The original Sonic.exe story was horribly written. It had a huge impact on people's lives. So here's a Rerun to it. While staying true to the original. So it doesn't have cliches or just bad storytelling. Enjoy reader. I know I did!

Chapter 1: An Unexpected Letter.

In the Summer of 2013, Tom was a huge Sonic Fan.

He liked the newest games but the classic games were his favorites, especially Sonic 1.

One day, he was playing Sonic Unleashed.

He barely got through the first cutscene when the doorbell rang.

It was very unexpected, due to him not ordering or getting any packages or mail.

He shuts off his PC and walks over to the door.

He opens it and sees nothing.

Was someone playing a prank on him?

Then he looks down at a black and blue envelope taped to a small package.

He decided to take it inside.

He gently opened the letter and read it:

Dearest Tom,

You have been selected to experience the newest version of Sonic the Hedgehog Classic Trilogy. This has the brand-new collection of games for Windows 8.1. It's the 22nd Year version, it has new features never seen before. Think of it as the Sonic Mega Collection. Don't mind, but we also sent you something else with the box, it's just a keychain for you from supporting us in the past 22 years for buying our games. As you open the box, you'll find the jewel case containing the CD. The box art is beautiful, showing Sonic, Tails, and Knuckles in their signature poses. While Eggman is laughing over the Death Egg. The CD inside the box includes: Sonic 1, Sonic 2, Sonic 3, and Sonic & Knuckles. We forgot to add a Sonic CD in there. We're not going to add that until the future. Be warned that this is an experimental project, and there may be "glitches and bugs" within this product. Hope you have fun playing it!

Regards,

SEGA's Enterprises.

Along with a CD which read "Sonic the Hedgehog"

"What the heck?" Tom said.

He wondered why Sega chose **HIM** of all people to test a game.

He didn't waste much time before running to his computer to test it out.

He slid the new game into the PC CD player that is sitting by the computer.

He moves his mouse over to the .exe file, and clicks on it.

When Tom opens the file, it gives him a Sega and a Sonic Team Presents Screen, as well as another small red title... but it flashed too fast for him to read it.

Then comes a Menu Screen.

"Wow. That's a beautiful menu." Tom remarked.

After Tom played around with the Menu, he pressed the play button which took him to the Title Screen.

It's your same old Sonic 1 Title Screen.

As soon as jingle ends, something feels off...

A creepy figure is shown while the Title Screen is ripped to shreds.

The letters that once read "Sonic, Sonic the Hedgehog," says, "Hello Tom, are you ready to have fun?"

After that happens, it goes to the Data Select.

It shows a red mist background, with Tails, Knuckles, and strangely, Dr. Ivo Robotnik (Dr. Eggman).

Tom thought about how Eggman got into the game.

"Maybe there is a different villain than Eggman?" He guessed.

Regardless, he selects Tails, it was his favorite character after all.

As soon as he presses the space key he hears a shrill laugh that could only be described as "Something out of hell itself."

This shook him for a minute but he decided it must've been one of those "glitches or bugs" Sega mentioned in the letter.

Perhaps a misused audio file? He is taken to a level called "Hill Zone."

Where did the Green in Green Hill Zone? Tom thought, questioning where it went.

It looks exactly like the regular Green Hill that he loved.

He controlled Tails across the screen.

As he progressed Tails got more sad and agitated.

Almost like he saw something up ahead that Tom couldn't?

That's when he saw it.

Dead animals everywhere.

Tom couldn't control him.

Tails went away from the blood and gore around the trees, the grass, and the flowers.

It looks like he was crying.

He was really crying.

No sprite could be that realistic.

Then the game crashed.

Tom sat there terrified of the carnage he just witnessed.

"Why did Sega send me this?" Tom asked out loud.

Tails suddenly took off to the left side of the screen.

Then a tab with Tails in it pops up on his desktop.

Then the fox starts talking, "You need to help us...Please! He's...coming for us! Then...l'll, you'll-"

His entire computer shuts off, with the laughter from before playing.

