

# Impossible Is Always Possible

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*This is an AU of the episode Hard Drive Courage with some huge changes. You don't need to have seen the episode to understand the story though. This is also CourageXComputer slash so stay away if you don't like slash.*

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# 1 - Intro

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Chapter One

Introduction

Courage smiled as he's eyes gazed around the ever so familiar 'computerized' settings. It took a few moments for his body to fully materialize as it always did in this place but he'd grown use to it.

He loved this place, he was free to do whatever he pleased and even more so he was as safe as he could ever be but...he did love something more...

He was more happy now then he could ever be, even happier then Muriel could make him. This was a happiness that reached deep into his soul and completed him. Courage could hardly believe it sometimes but all he cared was that they had each other now no matter what.

His smile grew wider as he felt arms draw up around him and a body press against his back. He wanted this moment to last forever but he knew things were just about to get even better!

He heard that British accent voice spoke up gently to him, "I've missed you, my little twit."

"Sorry..." Courage sighed. "I should have come sooner."

"Don't regret anything, remember what I said?"

"I know, I know..."

"What are all down about?"

"Nothing."

"Oh really?"

"I...I'm sorry."

"There's nothing to be sorry about. You're here now and that's all that matters."

Before Courage could even protest a thing or make himself feel any worse for making his love have to wait for him he was drawn into a deep kiss and all his emotions were swept away.

Thanks for not being angry with me.” He stated softly.

“You’re here now and it was worth the wait, why on earth do you think I’d be angry?” The Computer asked.

“I’m just being paranoid that’s all.” Courage laughed. “I’m here with you now so I should just be happy and nothing else, not worried.”

“You’ve got that right!”

Courage laughed softly as his body was warmly assaulted. He still couldn’t believe all of this had happened, he never believe he could be this happy. Now he feared nothing more then losing the one he loved more then life itself. It all began that day...

The day Eustace got sick...the day the virus attack...the day his life changed forever...

He remembered it being a warm day, he remembered that morning all to well.

He had no idea at the time what the day was going to bring.

End Chapter

## 2 - Virus

### Chapter Two

#### Virus

Courage had been snoozing soundly in Muriel's rocking chair that morning, breakfast had been short because Muriel had to tend to Eustace and had little time to make anything.

Eustace had gotten sick overnight and even though Muriel was the greatest when it came to making people better she couldn't crack Eustace's cold. Courage knew she was up there right now trying a few more methods on Eustace.

Courage himself had no plans for the day, he had nothing to do while Muriel was busy so enjoying an pre-afternoon nap was best.

He lazily lifted an eyelid as Muriel made her way back down stairs with what looked like a bowl of green snot. She sighed before saying, "Well my old granddaddy soup didn't work either."

Courage couldn't help but enjoy the torture Eustace was going through. After everything that old man had done to him being forced to eat that soup junk was perfect pay back for the pink dog.

"I'm running out of ideas Courage." Muriel spoke heading into the kitchen. "Maybe that Ranch Dressing soup will work...if not I don't know what I can do anymore."

Courage felt bad for Muriel, she'd been up half the night trying to help Eustace and now she was running out of ideas. With nothing better to do Courage decided he'd help Muriel, he didn't want her down on herself just because she can't crack one stupid cold.

With a yawn Courage jumped off the chair and made his way up the stairs. He passed the bedroom with a moaning Eustace inside and made his way into the attic.

It was looking as gloomy as ever in the attic and it was still in need of a new lightbulb. Today though, enough light entered through the window to light the attic and gave it an almost friendly feeling.

Courage sat down in front of the computer, typing in, 'Cure for common cold'

He got an answer from a British voice and the light green letters that follow across the screen in pattern with the voice. "I thought you humans haven't figured that out yet?"

Sighing angrily he then typed in, 'Common cures for the common cold!'

"Good luck with that kid." The ever sarcastic computer spoke as thousands of possible cures came up in the search making Courage's jaw drop.

Picking the first most nastiest cure he could find for Eustace he grinned as he typed asking, no TELLING The Computer to download it. If you were going to ask it to do something you may as well not, making it do it was the only way. Courage had learned this about his computer the hard way...

The cure itself consisted of eating five hot chili peppers and Courage couldn't wait to see Eustace do it!

"I'm not downloading it." Came the stubborn reply of the computer. "I told you already, I'm not downloading anything until I get proper virus protection which you have been neglecting me of."

"Just download this thing now for me and I'll do it later alright?" Courage asked.

He didn't give the machine time to reply as darted out of the room, despite everything The Computer did begin downloading...that was when it got in...and it was waiting for the perfect chance to attack...

End Chapter

## 3 - Inside

### Chapter 3

#### Inside

Courage had made sure to leave the attic as fast as possible so The Computer couldn't protest to him about it. He had quickly made his way into the kitchen and gotten Muriel to follow him, he wanted to show her what he had found.

"Did you find something to help Eustace?" Muriel asked as Courage led her into the attic.

He'd been trying to get his words across to her but as always it sounded like gibberish to her.

As Courage made his way up to The Computer with Muriel it angrily spoke up "I hope your happy twit! If I die of a virus because of you I swear I'll..."

'Calm down' Courage typed. 'Is it completely downloaded now?' Courage secretly had no intentions on giving his computer virus protection, why should he help the thing anyway?

"Give me a few minutes sheesh!" The Computer replied just as angry as ever.

Courage looked up at Muriel who looked very worried, she constantly gazed over at the door expecting Eustace to come crawling in begging for help.

"Courage could you check Eustace for me?" Muriel asked fidgeting nervously.

Seeing how worried Muriel looked Courage decided he would despite his hatred for Eustace and with a sigh he left the attic again.

...He didn't hear the "Oh, no." The Computer had whispered the moment he left the room nor had he seen the VIRUS ALERT flash across the screen in large red letters.

The virus had finally been detected but it was already too late.

"It's actually happening to me...I can't believe..." His voice was cut off as an electronic buzzing, static sound filled the air as hell just about completely broke loose in his system. Without virus protection the virus took over in seconds, The Computer was helpless at this point.

...Nobody heard Muriel scream or saw the green light that filled the room for a few seconds...

A few minutes later after many sneezes and many 'stupid dog' callings from Eustace Courage finally headed back to the attic.

He instantly realized Muriel was nowhere to be found...all that there was was the strange buzzing like sound coming from The Computer.

