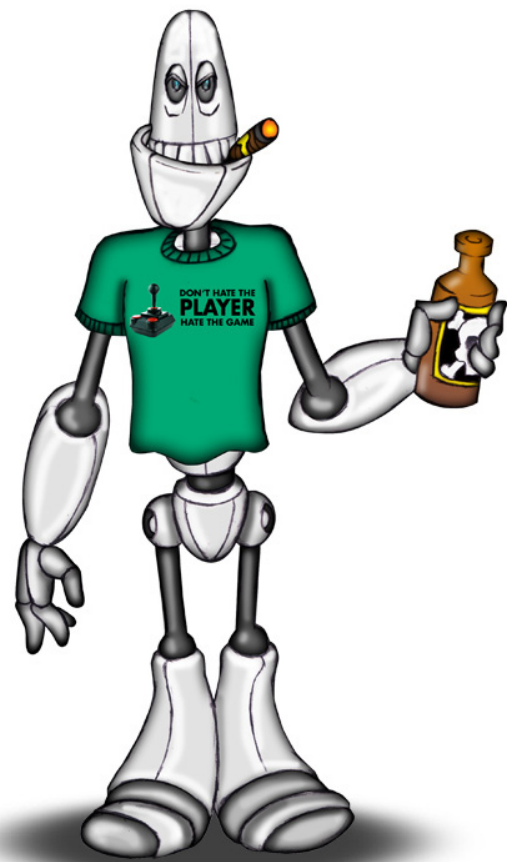
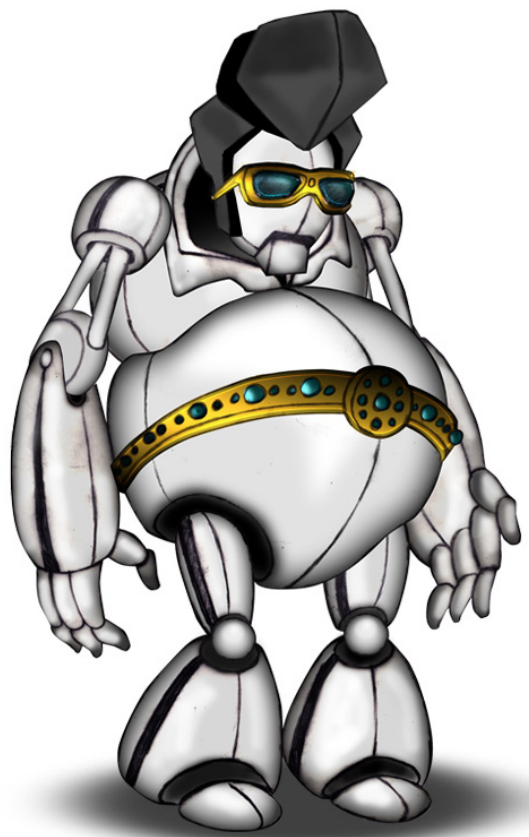




Pocket Bots



What is Pocket Bots?

It is a Peer to Peer/Social Gaming application that allows users to create and choose their own adventure simultaneously.

It is a creative expression app for the web, smart phone and touch tablets.

It uses photos and text formatted into a comic book style that allows people to meet and/or interact with someone new everyday and have fun doing it - anonymously.

It's a world where your robot is an extension of you and robots rule the world.

The app is meant to be low maintenance and only have short bursts of involvement from the user during the day — everyday.

Think of it as a mashup of...

Twitter

Users will have a social networking profile that allows them to follow or be followed, have friends, and an have activity feed plus other social networking type features. It also will have limitations on text length.

Choose Your Own Adventure Books

Users are taken on a journey where they choose how the story unfolds, but unlike these books, Pocket Bots has no predetermined beginning or end, the story unfolds in real-time and requires the creativity of the community to make the story a reality.

