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Almost everyone \_\_\_\_\_ Verb Base Form what they were doing when they \_\_\_\_\_ Verb Base Form of the contest, everyone remembers where they were and what they were doing. I was sitting in my \_\_\_\_\_ Noun next to the stacked washing \_\_\_\_\_ Noun and \_\_\_\_\_ Noun in the \_\_\_\_\_ Adjective utility closet in our mobile \_\_\_\_\_ Noun. I was \_\_\_\_\_ Verb Base Form cartoons \_\_\_\_\_ Verb Base Form for the day to be over, when the news bulletin popped up in the corner of my screen. Olivander "Olly" \_\_\_\_\_ Proper Noun died late last night.

I have of course heard of \_\_\_\_\_ Proper Noun, everyone had. He was the creator, mastermind of the \_\_\_\_\_ Adjective popular video game ever, \_\_\_\_\_ Noun. OASIS is a \_\_\_\_\_ Adjective multiplayer simulator that evolved from a \_\_\_\_\_ Adjective \_\_\_\_\_ Adjective MMO, RPG. to the globally networked virtual reality most of humanity now used as the substitute to the \_\_\_\_\_ Adjective world we are stuck in. The unprecedented and \_\_\_\_\_ Adjective success of OASIS had left Holliday a multi-billionaire and one of the top three \_\_\_\_\_ Adjective people in the world.

At \_\_\_\_\_ I couldn't understand why the media was making such a big deal over a billionaire's death. After all, the people of Planet Earth had other concerns. Things, like the ongoing energy crisis. Catastrophic climate change. Widespread famine, poverty, and multiple epidemics. Along with half a dozen major wars, and worldwide refugee crisis that reached the \_\_\_\_\_ Adjective danger level decades ago. You know "dogs and cats \_\_\_\_\_ Verb Base Form together . . . mass hysteria!"

Normally, the news-feeds wouldn't \_\_\_\_\_ Verb Base Form everyone's "very \_\_\_\_\_ Adjective" interactive sitcoms and soap operas, unless something really major happened. Like another outbreak of some new rapid spending, \_\_\_\_\_ Adverb

virus, or another major city vanishing in a mushroom cloud. You know, big stuff like that. As rich and famous as he was, \_\_\_\_\_ Proper Noun death should have warranted only a brief segment on the evening news, so the unwashed masses could shake their heads in envy when the newscaster announced the obscenely large amount of money that would be doled out to the rich man's heirs.

But that was the rub, \_\_\_\_\_ Proper Noun \_\_\_\_\_ Proper Noun had no heirs.

He had \_\_\_\_\_ Verb Base Form a sixty-six-year-old bachelor, with no living relatives and, by most accounts, without a single friend. He had \_\_\_\_\_ Verb Base Form the last fifteen years of his life in a self-imposed exile, during which time-if the many rumors were believed to be-he'd \_\_\_\_\_ Verb Base Form . . . completely loony, insane would say.

So when the real \_\_\_\_\_ Adjective news hit two days later on the frigid January morning, the news that had everyone from \_\_\_\_\_ Proper Noun to \_\_\_\_\_ Proper Noun crapping in their cornflakes, almost \_\_\_\_\_ Verb Base Form \_\_\_\_\_ Form off their chairs and couches (if they could afford them). The news concerning the contents of Holliday's final will and testament, and the fate of his vast fortune.

Holliday had prepared a short video message, along with instructions that it be released to the world media at the time of his death. He also e-mailed the same video to every OASIS player that same morning. I still remember hearing the familarly electronic chime of when it \_\_\_\_\_ Verb Base Form in my mailbox, no less than three seconds later I saw the first news bulletin break on the contents of the video. His video was actually a meticulously constructed short film labeled \_\_\_\_\_ Proper Noun \_\_\_\_\_ Proper Noun. A famous eccentric, \_\_\_\_\_ Proper Noun had always \_\_\_\_\_ Verb Base Form a lifelong obsession with the 1980s.

