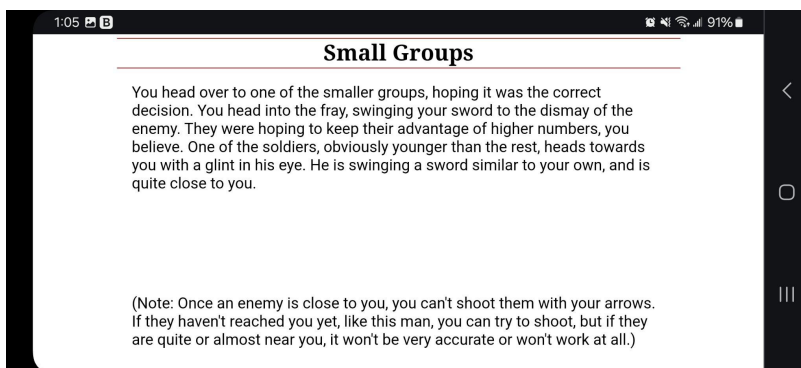


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This was Not 90 Minutes

Have you ever been lied to? When I started this assignment, I knew I wanted to cover a choose your own adventure web novel short story. Luckily, I had already been acquainted with the lovely site chooseyourownstory.com. I wanted to use a longer version of their stories, that way I was still reading a similar amount to my peers. I browsed multiple pages of the fantasy section, looking desperately for a title that snagged me. Yet there it was, so simple, yet I loved the sass of the title alone. “90 Minute Story Game: Prepare to Die” by TheSophia. I was told it had multiple endings; therefore, it would take me quite a bit too ready through all the possible deaths of the main character. Truly I was excited for this experience, for it to take me 90 minutes on each path, so I took a few screenshots for this post, and prepared myself.



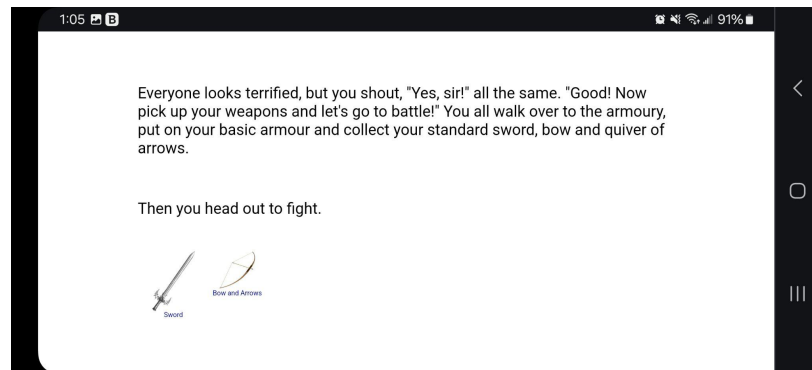
Truly it started off strong with excellent war descriptions, though it was vague on who I was or where I was, I got the impression that the message mattered more. In war it didn't matter who I was, what side I was one, or where I even was. I was a soldier armed with only a bow, a sword, and a few arrows. I was scared out of my might and following behind my group like a lost puppy marching forward in an unending storm. It started off quickly, with a choice to join the small group, or the bigger one. In my cowardly ways, I joined the small group to avoid the

horde of enemies. I was immediately in combat, and I had to pick whether to use my bow or my shorts, the enemy was too close I rationalized. So, I pulled out my sword and hoped my aim was true.

This theme and intense pace were kept throughout any route you went on in this short story. On my first route I died to this hulk of a man with a magic sword that consumed my very soul! It was entertaining, and then I realized it only took me thirty minutes to get there... Truly I

thought it would take much longer, the author was used to people taking their time, their choices were much more thought out than mine.

I went to the comments to



check and found many people saying “It’s 90 minutes to complete all the routes” as well as “It took 90 minutes to make, it’s a challenge!”. So it was my fault for not reading the reviews, but after going through all of the routes I still feel this will be a good review. I really enjoyed the tension of this piece the most, unlike other stories I’ve read for this class, I was forced to be fast and think one step ahead. The most logical answer based on the information before you usually proved to be right. Such as “There is an enemy charging you, but he is still a bit away” Then you choose your bow. I felt I became a battle hero, I stole the sword from the hulk, who I learned was called the Gurge.

Regardless, this was short, and I would’ve liked to know more about this world, or the war. What am I fighting for perhaps? Sometimes though, I’d like to acknowledge that simple and straightforward adventures are also just as important as extremely detailed and long-drawn-out

life stories. In the future I should read reviews, that way when I take up assignments like this, I have much more content and media to work with. In the end, it's still fun and I would recommend using this site to find quick or long “choose your own adventure” stories on the web! My final rating is a 3/5 stars for the fast and easy entertainment and straightforward writing.