

CARISSA

I'm just sayin' you're acting all surprised that I beat a hardcore game like Demon Souls-

Jeremy interrupts.

JEREMY

Dark Souls.

CARISSA

That too.

RANDAL

Well, maybe you shouldn't read too much into it.

CARISSA

Or maybe you think the only games I play are Candy Crush and The Sims.

RANDAL

Oh, so you think there's something wrong with those? Are people who play those games not "real" gamers?

JEREMY

Well that was a fast turnaround.

CARISSA

No, they're not real games.

RANDAL

You seem to have a very narrow view of what constitutes a real game.

CARISSA

Real games are games like Civilization, Chivalry, Command and Conquer-

JEREMY

Apparently real games begin with
"C".

CARISSA

Fallout, Tomb Raider, Cup Face-

JEREMY

Cuphead.

CARISSA

Cuphead, Portal-

RANDAL

Okay, I get it, there aren't many
real games.

CARISSA

Exactly.

RANDAL

So what exactly makes a game "real"
or not?

CARISSA

What it rates on the casualomitor.

RANDAL

The casual what now?

JEREMY

It's a scale she uses to measure
how casual a game is. If it rates
too high, she doesn't consider it a
real game.

CARISSA

Yeah, The Sims rates around nine
while Candy Crush gets an eleven.

RANDAL

What's that on a scale of?

JEREMY

One to five.

RANDAL

So the short version is that you
just don't like casual games, yes?

CARISSA

I thought I made that pretty clear.

RANDAL

Why does there have to be a distinction? Why do people feel the need to put themselves into little boxes of casual gamer and hardcore gamer? In the end, whether we're casual or hardcore, PC or console, boys or girls, we're gamers, and that should be something to bring us together, not tear us apart.

Randal gets up and leaves. Carissa and Jeremy watch until he's gone. They then fistbump.

JEREMY

So what game did you really spend yesterday playing?

CARISSA

Doki Doki Literature Club. I tried Dark Souls but it really wasn't my thing. That and I don't have a PlayStation.