Yahoo! Answers

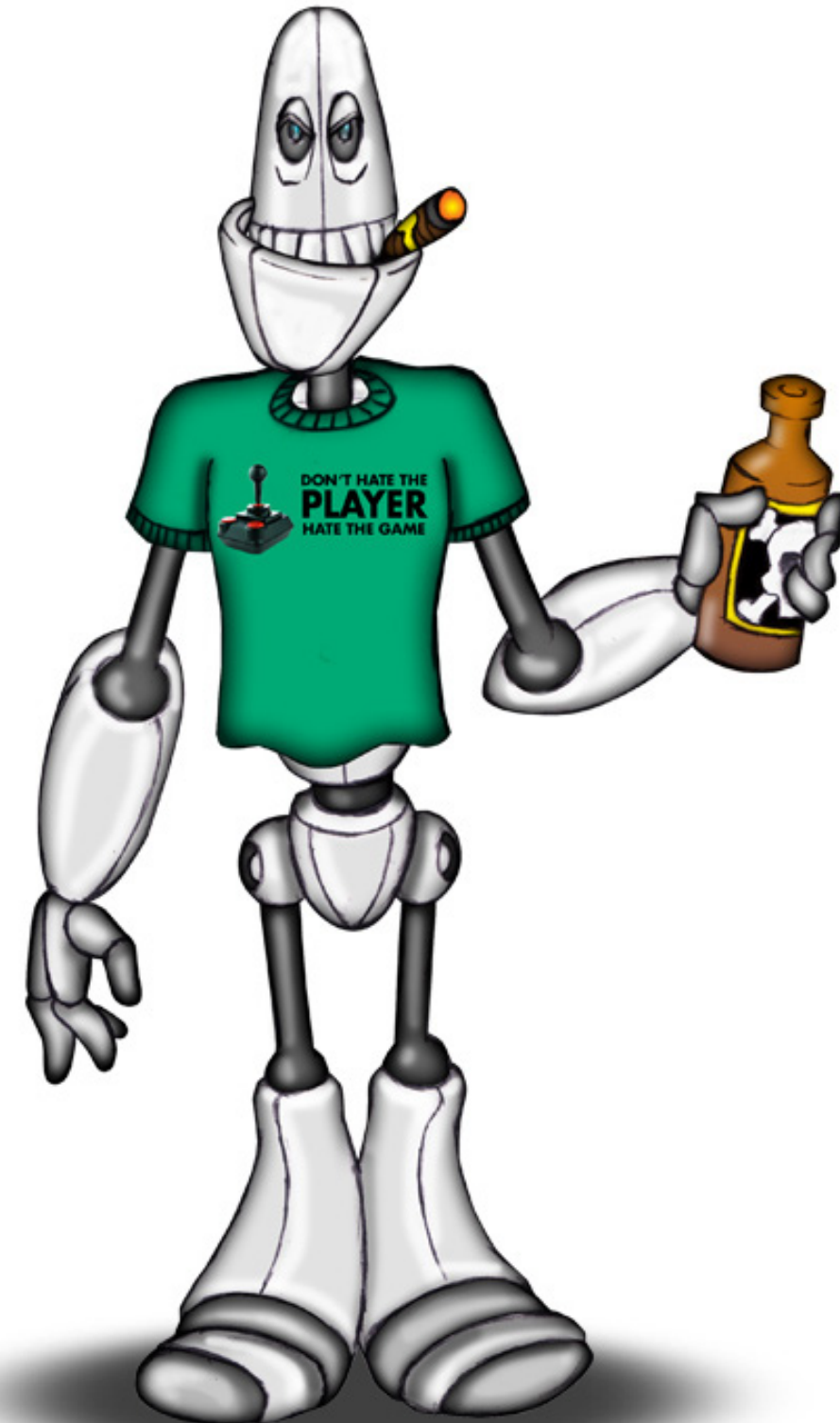
Users can post resolutions and thoughts and the community can vote on the best answer.

Reddit

Users can post random thoughts and the community usually offers many comments in return, even the most mundane comment can garner a lot of community traction.

howaboutwe.com

In this dating site users start off a virtual conversation by starting off the approach with "How about we (fill in the blank)" - this allows the users to be able to frame up a starting conversation and help the user put their thoughts into context.



Why Pocket Bots?

It should be all these things to the user: **Creative, Social, Fun and Low Maintenance**

How is it creative?

Users will be able to create:

- + **Avatar(s) in the “Bot Shop”**, here they can make their robot look like whatever they want
- + A **Backstory** for each robot profile
- + **Interactive stories/adventures** using photos, text, and their robot to express themselves

How is it social?

Users will be able to:

- + Meet people through starting or joining **Interactive stories/adventures**
- + **Submit comments, votes and whispers**
- + **Follow or be followed and gain community status**

How is it fun?