He instantly launched himself into the computer chair and typed 'Where's Muriel? What happened to her!'

Although The Computer didn't speak up letters printed out across the screen. Sadly it was almost impossible to read. "1t g07 4er Virus, Virus, Virus, Virus!"

' A virus got Muriel! What can I do! Tell me! I've gotta help her'

"9ca6ne7"

'I can't understand!'

"Scanner, Scanner, Scanner"

Now the word 'scanner' was constantly repeating itself across the screen, Courage gazed down at the white scanner which had to be what The Computer was talking about.

He looked back up at the screen before hopping out of the chair, it was now repeating. "4irus all y3ur fa8lt, all your fault, all your fault6whywhywhy#!1!"

Courage felt his heart sink at the sight, what was he going to do now? This really was his fault, what was going to happen to Muriel now?

Placing himself under the scanner, there was a bright light...and suddenly he was falling...

He screamed the whole way, he was falling through steep, endless, darkness. His arms and legs were flailing helplessly at his side, his screaming went unheard...and suddenly it was over...

There was no impact at all...he was just standing there as if nothing had happened, as if he hadn't been falling at all.

Despite being a little shook up Courage began to take in the settings, he really must be inside The Computer because the walls, floor, and everything else looked like a computer chip. Long, almost endless looking hallways sprawled out before him. He was in a large clearing but at least six hallways could be seen from every side.

"Which way...do I go?" He murmured. How was he supposed to ever find Muriel now?

His question seemed to be answered when a vicious snarling sound filled the air, coming from a hallway to the right. He didn't want to run right into danger but for all he knew it could be Muriel over there getting attacked!

Taking off faster then ever he headed down the 'computer' like corridor and came into yet another clearing, this one was much smaller then the other but overall was the same.

What he saw made him gasp, what looked like your normal computer mouse was now a large, snake like, monster with even deadlier looking snake like teeth. The thing had a mouth only because it looked like a mouse split in half and of course it used a cord to suspend itself somewhat like a snake too. It was looming over some kind of glowing thing crumpled up on the ground before it.

Courage gasped and turned around to run but he had already gained its attention, it was no long looming over the glowing thing but gazing at him!

It let out a howl before launching forward at him thankfully it didn't make it very far...

It stopped in it's tracks and let out a moan before static began to shoot out of it, it twitched a few times before hitting the ground and stopped moving altogether.

It's cause of death had been no other then the glowing thing which was now standing with and arm out stretched at the now dead computer mouse creature. The glowing thing had a humanoid form but was completely featureless, it was nothing more then a glowing human form.

It lowered its arm before suddenly gripping its chest like killing that thing had hurt it horribly. It dropped to the ground like a wave of pain was passing over it but as soon as it was over it stood tall yet again as if nothing was wrong at all.

It strode meekly over to the creature, examined it for a few seconds before kicking vigorously and yelling "Good for nothing virus! Mess one more thing up why don't you?"

Courage instantly realized who that was, that British accent was unmistakable. "Computer!" He yelled unable to believe that glowing thing was him.

The glowing thing looked over at him before crossing his arms and saying. "I thought you had an owner to find, dog?"

"W-what was that thing!" He gasped.

The Computer looked back over at the creature. "It was one of my security defense systems but the virus has reprogrammed all them to attack me instead of help me. I'm blocked out of just about everything so I can't do a thing about it. Normally I'm within the system and am not... 'seeable' as you would say or better said I'm everything you see around you right now but I'm blocked out of even that so I have to run around like this. That defense system I just destroyed as apart of me just as anything else here so as you can imagine it would feel the same as someone cutting off your arm or leg. The virus has still given me the luxury of being aloud to destroy myself as much as I would like not that it's not already doing the job for me. "

"You can still help me find Muriel right?" Courage asked softy.

"Im afraid I'm just as useless at that too, normally I could find her in a millisecond in here but...well you get the idea with the situation I'm in...and I also have no idea why the virus captured your Muriel in the first place."



“You know, you seemed to be in a lot worse condition when you typed that message to me!”

“Don’t you dare say that! If you haven’t noticed this little virus is trying to kill me off! It took me a considerable amount of energy just to tell you those things because the virus was trying to block that out from me too! I could have just left you in the dark to figure out what happened to your owner on your own! Now if you don’t mind I have my own hardware to save! You can go find your stupid owner by yourself while this thing kills me!”

It didn’t take rocket science for Courage to tell he’d just officially pissed his computer off but before he could attempted to say anything The Computer was stopping off down one of the corridors. “Hey, I’m sorry okay?” He called down. “I didn’t know things were as bad as they were!” But he got no reply.

Courage spent the next half-hour literally wandering around finding nothing, all around him he could see damage from the virus though. Corruption from the virus could be seen in large areas on the walls, it glowed a deep green color and it seemed to spread constantly growing wider. It seemed the farther he went in the more green it was become. The floor was even becoming corrupted, sometimes Courage had to leap across areas because the floor would be one giant green hole.

Getting sick of walking Courage stopped and gazed at a small green spot forming...he couldn’t help but wonder...he stuck his paw out to touch it but seconds away from it’s green glow another hand gripped his arm and pulled him back.

“Don’t touch! Do you want to get corrupted too?” Came the voice of The Computer who had a hold of him, Courage was surprised how warm he was...almost like Muriel...

“You could have said something instead of coming up and scaring me like that!” He yelled at the glowing form.

“What are you doing in such a corrupted area anyway? Your stupidity doesn’t cease to amaze me.”

“Well then, what are you doing here then!” Courage growled.

“That’s none of your business dog, besides I see you hardly know left from right so I’ve decided to follow you around from now on so you don’t go do something stupid right away.”

“What! What if I don’t want you around”

“You can’t argue, now come on! Do you want to find your Muriel or not!”

End Chapter

A/N: The snake computer mouse can be seen in Hard Drive Courage but that one is much small then the one in this story.

## 4 - Disintegration

'Look around just people, can you hear their voice  
Find the one who'll guide you to the limits of your choice.'-From the song Gravity Of Love

### Chapter 4

#### Disintegration

Courage spent the at least the next twenty minutes arguing with The Computer who'd made up his mind about following Courage and wasn't letting him go off on his own. Despite Courage's hopeless protests and constant arguing The Computer wasn't backing off. At the moment he was a few steps behind Courage, arms crossed as always. Courage himself had given up hope of getting rid of his computer so...he was just going to let him follow then.

