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Three sample events from the game lovesurge.  
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### **Event 1: Ready to Explore The Net?**

**Location:** Kitchen/Living Room

**Sprites:** (Happy), Noki (Annoyed), Noki (Neutral), Noki (Curious), Noki(Pouting),  
Noki(Smug), Noki (Glazed eyes)

**Characters:** You and Noki

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You get up with a yawn and stretch. Afterwards, you pull out your SPARKVISION™ glasses and enter the net.

*NEUTRALNOKI*

Noki, your phone, stands in front of you with a calm smile on her lips. She waves at you before she begins to speak.

**Noki:** *Hello! Good morning! I hope our adventures in the world will prove worthwhile today!*

**You:** *Mmm, give me just a moment to get ready and then we can discuss.*

*HAPPYNOKI*

Noki nods before she grins, her eyes twinkling a little bit. It makes you feel a little better about your day. After you get ready, you meet Noki in the kitchen.

**Noki:** *Now to business! Seeing as your schedule is clear for the next...oh...for a while! It seems you'll have plenty of time to do your testing duties with me!*

You cross your arms, letting out a drawn out sigh from exhaustion, but at least you get to hang out with Noki.

**You:** *Riiight. A nap sounds better. Can I fit that into my schedule?*

*CURIOUNOKI*

**Noki:** *Nope! Me time! So, what did you want to do on our test?*

#### **Choice 1**

I guess we could explore together? Discover horrible glitches?

#### **Choice 2**

I don't know...do we really have to? Can't we just... hang out or something?

CHOICE 1:

**Noki:** *Aww, come on, The Net can't be that bad! It's an omnispark original like me! No bugs! All fun! Besides, it'll be better since you have me.*

You suddenly get flashbacks to your coworker, C0D3-W1ZARD (*she makes you spell it that way*) panicking to you over the phone. The deadline approached too fast and so little was actually finished.

**You:** *Uh...Yeah!*

She gives you a reassuring smile, you try and match it but fail horribly. You are a terrible liar, even in expression.

*ANNOYEDNOKI*

She starts to frown.

**You:** You're right! It will be good! Because you're there!

*HAPPYNOKI*

When you say that, she smiles with relief and closes her eyes. That worked. You know the way she's programmed. Your happiness is her top priority.

You rub the back of your neck awkwardly. It feels weird to talk about Noki that way.

CHOICE 2:

*ANNOYEDNOKI*

Noki squints at you and crosses her arms as she raises a brow at you, giving you a knowing look.

**Noki:** *That's really irresponsible of you. Of course you have to! You are contractually obligated to!*

**You:** *Wait...are you being serious?*

*SMUGSAM*

Then you notice that twinkle return to Noki's eye. It's a little more mischievous this time.

**Noki:** *I am messing with you. I think. I hope? Anyway, either way you are ACTUALLY contractually obligated to, I just figured it would be more digestible to hear it in the form of a quip!*

POUTSAM

You let out a laugh as Noki mimics your pout.

RETURN

NEUTRALSAM

**You:** *Whatever, The Net is probably better than...this place.*

You cringe looking around your apartment, shuddering in slight disgust. It was pretty on the outside, but the actual inside looked pretty crappy. Cabinets falling apart, the sink only dispensing cold water, and the AC being temperamental.

**Noki:** *True! This building is barely hospitable!!~ However, our adventures in The Net will be wonderful because we're together! I am useful!*

**Choice 1**

Yea, your company is making me feel better.

**Choice 2**

Useful? Do you like..do anything cool?

CHOICE 1:

**Noki:** *Good! I can't wait for later!*

**You:** *Same here.*

**Noki:** *We can go now then!*

You didn't mean that literally, but knowing that gleam in her eyes, she seems so excited about it!!!! What do you do? You had other things you wanted to do today!!!!

HAPPYSAM

Noki pokes you in the face and smiles.

**Noki:** *Kidding. See you later!*

CHOICE 2:

**Noki:** *Yeah...everything! I think? That's what my program profile tells me!*

Noki's eyes glaze over a bit as she says this.

GLAZEDEYENOKI

*You: Oh, cool!*

NEUTRALNOKI

*Noki: Anything to be the best at my job!*

### Event 1 Completed

#### Event 2: JOB TIME!

**Location:** Job Application

**Sprites:** None

**Characters:** You

Here you are again with one of your numerous side jobs. Today you're working for "CatTrash FishTeck!" The cheapest and most poorly branded thrift techstore in town.

Of course, the job you've been hired to do has nothing to do with tech, and everything to do hopping around in a beady eyed khoi-catfish hybrid mascot costume.

It smells HORRIBLE. Like a rat crawled in the suit and died.

You really wonder how you've come this far as a college student, only to be resigned once again to this prison of polyester.

*You: This might kill me. Thank god, no one will know it's me in there.*

You take a deep breath, trying to figure out how to open the suit with all of its twenty zippers.

*You: God, how am I even going to convince people to come into the shop dressed like this.*

#### **Choice 1:**

Pop some headphones in. Commit all the way. Do a silly little fishy dance.

#### **Choice 2:**

Bring this fish to the people. Chase them down. You have fliers.

#### **CHOICE 1:**

You begin to spin the 'Shop here' sign that contains the picture of the store's mascot with a thumbs up and a huge grin.

Some people that were walking around the strip mall decided to stop in their tracks, and watch you throw the sign in the air.

The sign spins majestically in the air as you break out some of the craziest dance moves anyone has ever seen a mascot perform. They start filming! A dance circle forms.