Users will have fun by:

- + Using their imagination to **create engaging story lines**
- + **Meeting people**
- + **Acting** differently from themselves through their robot
- + **Reading stories** in a comic book style format

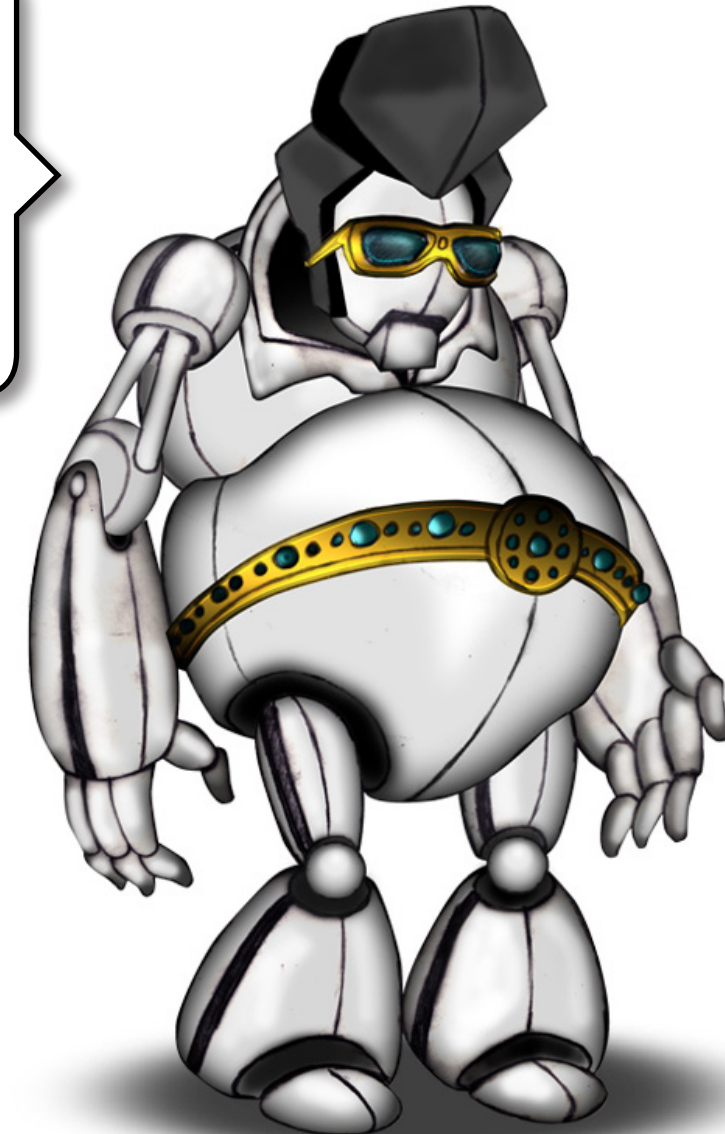
How is it low maintenance?

Like most great mobile applications, they require:

- + **Short bursts of time involvement through turn based game play** (think of someone waiting for their bus ride)
- + Little customization - game play starts immediately (or close to it)
- + That **information is available on demand** when they want it, where they want it
- + **Tools and UI** is intuitive and easy

PocketBots is for people who like my favorite TV shows like Family Guy, Archer, Simpsons, American Dad, and Futurama.

If you like that bot, Michael Jackson, this ain't the place for you.



Why Robots?

- + Robots can be humanoid but not human
- + They can have intelligence and personality all their own
- + They can be controlled and not all at the same time
- + They can be an extension of the user
- + They can do whatever they want

They can be forgiven for doing off-the-wall stuff because of all these reasons and should not come off as offensive when doing it.

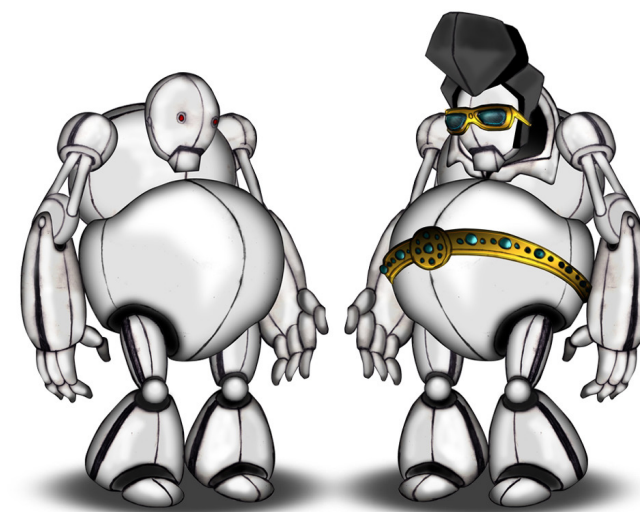
Think about how Bender from Futurama behaves.