"Why do you want to follow me around so badly for?" Courage asked angrily.

"That's none of your business."

"Stop telling me that!" He was so sick of listening to the uncaring tone in his voice.

"It doesn't matter, besides your still being incredibly stupid. Your heading deeper into the corruption, do you want the virus to pick us off? The virus is bound to be in this area with all the corruption."

Courage clenched his teeth in anger. "Wherever the virus is Muriel should be there right? And unlike you I have no idea where I'm going!"

The Computer sighed like Courage was the stupidest person alive. "The virus wouldn't have your owner near it, if your hurt by the corruption that means she can be too so it would very likely be keeping her out of badly corrupted areas and even though you don't know your way around here it's a bit easy to tell your getting near the virus and worse danger when you can see the corruption is get worse. Use logic you stupid twit."

Courage wanted to scream now. "Stop calling me stupid! If your gonna follow me around you need to be..."

He was interrupted by The Computer who spoke, "What? Nice? I don't think so! If you haven't noticed all this is your fault!" At first he seemed angry but suddenly he didn't seem so well anymore, not at all. He gazed downward...almost sadly. "I'm going to die...thanks to you."

"I think...once I find Muriel I might be able to help, there must be a way to get rid of the virus." Courage spoke. "Besides, you never listen to me! Why did you download that if you knew there could be the possibility of there being a virus? It isn't the first time you haven't done what I said."

“What happened to ‘Do as I say or I’ll throw you into a junk yard!’ or ‘I’ll throw you out the window!’ I only downloaded it because it was something very small, the probability of there being a virus on it was nearly zero so I didn’t think there was going to be any danger and...it wasn’t worth getting you angry over.” The Computer said nothing else as he passed Courage, the hall they were taking seemed to be endless now...they’d been walking down since Courage had teamed up with the machine.

Courage himself said nothing as he caught up with him, he knew...it really was his fault. Muriel was in the virus’s clutches just because he wouldn’t take the time to download some stupid virus protection.

He sighed softly stopping and gazing at the glowing form that was his computer “Hey...I’m sorry, I didn’t mean for any of this to happen...”

The Computer didn’t stop. “You don’t really mean it anyway, your just a stupid liar. Well...it’s too late to be sorry now anyway...far too late...”

“Why’s it too late?” Courage couldn’t help but ask, he felt dread fill his heart when he’d said it was ‘far too late’

“Because...I can’t be sa...Ugh It doesn’t matter! Just leave me alone and...and no I will not stop calling you stupid because in the end you really are! You can’t change that! Your just...” Suddenly a rumbling shook the ground. For a few moments Courage thought he was going to be knocked over by the shaking.

“What’s going on!” He yelled as another hard rumbling shook the world around him.

The Computer seemed just as lost as him for awhile before murmuring an “Oh, no...”

“What the hecks going on!” Courage yelled once more, this time he lost his balance and hit the ground with a soft ‘thud’

“We gotta go! Now!” The Computer yelled. “ Don’t just sit there! Run!”

The Computer was already far ahead of Courage before he got back up from the fall, he gazed down the corridor they’d just come from...much to his horror the whole thing was disintegrating as the green ‘corruption’ was eating away at the computer chip like walls. The corridor was disappearing at insane speeds, the green glowing color was taking its place.

Courage didn’t waste another second to take off down the other end of the hall, screaming like the cowardly dog he was. The corruption on the other hand was gaining on him, speeding up with every second.

“Oh, no! Oh, no!” He screamed as the green made its way up to him just a few steps behind.

It only took a few more seconds for it to finally catch up with him, the walls and the floor disintegrated around him and the green hit his feet...

The disintegrating stopped only a few feet ahead of him...as if his bad luck could only get worse, the constant rumbling stopped as well but he didn't notice at the moment. His body hit the floor as pain washed over him...it only increased more once the rest of his body hit the ground. He felt like he was on fire, fiery pain coursed through his veins, through his very being. He could do nothing but squeeze his eyes shut, his arms and legs flailed wildly, his mouth was open in a silent scream yet no one knew the pain he was in. He didn't notice the buzzing, the same buzzing he had heard back when he had been trying to figure what was going on and when he'd gotten that message from The Computer.

He was going to die...that was it he was going to die. The pain would not cease yet he couldn't gather enough of himself to get up and get out of the corruption...and just then he felt a hand clasp his arm and pull him out, the pain and the buzzing all stopped at once.

He lay gasping for air on the computer chip like floor, the pain was gone but a deep throbbing remained. He couldn't get his body to stop shaking, it had been as though he'd just been electrocuted.

He heard The Computer's voice. "Now you know how I feel."

"You saved me..." Courage said gazing up at the glowing, featureless, being.

"Don't think of it as 'saving' it was just something I had to do. The whole right and wrong thing...of course I could have just left you there to suffer my same fate."

...Then the rumbling picked up again and the green began to consume the corridor again. Courage felt dread fill his heart again, there was no way he could run right now.

This time he felt himself get picked up. "What are you doing?" Courage spoke but before he could answer he felt himself get thrown just a little farther down the corridor and he watched as the green stopped just inches from the spot he had been thrown to. He'd been thrown just hard enough to miss the corruption...but the buzzing filled the air again.

"Computer!"

Unlike Courage, The Computer did not fall to the floor. He just stood there unmoving, there was no way for Courage to reach him so he had no idea what to do.

The buzzing grew louder...

Courage remembered the pain, the fiery pain. How the hell was he still standing, Courage couldn't believe his computer...

The buzzing...Courage felt the awful pain...it was like he was living it all over again, how was he standing. The buzzing...why isn't he collapsing like Courage had, how could he stand the pain.

...And then Courage gasped as The Computer somehow how took a step. The buzzing seemed to grow louder in protest. Another step was taken...

Another...

And Another...

Courage watched as The Computer slowly made his way across the terrible glowing green, where Courage had failed he had succeeded...

The buzzing stopped again as The Computer finally made it. He took a few more steps ahead of Courage before collapsing to the ground.

Courage knelt down beside him. "You're a lot stronger than I thought."

"I just...didn't want to look weak in front of you, but I never want to do that again." The Computer spoke, he slowly made his way into a sitting position.

"Are you going to be okay? How...how did you do that?"

"You know what the humans say 'do or die' really do or...die."

"We should get out of here before the same thing happens again. You were right about not traveling around in corrupted areas."