"I-i-is he t-talking t-to me?" Tom thought.

He wanted to go outside and enjoy the Summer breeze.

But curiosity got to him.

He needed to test out this new game. At least he thought it was a "game."

Chapter 2: It's not a Game.

He powers the PC on again and launches the file.

Then he is taken to a black screen where distorted text reads "Back so soon Tom?"

Then the 3 characters appear on screen yet again. "Sega must have coded my name into the game?" He asked.

He selects Tails again.

He is taken to a new level "Hide and Seek." A burning and distorted version of Angel Island.

Tails is now sobbing, as a depressing tune plays early in the distance.

"Doooo Doo Doo... Dooo Doo dooo... dooo do do do doo dooo..."

Tom makes Tails go to the right side of the screen.

Then that laugh... it echoes through the flaming abyss.

The sound startles Tails and he falls down onto a wooden spike.

Tails screams.

Tails somehow lifts himself off the spike of which is drenched in deep red blood.

Tails is now sitting down, propped up by a nearby tree.

He starts coughing up blood.

As the drowning theme begins to play... as Tails' coughing gets worse and worse the louder the music gets.

Then Tom realized, Tails wasn't getting chased, he was drowning.

He was drowning in his own blood.

Then the music stopped at its loudest point.

Tails collapses onto the burnt floor, as a pool of blood oozes around him.

"This is horrible." Tom remarked.

Then, Sonic appears right next to Tails' corpse.

Except it wasn't Sonic, it had a bloody distorted face with black eyes and unnatural red pupils that pierced through Tom's soul.

It grabbed the spike Tails had gotten impaled by and forced it through Tails' skull.

Then the screen cuts to a black room with the so-called "Sonic" staring dead-eyed out of the computer and right at Tom.

A deep voice echoes.

"Poor Tails... Did he deserve it?"

A typing prompt for Tom appeared "Yes, or No."

He hesitantly puts "No" The twisted figure laughs and disappears...

Tom looks away from the screen to realize it's already night time, "I should get some rest..."

He heads to bed for the night.

Chapter 3: No Escape.

Tom is suddenly woken up by the Sonic 1 Title Theme.

"What's going on?" Tom asks.

He gets out of his bed to investigate.

He sees in the other room that a light is on, and his front door is open.

"WHO'S THERE?!" Tom shouts.

He hastily closes the door.

Suddenly the Sonic 1 theme blares on his PC yet again, except it glitches on the last part and repeats faster and faster.

He walks over to the warping screen, as if in a trance.

"I guess I could play as Knuckles?" he says.

He sits down in his chair and goes to the misty Data Select.

Then in horror Tom notices Tails' save has a picture of his head on a stick, and Tails has dark fur, with red pupils, like that demon.

When Tom tried to play Tails again, it was locked...

Tom thought, what is SEGA doing with this game?

Who's behind this game?

He loads up Knuckles' save file and that same laugh plays except it sounded louder, closer even.

Knuckles is then taken to a zone called "You Can't Run" with that same mist on the Data Select with a Scrap Brain Zone Floor.

And the music, the music is this warping sound and what sounded like a gas leak.

Knuckles was questioning what the fuck he was getting into, but he kept on going further the further he goes the more of that "Red Mist" appeared.

Then the bloodied Sonic appears right behind Knuckles and says "How about a game of Tag?"

The screen fills up with static, and Sonic's laugh blairs in the background.

When the static disappears blood is all over the floor, and knuckles is angry and stares at Tom. "Does this make you happy?" Knuckles asks Tom.

One of those writing prompts appears, Tom starts to type his response- "Don't even answer." Knuckles interrupts. "You should've left... ya know what they say, 'Quit when you're on top.' But

now Tails is dead. And...I'M GOING TO DIE. AND. IT'S. YOUR. FAULT...So please go on "enjoy" our pain, you lousy fucker. Not like we matter to you anymore."

Knuckles looks at Tom with disgust.

Tom regains control of Knuckles and makes him walk to the right.