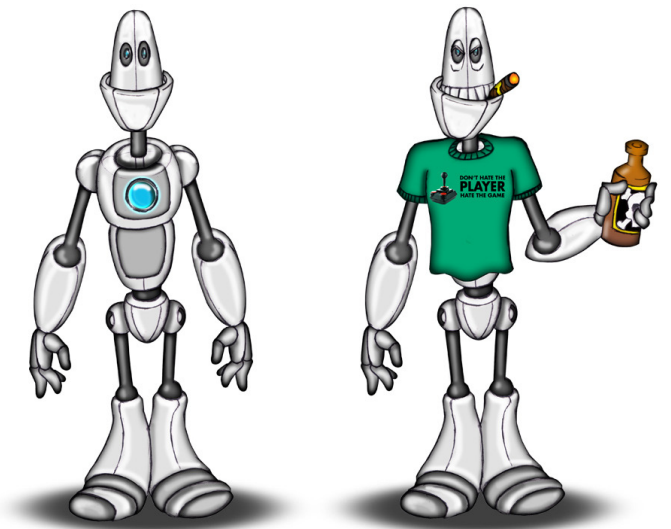
Users will be able to create their own robots from baseline robots we provide. Just like with SL avatars the robots can be customized in their shape, clothing, and attachments. However unlike SL the robots all look like they come from the same factory.

Once created a backstory can be added to the robot's profile so others can know who they are and what they are about.

MEET THE PLAYERS



Fat Elvis



Fubot

I'm the fat, sweaty, jumpsuit wearing, pill popping, toilet seat dying Elvis. When I died I shot my soul into this tin can.

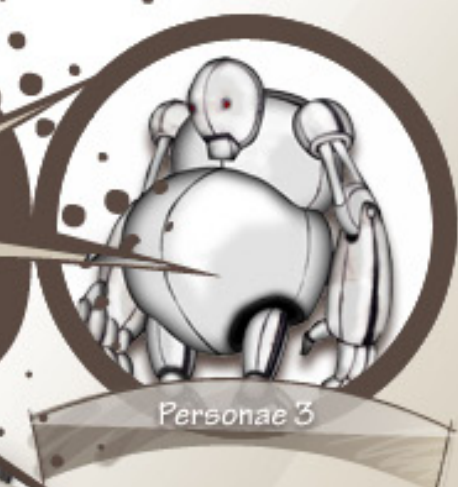
K mama nuff said - let's rock & roll.

I am Fubot - Fubot is a robot . Fubot loves drinking robojuice , which sometimes lands Fubot in the junk pile. Fubot is from the future, past , and present . Fubot doesnt know what that means .. But will compute later. Fubot speaks in the 3rd person.



There are 3 types of users (a single user can be any one of these at any time): the initiator (author), the responder (path definer), the voyeur.

Players can have multiple robots, each with their own look and backstory, tied to one account.
They will notify the player when they need attention through push alerts, when the app is started and while the user is in the app



Players can earn trophies for participating and for being followed and viewed.



Welcome Back Fat Elvis!

Start an Adventure Find an Adventure

My Adventures Bot Shop My Profile



Players can view and participate in all of the "live games" in real-time

Players have access to a host of options from the beginning.
Let's select "Start an Adventure"



The robot can be edited by tapping it.

Background is sourced from Google Maps Streetview
The background can be edited by tapping it.

So I'm out for my usual morning jog and I find myself at a crossroads between the waffle house and the lucky 13 bar - I loves me some of them waffles but I also loves me some bourbon before 10 - I can't decide - anyone ?

Move me around or change my look!

When starting an adventure the player can place their robot into a scene. Since the robot will be 3D they will be able to pose it, rotate it, scale it and change it's appearance

Background images can be added to the scene. They can be sourced from the device, Google Images, and Google Maps Streetview

Players can post with just text/robot, text/robot/photo, and text/photo
They can choose different bubble shapes and positions

Fubot's View



Just like with Yahoo! Answers users can see the number of Path responses an adventure has received

Players looking to find an adventure can look at the latest list of adventures waiting for a starting path.