"You are correct but...don't call me strong anymore. If I really was I would have been able to get rid of the virus, now I'm not even sure what to do anymore..."

End Chapter

## 5 - Things Not Being Told

“You always admire what you really don't understand.”

### Chapter 5

#### Things Not Being Told

The rumbling continued on and off for at least the next half hour. Thankfully no more of their walkway disappeared but the green spots seemed to be becoming more common. Courage wondered if he was somehow still going deeper into corruption...or maybe it was getting worse everywhere.

The Computer didn't comment about it, he was not the same anymore. He hadn't spoken a word since they'd escaped the corruption. He seemed tired now, it was very likely the virus's work if the corruption was growing this fast. Courage couldn't even imagine what it was like for him, even more so watching his body be destroyed by that awful green.

Was he suffering? Was every green spot of corruption really in turn hurting him? If there was one thing for sure he wasn't going to admit it, especially not to Courage.

Courage really didn't like this, walking around in silence with his computer. He knew him for being talkative and commenting on everything in a cynical way but now having him completely silent just felt...odd.

Finally after what felt like days they came to another large opening just like the one Courage had been in before. It seemed everything consisted of long pathways and large box-like openings, how far and long did some of these paths go? Would he ever be able to find Muriel like this?

The rumbling began again, this time as hard as before and Courage watched as the corridor they'd just come through completely disappeared in green. He gasped weakly as the corruption continued into the room.

The Computer silently raised his hand and much to Courage's surprise a considerable amount of wall collapsed over the progressing green, at first it looked like it had stopped the corruption but a few seconds later corruption began to seep through the broken pieces of wall engulfing it too.

The Computer suddenly gripped his arm painfully and Courage remembered any damage done to the world around him affected The Computer. “Didn't know why I thought that would work.” The Computer sighed. “It wasn't worth damaging more of myself but at least that slowed it down for awhile.”

“Are you okay?” Courage asked.

“No, I'm not okay. I won't be okay until...” He suddenly shivered. “It...it doesn't matter...”

“Okay, what’s going on? You keep on not finishing your sentences and then telling me it doesn’t matter. What are you hiding from me? Is that why your following me around? You better tell me what it is!” Courage felt anger rise inside him. He was keeping something from him and for all Courage knew it could be something important.

“It’s...nothing, really...” The Computer seemed...sad. “It doesn’t have anything to do with you. It doesn’t matter...really it doesn’t.”

“You better not be tricking me.”

“Look around you! Do you think I’d be tricking you with all this happening!”

Suddenly a howl filled the room...

Courage turned around to the left to see...another snake thing heading up from the pathway. It was too late it had already seen them... It lunged at The Computer, it was still reprogrammed to attack him instead of protect.

Courage didn’t know what he was doing, he suddenly felt himself just forward in front of the deadly piece of hardware and before it could get it’s teeth around The Computer it got Courage instead.

He felt himself get rased into the air, the mouth was clamped down hard on him. It’s teeth daggered painfully into his body, he thought he was going to be crushed any minute. It felt as though his bones were about to crack in too as the jaw grew tighter around him.

The snake seemed to realize Courage was not The Computer and without hesitation it flung him across the room, he hit the wall with a painful thud and then fell to the floor. The moment he regained his senses from the attack he yelled. “Computer! Destroy it before it gets you!”

The snake was now turned to The Computer again, the glowing form gazed up at the creature but he did not destroy it like he had before.

“I can’t...” He spoke. “My system is already badly damaged, if I destroy anymore it could completely crash.”

Courage didn’t know what to say...much less what to do. He wished this was Muriel, if it was he would have saved her in a heart beat but now...

The snake made another howl before lunging again, it was nearly upon The Computer just as he rased a hand...the snake let out a painful howl before dropping to the floor.

The Computer staggered there for a moment before falling lifelessly to the ground himself.

Courage gasped before muttering out. “C...computer?” Despite the horrible pain in his back he limped over to his computer.

“Come on, we gotta go...wake up...” He spoke placing a hand on the glowing humanoid form.

Was he...

Courage couldn't believe it, he refused to believe it. He'd wake him up! He wouldn't let him just keel over and die, he was stronger than that...

Courage felt pure horror as three more howls filled the air, he turned to come face to face with three more snakes...

End Chapter

A/N: Things will finally be kicking up in the next chapter. Some of the best stuff is coming up.



## 6 - Machine

“Sometimes you put walls up not to keep people out, but to see who cares enough to break them down.”

### Chapter 6

#### Machine

Courage didn't know what to do anymore, he was starting to face the fact he'd never see Muriel again...even worse this was all his fault too.

The snake things loomed over him hissing just like the real thing, The Computer did not respond to Courage who was constantly shaking him in hopes he'd get up so they could hopefully make a run for it. He didn't want to leave The Computer to be picked off by these things and even if he did try to run they'd probably just chase him anyway.

But what if he really was...Courage refused to accept that...

He needed to get away from these monsters if he was ever to help his computer...and it was right then and there when an idea hit him.

Leaving The Computer behind he took off as fast as his paws would take him, he hoped he could draw away the snakes far enough into a corrupted area so they would become corrupted and unable to attack anymore. He didn't like the fact he was corrupting The Computer even farther but if he didn't do this they both were dead meat.

At first the snake things seemed to care more about getting their jaws around The Computer like their programming was telling them to do but once they saw the other meal taking off in the other direction.

“Over here! Come and get me!” Courage screamed even though he rather not intimidate the creatures that were planing on ripping him apart.

Much to his relief the snakes were now backing off from The Computer but still weren't chasing the pink meal. They seemed to be debating something in their own hissing language but Courage was much too happy to care...It might actually work! He might still be able to save Muriel and The Computer!

All three of their computer mouse like heads turned to him and...they all began laughing...it was a hissing, coughing like laugh. What were they laughing about?

Courage backed away slightly expecting them to try and pull something on him.

He felt his back strike something...

He turned...and came face to face with yet another snake...

He screamed his usual 'Courage The Cowardly Dog' scream and turned to run but the other three had slithered up and surrounded him.

They were all laughing now, he was a goner...a complete goner...

The new fourth one plunged his large jaw down on him, Courage screamed as his body was picked up. He was being thrashed about, he was sure he's spine would snap in two at any moment.

"Hold off your attack, now!" Yelled a voice Courage knew.

The fourth snake stopped and turned its head toward the voice, Courage caught a glimpse of The Computer. He was hunched over in pain but standing, Courage could have been no happier to see him.