Suddenly, a mysterious second mascot emerges from the crowd! They break out a boombox and challenge you to a duel!

You show them no mercy. They are no match. A perfect Victory.

You will be preserved in the recommended videos tab of strangers for eternity.

You bring in a lot of business. After a few hours, you get your paycheck and the manager can't keep a smile off her face.

Then you notice the photos on her wall. Breakdancing competitions. Could it be? The mysterious challenger? She smiles and thanks you. You see a tear fall from her eye. Looks like you'll get some good recommendations.

### **CHOICE 2:**

You grab some flyers and start to walk around the strip mall. You begin to hand out flyers, but people try to walk past you.

### **YOU. DON'T. LET. THEM.**

You turn around and start running after the people who walk past you, holding the flyers out.

You: JUST TAKE IT. SUPPORT LOCAL FISHNISESS.

You: PLEASE, SIR! JUST A MOMENT OF YOUR TIME!

The people you are chasing after start running and screaming, but they never escape.

By the end of the day, no fliers remain.

In your hands at least, there are plenty in the trash and scattered through the streets. You let out a sigh of pride as you return to the store.

The manager can barely look you in the eyes. She's been watching the cameras.

When she hands you your check she holds on a little longer than she should...like she feels physical pain in having to actually give it to you.

Looks like you're probably not going to work for this store again.

## Event 2 Completed

### Event 3: Lotte aren't you overworking yourself?

Location: Kitchen

Sprites: Noki (Happy), Noki (Concerned), Noki (Upset), Noki (Surprised/Startled), Noki (Neutral), Noki (Sad), Lotte (Tired), Lotte (Happy), Lotte (Upset), Lotte (Neutral), Lotte (Annoyed)

Characters: Noki, Lotte, You

*TIREDLLOTTE*

*NEUTRALNOKI*

Lotte is doing the dishes in the kitchen, bags under her eyes as she lets out a soft yawn. Her movements are sluggish as she sets another plate down on the dry rack, rubbing her eyes afterwards.

Noki notices Lotte's head starting to bob.

Then Lotte's eyes flutter shut, her grip loosening on the plate she's holding. Noki calmly speed walks over as she stops the dish that's about to slip out of Lotte's hand just in time.

Lotte jolts awake

*NEUTRALLOTTE*

**Lotte:** *Oh- Clumsy me.*

*HAPPYLOTTE*

Lotte shakes her head as she gives Noki a tired smile. She grabs the dish from Noki's hand, and puts it right back on the dish rack.

*CONCERNNOKI*

**Noki:** *No need to apologize. Are you feeling well? You look like you need rest.*

**Lotte:** *Yea, I'm fine I think. Just gotta finish the dishes. There's a mountain of these stupid things.*

You feel yourself sweat. Did your laziness cause this?

That makes you feel bad. Really bad.

HAPPYNOKI

**Noki:** *I can see that. Let me help! No need to do it alone!*

**Lotte:** *Aww, Noki. Very kind of you. I'm fine, really.*

CONCERNNOKI

Noki's eyebrows furrow, a look of concern written on her face. She lets out a small sigh before her gaze softens.

**Noki:** *Lotte, please let me help? I just want to make su-.*

ANNOYEDLOTTE

*Lotte lets out an annoyed sigh, gripping the sponge in her hand.*

**Lotte:** *Could you stop? I've already told you no and I got it from here, Noki.*

**Noki:** *Lotte-.*

Lotte squeezes her eyes closed, her voice pitching up slightly.

**Lotte:** *Thank you! I'm good!*

STARTLEDSAM

When Lotte opens her eyes again, Noki is walking away.

UPSETLOTTE

Lotte tries to reach out for Noki, but she is already halfway out the door. Turning back to the dishes, Lotte lets out a melancholy sigh.

Noki turns the corner and sees you. She's startled at first, but approaches you. She looks afraid.

**Noki:** *I did that right, right?*

**Choice 1**

Yea, you did.

**Choice 2**

Maybe you shouldn't have pushed her.

**CHOICE 1:**

NEUTRALNOKI

***Noki:*** Thank you.

She pauses, thinking over her next words carefully.

***Noki:*** All I wanted to do was to help.

***You:*** You did your best. Besides, maybe all she needs is some time.

***Noki:*** You're right, I'm glad you're at least happy with my actions.

HAPPYSAM

Noki takes a moment to recollect herself, resuming her usual smile. She walks back to your room.

**CHOICE 2:**

UPSETNOKI

***Noki:*** Oh, did I disappoint you?

GLAZEDEYENOKI

Noki's eyes glaze over.

***You:*** No, no! You didn't disappoint me. It's just that some people don't want to ask for help, and pushing them when they've declined tends not to end well.

Noki nods before she looks down at the ground. She walks away, not meeting your eyes again. You try to call out to her.

***You:*** Hey, don't be hard on yourself. You were being a good friend by trying to look out for Lotte.

She's already gone.

**RETURN**

UPSETLOTTE



You return your gaze to the kitchen. You wonder if you should go talk to her, but maybe you should leave her be. You could see that Lotte has a look of regret on her face, and you walk over to her.

**You:** *Hey, just know that you can lean on us, alright? That's all I'll say as I don't want to push you more.*

**HAPPYLOTTE**

You give her a soft smile as you stand back a bit, giving her space. Lotte glances over her shoulder, a soft smile forms on her lips.

**Lotte:** *Thank you..*

**Event 3 completed**

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