The screenshot shows a mobile-style interface. On the left is a list of adventures:

- Waffle House Zombies** BY: Zombieland (1 response)
- The King's Day Out** BY: FatDeadElvis (3 responses)
- Lorem Ipsum** BY: SomeCoolCat (2 responses)
- Lorem Ipsum** BY: SomeCoolCat (0 responses)

On the right is a detailed view of 'The King's Day Out' by FatDeadElvis. It features a character image of a robot with a speech bubble that says: "So I'm out for my usual morning jog and I find myself at a crossroads between the waffle house and the lucky 13 bar - I loves me some of them waffles but I also loves me some bourbon before 10 - I can't decide - anyone?". Below the image are buttons for 'Profile', 'Share', and 'Follow'. A comment from 'Bugaboo' is visible with thumbs up/down icons and counts of 98 and 5. At the bottom right, there is a pencil icon in a speech bubble.

Players like Fubot can view the adventure starting scenario along with all of the proposed path's from others

Players can get to know the robot on the other end and socially interact by posting the adventure to their feed or following the story as it progresses

Users can vote on the path they like the best but ultimately it is up to the story originator to choose the path they want to go on

Players can propose a new path by selecting this
Let's post a response.



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FUBOT think you're probably at the waffle house already with a fifth of bourbon. and if you are not there you should be.

FUBOT can not compute: why is dead robo elvis jogging?



Fubot is proposing a path for Fat Elvis using just a text only response that will render a default PocketBot pose and generic background. The simplest way to create a scene.





Fat Elvis will be alerted that he has new responses to check out



Fat Elvis will be able to scroll/swipe through all of the responses visually

As Fat Elvis scrolls through the responses the user who submitted them will display as well, giving Fat Elvis the option to choose the focused adventure and see the number of votes the community gave the response

Let's choose this path from Fubot.



As cells get added and game play progresses the adventure will be tracked for stats like number of votes, comments, whispers, views, follows, story length, etc. These stats will dictate the adventure's status on the leader board.

Players can view the adventure by swiping sideways or touching a cell thumb noted on top of the primary cells



The primary view for an adventure is a side scrolling comic book style.

Fat Elvis needs to add to the adventure. Let's do that by selecting the compose button.

Fubot will be alerted that his path has been accepted by Fat Elvis and to standby while Fat Elvis makes his next move

Voyeurs paying attention to the story can offer guidance (indirect participation) on what to do next via the "whisper" feature. Only the player who has the current turn can see the whispers. More on this later.



Fat Elvis has responded so Fubot will get an alert telling him it's his turn

Moving up in the world! Robots are taking notice. And, the cells are growing.

#15 on Today's Leaderboard ↑ up 2 spots from an hour ago View State

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FUBOT your making a lot of sense to me - I am heading to the waffle shop after I stop at the bar first - washin down waffles with some bourbon sounds mighty fine indeed.

It's your turn.
What do you want to do next?

Compose

A Scene can be created using "canned" stock images provided by the PocketBot Application. Like Fat Elvis did here.

Fubot needs to add to the adventure. Let's do that by selecting the compose button.



Fat Elvis wrote...



As game play progresses each cell can have individual votes, comments, and whispers. Whispers become public viewing after the turn is complete.

Looks like Fubot has some whispers.



Scene creation with the use of your camera on your mobile device or using pics that exist on your device. This Also Illustrates simple "erasing" or cropping tools to better composite your PocketBot into a scene.

Don't forget to save. It will give you the option to save as a draft or publish the cell.



Using the eraser tool, players can compose their robot into scenes more creatively



King's View

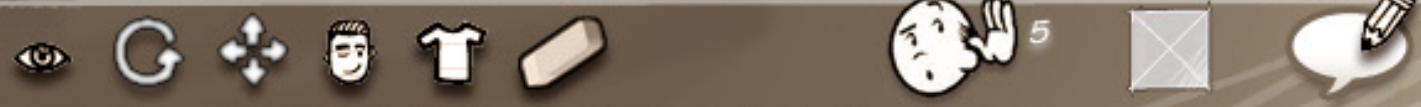
Fat Elvis get's an alert that Fubot has responded, it's his turn.

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FUBOT you ask a lot of wacky questions - u know where I went to Graceland. Holy crap Fubot one second ...



Low resolution images found on the web, can be scaled up, rotated, and cropped using simple image editing tools.