The snakes all laughed once more. The Computer didn't seem to be amused by this.

"Cease your attack or I will terminate your existence, you know my programming. Any part of this system that is malfunctioning must be destroyed, you all are under the influence of a virus and have attempted harm to very system itself. You have attempted harm to me and have forced me to destroy almost as much of my system as the virus has. My programming clearly states that as my job I must have you all deleted!"

Courage didn't like the way he was talking...no sarcasm, nothing. He was dead serious, he sounded just like...like a machine...

Courage knew him for his human like personality and it hit him hard that he still...was a machine no matter how human.

The Computer continued. "But this is where we hit a problem, if I delete any more of you It will cause this already unstable system to crash, yet you still will stupidly attack me and the system and won't look past your programming that in turn has been hijacked by the virus. Do you know what will happen if I die? This whole system will malfunction and crash...and so will you too! Do not make me follow my programming and have you deleted, dooming this system. Do not follow your misplaced programming and doom this system. Your self-preservation programming should be telling you something..."

All four of the snake creatures seemed dumb struck but they did seem to value their lives and the system, Courage felt the jaw loosen around him and he was dropped to the floor. All four snake things took off down one of the corridors not making another sound.

The Computer himself began to soundlessly leave but Courage wasn't going to let him do that.

"Wait, what about me?" He called.

"I don't need you, your not apart of this system."

"When has that mattered?"

"I've failed once...I will not fail a second time. You will only be getting in they way now."

"W...what?"

"I must confront the virus, that is what I'm programed to do...if it means death so be it. I failed to stop it once but now I have no choice...do or die."

"Stop it...stop it right now!" Courage finally yelled. "I'm really glad your alive but now your just mindlessly following your programing. You know you don't stand a chance against the virus! Your acting just like snakes."

"But I must...it is my function. "

"When have you ever done what your told? I thought you were just as human as anyone else but I see your still just a machine..."

"You don't understand a thing..."

"I won't let you go off and get yourself killed like that, what your doing is suicide."

Courage leapt forward at The Computer but with inhuman speed the glowing form turned and caught the dog by the neck. "You are hindering the cause, I didn't want to do this but you must be eliminated...forgive me."

Courage tried to scream as he felt a powerful inhuman punch strike him in the stomach and had the wind utterly knocked out of him. He felt the grasp on his neck let go and he fell to the ground, he thought he was going to black out at any moment but he forced himself to stand again.

"I won't let you!" He gasped.

"Fool! Stay out of my way!" The Computer yelled.

Courage braced himself this time he was kicked right in the face. He was sent a few feet through the air and he landed painfully on his back.

...He forced himself to stand once more...

The Computer sighed. "I didn't want to have to do this to you...but you must die then..." He rased his hand just as he did whenever he was about to destroy something.

Courage felt a powerful pressure weigh down on his body, like gravity was suddenly growing heavy around him. His body fell to the floor, his arms and legs sprawled out by the pressure. He couldn't get any of his body to move, the pressure was growing even more powerful. It was become hard to breath.

He was slowly being crushed...

His eyes met the featureless being with utter anger...how could he be cruel enough to kill him? Courage couldn't help but let tears fill his eyes, he was never going to see Muriel again...not killed by the virus but by his computer...who he thought would never do such a thing.

With what little air he could take in gasped out. "Don't mindlessly follow your programming...it's just like you say, your stupidity doesn't cease to amaze me."

Something seemed to crack in The Computer, he suddenly yelled out. "I'm not following my programming! You don't understand a thing! The one thing I've been hiding from you, the one thing you're too stupid to realize! Just look around you, I'm dying! I don't have much time left, I can't be fixed anymore the damage is too much! I'm doomed! There is no hope anymore! If I'm going to die I want to do it getting revenge on that bastard of a virus! Not weak and helpless like this! You don't understand anything..."

Courage felt the pressure lift but before he could get back up The Computer gave one last look at him before making a run for it down one of the corridors.

This still didn't explain why The Computer had been following him around all this time but that didn't matter...this explained why The Computer had been acting so strange, he'd been facing the fact he was going to die and there was nothing he could do about it.

Courage could understand why The Computer hadn't said anything and left it for him to figure out on his own, it must have been hard to think about...

Courage wanted nothing more than to find his computer now, he didn't know why or what he could do about it but he just wanted to find him and...tell him how sorry he was...

This was all his fault...now he was responsible for somebody else's death...

He felt a few stray tears run down his cheeks...and not just for Muriel now...

He knew now without a doubt, Muriel wasn't the only one who needs saving.

...And on all four paws he raced down the corridor to find the person doomed to death...

Courage refused from that moment on to consider The Computer a machine anymore...the whole reason he had acted that way was not because of his programming but under the pain of knowing you are going to die in only a short time...

End Chapter

## 7 - Evil Ending: One

A/N: This is one of the first out of four evil endings I have planned so far (As in I may do more if I decide) The story will resume as normal in the next chapter. Remember this is an evil ending (So just about everyone dies by the end of the chapter) Evil ending chapters are not going to be very long though.

### Chapter 7

#### Evil Ending: One

Courage gasped as the gravity around him seemed to tighten even harder, every gasp was a battle for air.

The Computer remained cold and unforgiving in front of him, his hand still outstretched...still giving the order to kill Courage.

"Please," Courage rasped, tears running helplessly down his eyes. "If you do this I'll never see Muriel again. I don't want to die...not yet."

"You shouldn't have got in my way." The Computer replied with no emotion. No witty sarcasm anymore...just a blind machine.

"Let me go..." Courage wanted to sob harder but he could hardly breath any longer. He suddenly realized how much he missed Muriel.

...He'd never see her again...

"How could you do this? Your no better then the virus! I hope the thing kills you!"

"Shut up!" The Computer yelled angrily and the pressure tightened even harder.

Courage gave one last rasping breath as the pressure became unbearable. The tears in his eyes did not cease. "I hate you!" He breathed out. "Why would you do this to m..."

There was a loud crunch as Courage's chest was crushed, his lungs instantly became useless as they too were crushed...

The Computer released the pressure and Courage instantly began to gasp for breath but his lungs were far too destroyed to do their job anymore.

Suffocating under his collapsed chest he began to gag out large mouth fulls of blood, his lungs weren't the only thing crushed.