He starts to see a lot of blood.

He then gets cornered by a mysterious figure that seems to have the shape of Sonic, but he has black pupils, dark fur, and blood coming out of his eyes.

Chapter 4: Fun 'n Games.

"Ready?" Sonic asks Knuckles.

Knuckles just stands there scared.

Tom moves him over to attack the Distorted Sonic, but as soon as Knuckles punches, Sonic disappears and comes from behind.

Tom makes Knuckles go back and forth to "try" to punch Sonic.

Each single time he disappears as soon as Knuckles gets close, until Knuckles gets tired and falls over.

"Giving up so soon?" Sonic asks.

Sonic starts to walk closer and closer to the now tired Knuckles.

Then he picks him up and slams his head into the floor over and over, then throws him over the edge of the stage and he disintegrates into little pieces.

Sonic stares at Tom with a disappointed look.

"There goes another one Tom! Are you even trying? The last player who got involved saved Knuckles" Sonic jokes. "Did he deserve it??"

A typing prompt appears. Tom types "No"

"Interesting..." Sonic says.

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Then the game closes itself.

But this time there is bloody writing on his computer's wallpaper.

"Better get your act together Tom."

"Is this game a virus?!" Tom said, trembling.

He drags it into the recycling can on his desktop.

And text appears on the screen.

"So...you don't like my world?"

Tom stares at the screen with scared eyes...

He confirms the deletion...

The loud laugh plays but it sounds different than before.

Deeper, Louder, Closer, Longer.

Then a loud voice echoes through the computer.

"I WILL NOT BE DENIED."

"I AM YOUR NIGHTMARE."

"I...AM...YOUR...GOD..."

All of Tom's files are now replaced with the game.

"How is this happening?" Tom asks.

"Play the game Tom"

Tom slowly brings his mouse cursor over to the .exe file and opens it.

When it launches he is met with a bloody glitched Knuckles.

Knuckles begins to speak.

"Our pain is infinite Tom...The only "Good Ending" is to stop. Stop playing. Stop watching. Stop killing. Go. You are making this worse. You need to stop-"

Sonic appears right behind Knuckles and punches right through his already torn head.

"No more stalling Tom."

"You're really pissing me off..."

Then the Data Select appears but now there are mutilated Knuckles and Tails in their character save files.

"What. The. Hell?" Says Tom.

He chooses the last remaining character, Dr. Robotnik. The laugh doesn't play this time.

The doctor is taken to a cave called "Darkness" where the only light is darkened blue lanterns on the walls.

And before him is a staircase with the lights fading the farther he goes.

"Max?! Where are you?!" Robotnik yells into the dark.

Robotnik goes deeper and deeper into the darkness to the point where Tom can't even see him anymore.

"Max?" Robotnik asks into the echoing cave.

"No. J u s t. M E." A loud voice echoes.

Then a pair of red eyes appear.

"Heh heh heh." Robotnik responds.

"There's always next time." Robotnik says confidently.

"Don't count on it." Sonic laughs.

Red static fills the entire screen.

Suddenly the static goes away to reveal a dark room with the Distorted sonic staring at Tom.

"So... did he deserve it?"

A typing prompt appears.

"Yes? Or No?"

<Yes> Tom types.

"Y'know Tom... the greatest heroes are the ones you least expect. He tried to stop me. Save them. Save everything. And here you are. Saying he deserves damnation. Well. You'll join the eternal fun soon...

Why don't you look...BEHINDYOU."

Tom slowly spins his chair to his bed behind him.

And he sees nothing. "Wow. That was an amazing game!" Tom exclaims.

He turns around to his PC, and sees Sonic pounding on the computer screen. His computer monitor shakes as sonic punches the glass.

Then...

It cracks...

"What the Fuck? What's happening?!" Tom screams.

Sonic lands one last hit on the monitor and all the glass crumbles.

"LETSPLAYAGAMETOM." Sonic grabs Tom by the neck and drags him inside of the computer.

The game disk ejects.

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