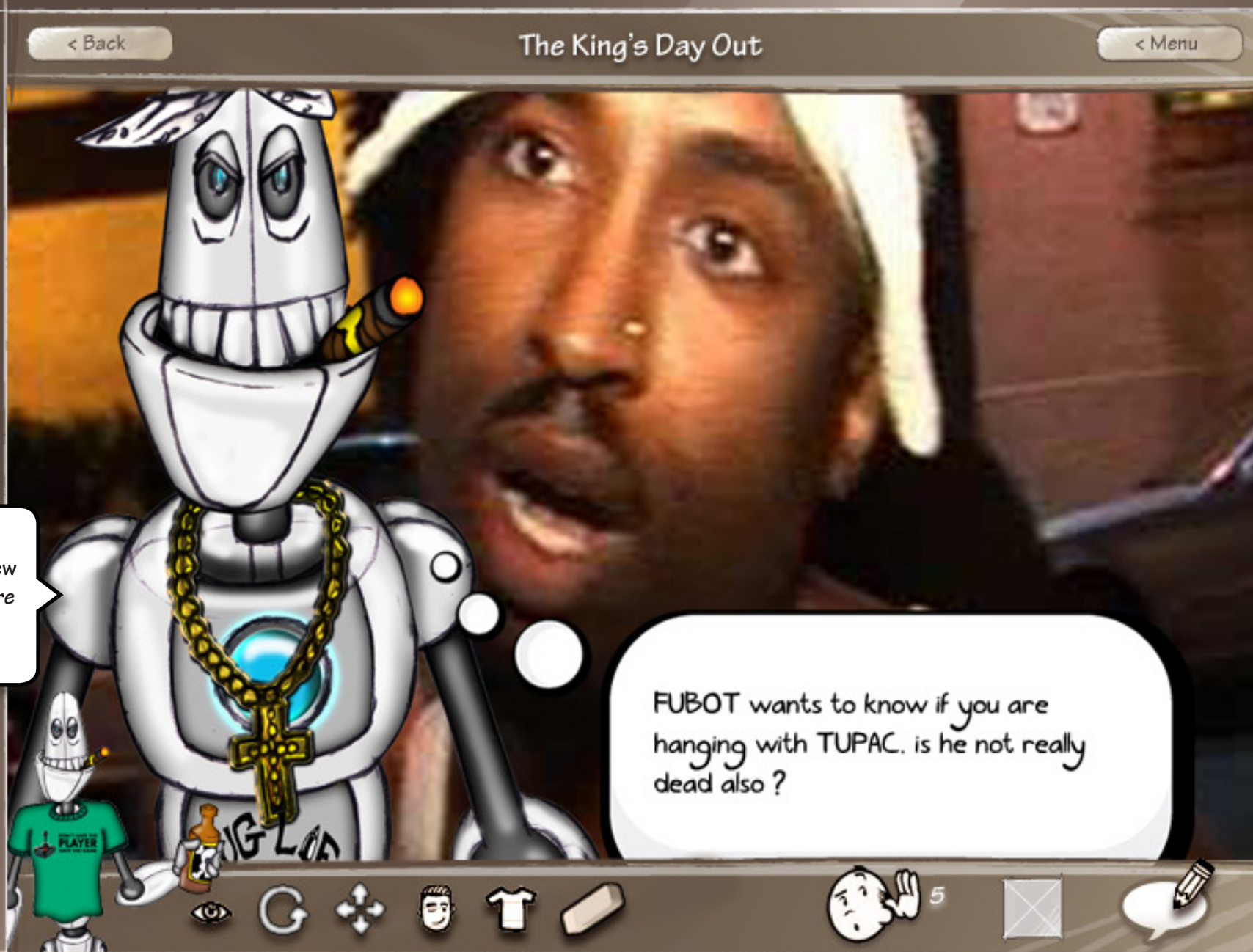


Fubot's View



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PocketBots can be modified at any point, new attachments etc. to better fit the adventure as it progresses in unexpected ways.



FUBOT wants to know if you are hanging with TUPAC. is he not really dead also ?



As a voyeur you can share the adventure on your profile feed and you can follow it so that you will be alerted when new cells come in

As a voyeur you can also add a "whisper" for the current player.



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Cells don't need PocketBots, they can be images only. We decided to leave him in for this one.