The Computer watched silently as Courage slow painful death was coming to a close. He felt remorse

for the dog because all he wanted was to save his owner but he had tried to stand in his way and so he had to go...He wished it didn't have to be this way, he had kind of liked Courage...

Deciding to end Courage's suffering he let the pressure grip the dog's neck and as Courage gave him one last hateful piercing glare he twisted the dog's neck until it gave a loud crack and Courage fell soundlessly to the floor.

The awful death dealing deed was done...

The Computer sighed softly as a pool of blood began to grow around Courage. "I'm sorry...really I am..." He said no more knowing the dog was gone for good now.

He truly regretted it...but that was the way things were now...

He made his way over to the dog, not even trying to evade the blood. He picked up the limp head of the once cowardly dog and gazed into his dead glare.

"I really cared about you, you know that? I never could figure out what I was feeling...but now I know."

Blood continued to trickle down the dog's mouth and he only seemed to grow colder...

"I think I loved you."

Suddenly a hiss sounded from behind him. He didn't get a chance to turn because the fifth and finally snake under the virus's control dealt the final death blow before he even realized what was going on. He fell just as soundlessly as Courage.

He didn't bleed, machines don't bleed...but Courage's own blood sufficed just as well.

He died beside the dog, bleeding the same blood...

End Chapter

## 8 - Death Call

A/N: The next evil ending chapter is about two more chapters away but the last two won't be for awhile.

### Chapter 8

#### Death Call

Courage felt like he'd been running for hours. He felt horribly tired but continued his trek in hopes of catching up to The Computer. He'd come up to many turns by now meaning The Computer could have easily turned somewhere and then he'd never find him.

"Why the hell is this place so big!" He growled stopping to take a breather. "I just want to tell him I'm sorry...that's all..."

Letting out a long sigh he made his way down a left corridor, he decide to walk now feeling too tired to run. He felt awful, Muriel was still in the virus's clutches and The Computer was doomed to die now.

It struck Courage hard, no more sarcastic computer in the attic...He'd never be greeted with some rude comment ever again. He'd grown so fond of running up the attic to ask The Computer for help but now that would never happen anymore...

After spending what felt like hours searching for the machine Courage still found nothing, he was just about ready to give up too. Giving an exhausted sigh sat letting his back rest on the computer chip wall. He was the one who doomed everybody...maybe himself too, if Muriel was going to die then maybe he should just give up and die himself.

Closing his eyes and fighting back tears he placed his head in his paws, he gave a soft moan just as a soft sound was picked up in his sensitive ears...

Gazing back upward he found nothing, standing up he made a turn down a corridor in hopes of finding what had made the noise.

Almost as if fate had decided it and to Courage's utter surprise he found The Computer...

He was sitting against the wall just as Courage had been down the other hall. He didn't look well...why should he?

He seemed just as surprised to see Courage but he didn't try to run again he merely gazed down and sighed. "Whatever...do what you want, I can't run anymore. I'm too tired to do anything anymore. I...I can't even find the virus...much less try to fight it..."

Courage sat down beside him, he couldn't get himself to speak much less say sorry.

The Computer sighed once more but didn't seem to care about Courage sitting next to him. "It's almost time...I can feel it. Everything's falling apart." He shivered. "I can't do a thing to save myself, the virus locked me out of everything! I can't even try to fix anything..."

Courage still couldn't get himself to speak, he was at a loss of words.

"I never let my programming get the better of me...never. I should not have done what I did back there, no matter what my programming says. I shouldn't have tried to kill you and to tell you the truth I really don't want to go anywhere near the virus or even try to fight it...but I don't want to die looking weak..."

"I'm...sorry." Courage finally choked out.

"It's too late to be sorry. It's too late for anything anymore..."

Courage was feeling worse and worse now...he almost wished The Computer had killed him back there. "I don't blame you for following your programming back there...it must be hard not to get stressed out."

"It just...I don't know what to do anymore, that's all...but I guess this is all my fault anyway."

How on earth could he think this was his fault! Courage couldn't believe what he was hearing "You had no way to stop the virus! It's my fault! It's my fault you got hurt! It's my fault your going to die! It's my fault...Muriel's gonna die..."

"You don't understand!"

"I do understand! Dammit, you couldn't help what happened!"

"Believe...what you want to believe then, I guess."

"Wait...why were you following me around this whole time when you knew you were going to die?"

"It's stupid..."

"I want to hear it away way."

"I was following you because...well you see how Muriel and that idiot farmer are always making out of trouble alive because your always around. I thought that maybe I would get lucky too, that you'd figure something out and save the day like you always do but I was just fooling myself. I guess miracles are reserved for good guys and there owners only, not me of course. My karma isn't exactly the greatest. Now it's the end for me...and I am horribly frightened..."

Courage was surprised that The Computer had admitted he was afraid, Courage found himself feeling worse for a moment he just wanted to throw up. Gathering up as much of himself as he could he tried to think of something.

"You should go look for your owner not sit around here." The Computer spoke.



Courage shook his head, he wasn't willing to give up. He wanted to save The Computer too, he gazed at the glowing form sadly, he really did seem tired looking. He felt horrible for all this, he gently placed his arm across The Computer's back. "I'll think of something, I'll save you too, I promise."

"Don't make promises you can't keep." The Computer spoke.

Courage could tell he didn't believe he could save him. He still seemed very distraught but was greatly comforted by Courage's closeness. Courage smiled when he felt him soundlessly lean onto him. He wrapped his arms around the machine, it brought him a strange deep happiness to comfort him but he felt sadness fill him when he realized he was trembling slightly, he couldn't blame him for being afraid...

He couldn't see anything out of the featureless glowing form but up against it he could feel that The Computer was gently crying.

End Chapter

"I laugh, I love, I hope, I try, I hurt, I fear, I cry. And I know you do the same things too, So we're really not that different, me and you."

## 9 - A Risk

Love - Devotion  
Feeling - Emotion  
Love - Devotion  
Feeling - Emotion  
Don't be afraid to be weak  
Don't be too proud to be strong  
Just look into your heart my friend  
That will be the return to yourself  
The return to innocence  
If you want, then start to laugh  
If you must, then start to cry  
Be yourself don't hide  
Just believe in destiny  
Don't care what people say  
Just follow your own way  
Don't give up and use the chance  
To return to innocence

### Chapter 9 A Risk

"We should both go look for your owner now that there isn't anything else that can be done."

Courage sighed. "It's not a good idea! You're tired and....you just shouldn't! I made a promise."

