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I am the time and place

The time is January 1, 2062

The place is NuEngland, Zone 7.

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I am the Game Academy.

Entrance to the Games Academy
is by competition.

Only once in their entire history has
the Game Academy had cause to
changed their entrance requirements.

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I am Tien, I am 16 years old.

My family is well-off. We have a Remote
Simulation Suite (RSS), which I use to
test my game designs.

Freeman, my best friend, is a really good
game designer. I let him share our RSS
so he can test his games.

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I am Freeman. I am 16 years old.

My family is struggling to make ends
meet, and my brothers and sisters
drive me mad.

I spend a lot of time over at my best
friend's house. He's got all the greatest
game design equipment.

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I am the setting.

The Game Academy apprenticeship competition deadline is April 5.

Tien and Freeman both dream of gaining a place on the Game Academy's apprenticeship programme.

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I am the happening that helps to resolve the conflict.

A week before the competition deadline, the Game Academy's computer systems are hit by a cyber attack.

The apprenticeship competition is cancelled.

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I am the conflict.

Each year the Game Academy accepts only one person from Zone 7 onto their apprenticeship program.

The competition for places on the Academy's apprenticeship programme is fierce, but Freeman and Tien are two of the most likely winners.

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I am the impasse that needs to be overcome

Tien is visibly shaken by the cancellation of the apprenticeship competition.

Freeman suggests that all may not be lost. If they work together they might catch the cyber criminals.

I am the good deed.

By pooling their gaming skills and resources, Freeman and Tien simulate the cyber crime and design a programme to trace the criminals.

Freeman and Tien tell the Game Academy how to trace the cyber criminals who crippled their computer systems.

I am Tien's thoughts

I have doubts about whether my game design will beat Freeman's.

By helping Freeman I jeopardise my chances of winning a place at the Game Academy.

I am the outcome of the good deed.

The Game Academy use Freeman and Tien's program to catch the cyber criminals.

The Game Academy's computer systems are restored. As a token of their appreciation for what Freeman and Tien did, the Game Academy accepts both into their apprenticeship program.

I am Freeman's thoughts

All hopes for making a better life for myself and my family are pinned on winning the Game Academy's apprenticeship competition.

I really hope that I don't lose my friendship with Tien if I win the apprenticeship at Game Academy.