The King's Day Out

Whispers

Bugaboo wrote...
Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit. Duis dictum imperdiet...

Nastybot wrote...
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Mr. Roboto wrote...
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Bender's Brother wrote...

I just belled up to the bar and my fd up daughter is here with that Webster loving ghost MJ - I hope they didn't see me what should I do?

No sign of tupac but I could use that gangster right about now

Use Invite

Fat Elvis can select the "Use" button, this will let the voyeur know her idea was used. The voyeur will be alerted.

If the current participant starts to see a lot of active participation from a handful of participants the original pair of players can decide to invite them into the game play.

Fat Elvis wants help on this one so he is looking at the whispers he received

Development Components

- + **Moble and Web** - Built mostly using web components but it could be more native for Android and iOS
- + **Uses a 3D avatar system** so the robots can be posed
- + **Uses an instance of the SL Profile System**
- + **Uses SL's LDAP system**
- + **Could use an inventory system** for things like clothing and attachments



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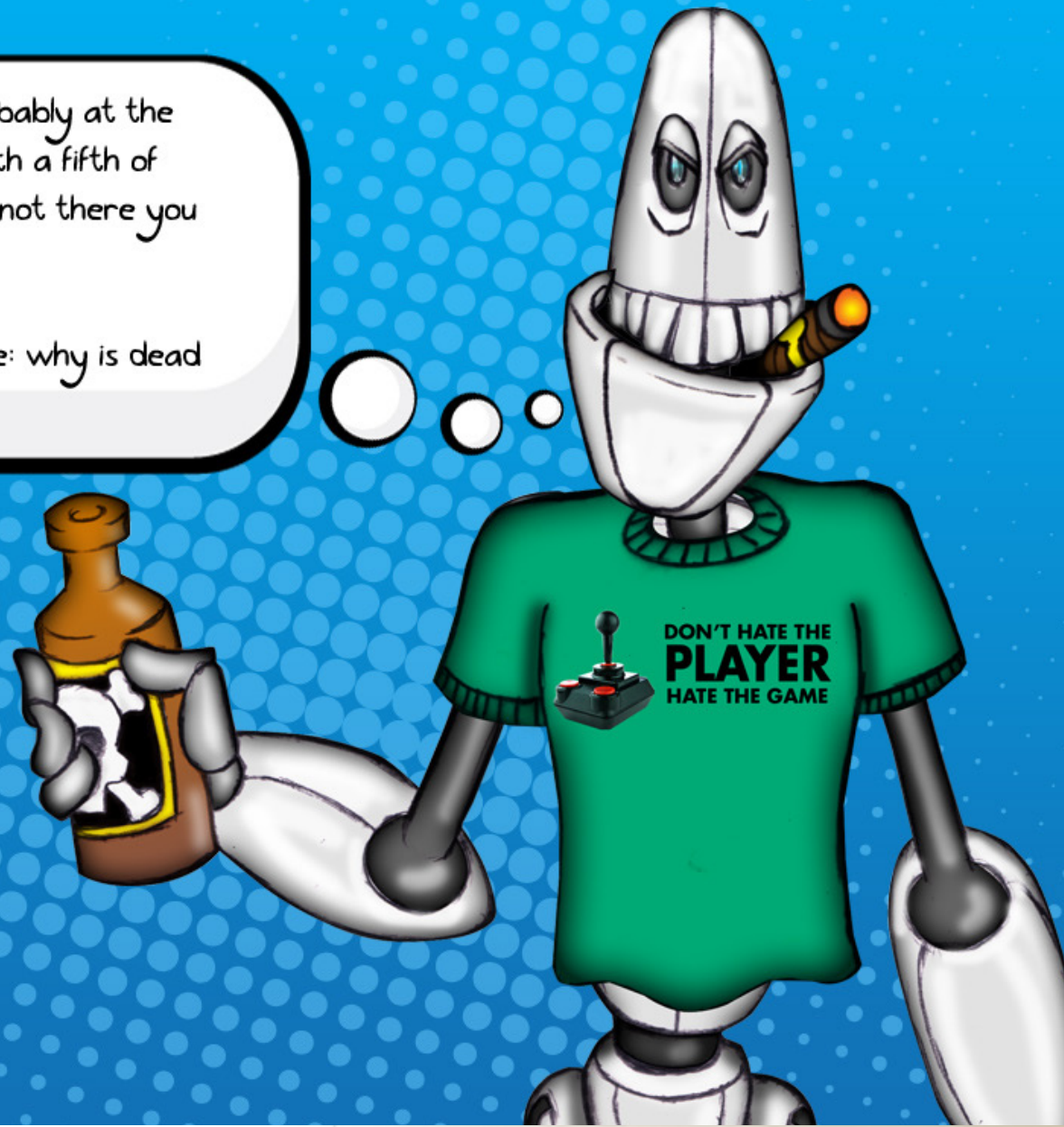