The Computer simply continued down the corridor, now moving at a slow and tired pace. He almost seemed to be limping. "When have I ever done what you say? Besides I have a few ideas, I may be blocked out of a lot of things but not everything. I might be able to find an unusual way to find your owner." He stopped for a moment. "And.....I am not holding you to your promise."

Courage couldn't believe this. A few minutes ago The Computer was distraught with fear but now he was acting fine again except for the overwhelming weakness. Courage could only guess he was still trying to hide it all even though Courage had sat down and talked with him. Even more so he didn't want to press into it anymore knowing how much The Computer had to deal with anyway.....but he wasn't planning on giving up his promise no matter what The Computer says...

"Stay here for a moment." The Computer spoke. "It could be a bit dangerous."

"What! Why?" Courage didn't like the sound of that.

"I trust you so you trust me okay?"

"You trust me?"

He received no reply as The Computer disappeared deeper into the halls. With nothing better to do Courage meagerly sat down with utter silence.

A few minutes later the whole world around him was suddenly shaking with a force worse than an earthquake. Even sitting down Courage found himself being flailed around. He was for certain he'd broken his arm as it was slammed into a wall with huge force.

Then as suddenly it started.....it was over.

Gripping his arm hoping it was okay he gently moved it around and much to his relief it wasn't broken but still hurt like hell. What really got him was when he looked up back at the walls....

Holes of green were once again consuming the world around him.....something bad must have happened....

Taking off down the hall The Computer had taken he was soon met up by the glowing form sprawled across the floor. Much to Courage's horror the same awful green was now covering The Computer's body, it was beginning to bore holes deep into him....pain....pain was all that went through Courage's mind as he looked down at him.

The Computer slowly stood up again but failed miserably dropping back to the ground. Courage tenderly helped him get back onto his feet.

The Computer sighed. "Well....it worked, but at a cost...."

"You know where Muriel is now!" Courage gasped. "I'll go to her! You stay here and rest."

"I'll rest when I'm dead, I told you I don't want to die being completely weak and useless!"

"Is that you or your programming talking?" Courage growled crossing his arms.

"I want the last thing I ever do is to help you find your Muriel....just like it's always been. I may not be able to get rid of the virus but I can still mess up its plans by getting your owner away from him. It's enough revenge for me....before the end... "

"I....understand." Courage sighed. The Computer was dead set that he was going to die now.

The glowing form hardly took a few steps forward before collapsing once more. Courage helped him once more trying not to touch any of the green corruption covering his body.

"Don't worry it doesn't hurt anymore." The Computer spoke. Courage understood what he meant....it was that bad, to the point where he's body can't even function enough to feel pain....

Unable to walk as well anymore Courage had to help him stay steady on his feet as he slowly guided them to where Muriel hopefully be. Courage still couldn't understand why the virus had wanted Muriel to even begin with.

Entering yet another large area Courage noticed something much different here. Over on the right side of the room instead of another corridor the walls were split apart leading into another large room.

"Over there." The Computer spoke pointing to the room.

Expecting Muriel to be in there Courage went running into the room forgetting about The Computer.

To his utter disappointment the only thing inside the room was a large glowing orb, the thing was almost two times bigger than Eustace's truck. It glowed with the same color as The Computer's humanoid glowing form.

Forgetting to be careful Courage was drawn in by the warmth of the glowing sphere, he gently raised a hand to touch it.

"Hey! I thought I told you not to touch!" The Computer spoke angrily. He was supporting himself against the wall with a hand.

"What is it?" Courage asked.

"That is me, in a sense." The Computer spoke. This made Courage gasp slightly. "This is where my consciousness and just about everything else functions such as memory. It's extremely violating for someone to touch your consciousness. Much less jam their fingers into your brain!"

Courage insanely withdrew his hand and gave his 'Courage laugh'

"Besides if you messed something up in my mind I wouldn't be able to fix myself you know....It's complicated. I guess....it wouldn't matter what you do after what the virus did....Just be glad people can't violate your mind so easily."

Courage felt his heart drop when he realized the virus had gone sneaking around in The Computer's mind. Just one more thing the virus had made him suffer through....

He wanted to apologize again but didn't get the chance for The Computer spoke up again. "There isn't much time left for me. This way, I was off on where I thought I felt your owner.

"Let's go then!"

End Chapter

## 10 - A Horrifying Loss

Hold me  
Whatever lies beyond this morning  
Is a little later on  
Regardless of warnings the future doesn't scare me at all  
Nothing's like before

### Chapter 10 A Horrifying Loss

"You are lucky." The Computer spoke pointing over at the opposite side of the room. "Your lucky that no corruption got into my core programming." He waved a hand at the glowing sphere. "Or else I wouldn't be standing here and you would still be wandering around aimlessly."

He rased a hand and nearly all of the wall on the opposite side of the room collapsed. He didn't flinch or anything like it unlike all the other times. "The means I used to locate your owner used the corruption to my advantage but as you can see It came with a price." The slowly growing corruption around his body seemed to stand out even more as he said that. "I'm surprised I'm still here after pulling off a stunt like that but you must go. Now! There is no time! I felt another while locating your Muriel.....it's coming. You'll find her somewhere around the area I just collapsed. Get out of here as soon as you can."

"Hold it, what about you? The virus is coming!" Courage said trying not to notice the ever growing green on The Computer's glowing forum.

"I used whatever bits of my strength and energy to find your owner and the fact I payed the price of coming in direct contact with the corruption doesn't help neither. No, I'm done running around....I am tired now." With that he lowered himself to the floor. "I doubt I'll wake again but at least I won't die knowing that I am.....I don't want to know what it feels like to die."

"You just gotta hold on! I promised....." Courage found himself yelling. Suddenly, saving Muriel didn't seem as important anymore.

"I've been holding on for as long as I can now but how can I keep holding on if I can't feel anything anymore? I can't even feel the endless pain that's been inflicted on me." The utter weakness in his voice was all too apparent now. He seemed so tired now that he would just slip right into nothingness.

The cold truth was finally hitting Courage. The Computer couldn't be saved anymore, Courage had refused to accept that but it seemed somewhere deep inside The Computer had realized this fate was final and clinging to the false hope of Courage saving was futile "I...I'm sorry...." Courage murmured out helplessly. "I didn't keep my promise...."

He began to turn, ready to go look for Muriel as he felt a hand clamp down on his arm. "Don't let it do to

you what it did to me.” The Computer spoke. “Whatever happens....leave with your owner no matter what. No matter what! Don’t even look back!”

Courage gave a long sigh before continuing forward. Almost as soon as he could see past the broken wall he could see Muriel...but nothing like he’d ever even imagined in his most horrible nightmares. Awful tubes of corrupted ‘green’ daggered deep into her body. She remained motionless, suspended and pinned to the wall by the tubes. What the hell was the virus doing to her!

“Muriel!” Courage screamed in both fear and anger.

He was about to race forward to rescue her just as a powerful stomp resonated from behind him. “Computer....” He murmured in fear knowing the virus had just arrived and The Computer was right in the open to be picked off. He was going to turn around and try to help him but remembered his words, ‘leave with your owner no matter what. No matter what!’

Either way Courage wanted to see the monster that had nearly ruined his life for good and when he gazed at the virus he almost wished he hadn’t. The ugly green ‘lizard’ like creature was unlike anything Courage had ever seen. It was held aloft by six spider like legs, each one ending in three toes with gigantic claws. It’s main body was that of a lizard without it’s legs, it had a huge tail ending in glowing spikes. Last it had the torso of a human ‘growing’ out of the front of his lizard body. It human body was armless and it’s face featureless apart from two glowing green eyes.

It laughed as it hovered over The Computer’s limp body. “Don’t have much fight left in you anymore eh?” It laughed. “You aren’t any fun anyway....you don’t scream when I drive my blades into you, you don’t beg for mercy when I hurt you. You just keep all the hurt deep inside don’t you? To bad....I bet it still eats away at you anyway! I have destroyed you utterly and completely yet you won’t just give in so I’ll stop hurting you. Look around you! Doesn’t it hurt enough?”

The Computer slowly stood once more. “I refuse to give you any satisfaction anymore! Why don’t you just get it over with and finish me off?”

“You think I don’t know you don’t feel pain anymore? Bah! I did that!”

“What? No...you couldn’t have.” The Computer spoke softly.

“Yes I did....and I can make it all come back! I knew if I made it go away for a little while you would get your hopes up. Now....I’m going to make what’s left of your useless exists endless agony!” It let out cold, heartless laugh. It seemed to delight in nothing more then making The Computer feel low, who was always used to feeling higher then everyone else.

Courage couldn’t take it.....rage filled him for both The Computer and Muriel. The virus was making them all suffer. He raced forward, putting himself between the virus and The Computer. Fist clenched he screamed out. “Leave him alone! You sick assed bastard!”

“Courage....I told you to leave.” He heard The Computer mumble from behind him.

"You stand for this useless computer, organic creature?" The virus spoke in a grave voice. "You show yourself to me to defend this weak pile of junk?"

"Don't you dare talk about him like that!" Courage yelled fuming with rage. "He's more stronger than you know! After enduring your torture when I know many people would not be able to I know he's anything but weak!"

The virus laughed gazing down at The Computer. "I see you have neglected to tell this organic creature why this is all your fault!"

The Computer seemed to shrink away behind Courage at the mentioning of this. "I couldn't help it...." He murmured out softly.

"Now you are going to be responsible for both your own death and another's." It gazed back down at Courage with a vile glint in its green eyes.

Courage's heart dropped at its words knowing what it was planning to do. "What about Muriel! Aren't you going to get rid of her too!" He screamed trying to be as brave as possible.

"I have plans for that organic human." It spoke slyly. "But....you are of no use to me...."

Courage backed away slightly as the human torso of the virus opened up to reveal a glowing sphere charging with energy. Courage slammed his eyes shut knowing his end was coming.

Whimpering he saw a bright light behind his eye lids and just as he was for sure it was all over for him. He felt heat touch his fur but just as the beam was about to hit him from behind his eyelids he felt a hand clasp his arm and push him out of the way.....

Courage forced his eyes open just as the beam dissipated completely.....In his place was The Computer. The beam hadn't just hit him.....it had gone right through him. The glowing form was slowly dissolving from the point where the beam had gone through.

The virus stared utterly shocked.

Courage's size made it nearly impossible to catch the glowing form as it dropped yet somehow he managed to do so. The Computer lay utterly destroyed, Courage beside him.

"Cour....age...Courage?" The Computer spoke hardly getting his words out. "Are You Okay?" His voice sounded so different to his usual sarcastic and uncaring tone.

"I'm fine....but your...." Courage tried not to show the desperation in his voice but it was impossible. "You saved me....."

He attempted to laugh but failed miserably. "Better me than you, your much better off than myself so I guess it's best it turned out this way and not you with the one with the hole through you. It's better this way anyway.....that 'thing' won't be able to torture me anymore. I never told you about the things it did

to me before you showed up here looking for your owner, I didn't want to look weak to you."

Now the glowing of his body was slowly beginning to fade. "All this time I was so worried about you getting back at me while I had so many weakness. Worried that you'd get back at me for all the things I've done to you....yet you stuck with me through all of this and even pity me. The virus may have made me stop hurting on the outside but on the inside....." He paused for a moment before continuing. "Well I'll just say, because of you it doesn't hurt as much. Anyone else would have tried to make me feel worse. Th-thank you." With what little remained of himself he tried to get out. "Sorry for everythi.... "

With that.....the last of his body disappeared. Courage couldn't help the tears that formed, burning in his eyes. Another earthquake rocked the world around him, entire areas of the walls were crumbling revealing corruption. Mimicking the damage done to The Computer.

The glowing sphere darkened as large cracks began to cross it. Corruption began to form on it, it's awful green filling in the glow.

"No....this isn't happening....no....no.....NO!" Courage screamed, tears falling helplessly. "I wanted you to live! I wanted to make it up for you for making you suffer through this!"

"Foolish idiot!" The virus laughed. "I never got to have any more fun with you! Oh well, your sacrifice was in vain.....I will use your organic little friend here as the substitute!"

Courage ignored the monster, something inside him through his constant screaming of wanting to save The Computer began to nag at him. It was like some kind of tugging.....he gazed over at the room where the dark sphere lay, something seemed to be urging him to go over there. Overcoming his grief for both Muriel and The Computer he began to move over to the room.

Snarling, the virus raised a leg and let it smack into Courage. Three jagged cut marks wove across Courage's body as he hit the ground.

He knew the only way to get to the sphere he would have to face the virus....or escape it....

End Chapter