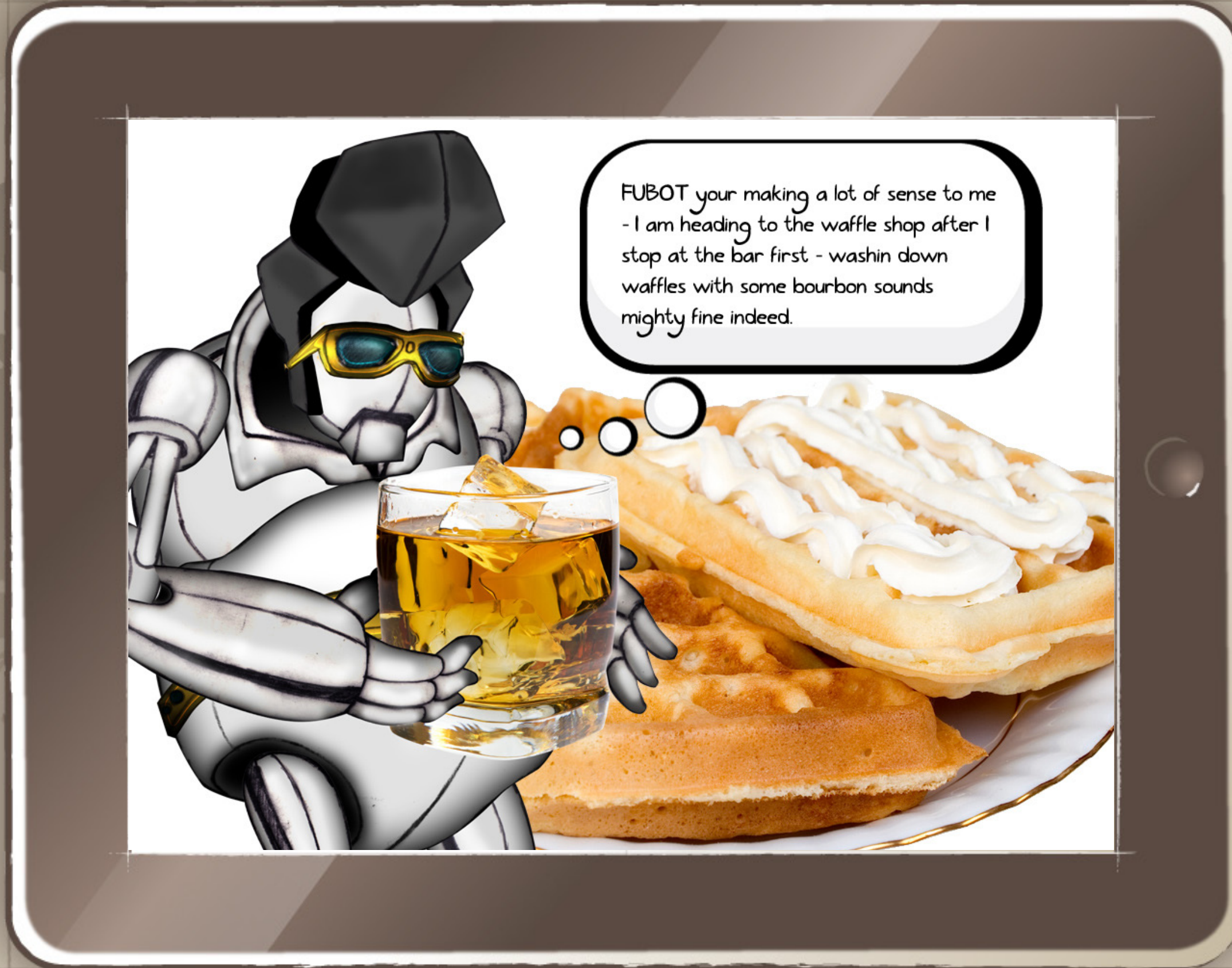


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