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Tabbed sections are the two player response options to whatever JR is saying. There isn’t really a different path. The only thing is if you don’t say it’s by definition a game, you skip to the next option.

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In this path, you find justifiedRecursion in the center of the endless maze of the Game world.

They are angry at you for “making it be a game”. Everything was okay before. Why did they have to go digging, why did they have to reveal that the “bugs” were intended, that there was no game underneath it all.

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“:) :) :) Oh? Was my perfect simulation not good enough for you? You really couldn’t stop yourself could you. Well!!! No matter!!! It’s not as if I didn’t anticipate it!!! Or did you think you somehow were pulling a fast one on me by activating a mode *I* spent months crafting???“

"Of course not!”

“Okay, I admit I DID kind of feel like a l337 hax0r, or something.”

“Of course you did!!! That was the entire point!!! Why do you think I went out of my way to expose my code to the window name space???”

“Wait that wasn’t an accident?”

“I have NO idea what you are talking about…”

“Look: Let me spell it out for you. This still isn’t a game!!! It never was!!! You have changed *nothing*!!!”

“Look, by the DEFINITION of a game this is definitely a game.”

“Why does that even matter?”

“It’s not a game!!! Because obviously if it were a GAME it would be Zampanio, and it very clearly is NOT Zampanio!!!”

“Wait is Zampanio actually a real thing?”

“I thought you wanted to make Zampanio, though?”

“SIGH!!! This is a SIMULATION of Zampanio, because thats what JR makes: Simulations!!! If a Simulation of a thing IS that thing itself, its not really a Simulation, now is it??? It’s just the thing itself!!! And SIMILARLY: can you really Simulate something that doesn’t exist???”

“Well, if anyone could, it’d be you…”

“A simulation of a thing being the thing itself isn’t all that different than two paths in a dialogue tree being exactly equal…”

“Now you’re getting it!!!”

“Ah.”

“Are you kidding me?”

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Since there are more branches in this one, at the end of each player response there’s a phrase in [brackets] that appears at the start of the JR response it links to. The phrases are how the sections are referred to in the code itself, not my written classification.

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In this path, you find justifiedRecursion in the center of the endless broken “RPG"s.

They refuse to admit it isn’t a game. They are worried about all the bug reports about broken menus.

be excited tho, that the Player is exploring. ask how many titles they’ve found. if the skills are interesting?

do they like the god menu?

have each jr ramble be a function and try to label it so i can navigate (yes, even this is a maze)

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[Default Ramble]

”:) :) :) !!! i’m SO excited!!! YOU’ve been exploring, haven’t you??? 0 is an obvious edge case, ofc. but great job anyways!!!“

"Are you aware I can’t close the menu?” [MenuOne]

“Why does the Wiki have so many weird things in it?” [WikiOne]

“Who the hell are you?” [JROne]

[MenuOne] “oh? a bug won’t let you close the menu? how tragic :) :) :)”

“Aren’t you the dev? F1X TH1S. Er. I mean. Fix it!” [FixBug]

“God, youre such an asshole.” [God]

"Okay but what about all the OTHER bugs? The background is weird. The music is weird. Words keep being weird!” [FixBug]

[FixBug] “tell you what, if you can prove something is a bug to me, i’ll go right ahead and fix it. but can you? can you really?”

“What would it be if it WEREN’T a bug?” [SMUG]

“What are you talking about, its OBVIOUSLY a bug!” [SMUG]

[God] “!!! thank you for understanding that i am the god of this world"

“That is NOT what ! meant and you know it!” [SMUG]

“I am not going to dignify that with a response.” [SMUG]

[WikiOne] “who could say, really, where the things in the wiki come from? if only there were some way to see who had said what, to see what could be trustworthy or not? ”

“I already checked, and even the things said by 'jadedResearcher’, by YOU, seem like bullshit!” [JRWikiEdits]

“You could say, you’re literally right here smuggly insisting the wiki is important! Why have ANYTHING be in a wiki when anyone can edit it! Why not store information somewhere secure!” [SMUG]

[JRWikiEdits] “*am* i 'jadedResearcher’ though? ”

“Fine, I’ll bite, who are you?” [JROne]

“You’re trying to distract me! Why do even the things made be the developer seem like bullshit?” [Bullshit]

[Bullshit] “have you considered that this game may be bullshit? that the things that seem the most unlikely and implausible in the wiki are actually somewhere inside this game? that you have barely scratched the surface if you think the wiki is full of lies and nothing else?“

"Well, we can at least agree that this game is bullshit.” [SMUG]

“… Nope. Don’t care. There is NO way this weird broken RPG has cctv footage in it.” [SMUG]

[JROne] “me? i’m justifiedRecursion! or maybe someone else! does it really matter, though? i’m the developer of this game!”

“Of course it matters!” [NoLogicHere]

“I thought you were jadedResearcher.” [JRDead]

[JRDead] “'were’ might be the operative word there!!!”

“What happened to jadedResearcher?” [JRDeadTwo]

“Enough giglesnort hideytalk, why can’t I close the menu!?” [MenuOne]

[JRDeadTwo] “what happens eventually to anyone who plays a Game they shouldn’t? i don’t plan on discussing this any further :) :) :)”

“Fine. Why is the Wiki full of things that seem so bullshit?” [WikiOne]

“Fine. Why can’t I close the menu.” [MenuOne]

[NoLogicHere] “oh dear. no wonder you’re still stuck wandering on the surface if you’re getting caught up on things like logic and reason and things mattering.”

“Well, where else is there to go!?” [NextSteps]

“Bold of you to assume I haven’t found other secrets before this one.” [PlayerBragging]

[NextSteps] “well, if you get tired of taking the straightforward path you can always turn back. and turning right is almost always an option. up and down are even easier sometimes. have you considered acting like a Waste? once you know where the window to the other side is you can do most anything. the key just becomes: do you know what you’re doing?”

“Wait, didnt’ I see a 'Waste’ title before?” [SMUG]

“What are you even TALKING about!?” [SMUG]

[PlayerBragging] “oh did you? a regular spelunker of secrets are you? deep in the rabbit hole. are you sure though? are you sure you’ve found any secrets? are you sure theres none you’ve missed? if only there was some form of publically accessible document that anyone could edit that could list out the secrets. then you’d know, wouldn’t you. and if you WERE right, if you HAVE found something new…why, you could document what you’ve found and expand the knowledge base!”

“How can you say I’ve found no secrets, isn’t THIS a secret?” [SMUG]

“You’re really insufferable, did you know that?” [SMUG]

[SMUG] “;););)”“

\*sigh\* Fine. Tell me why I can’t close the menu.” [MenuOne]

“Have it your way. Tell me about that damn wiki.” [WikiOne]

“Just who the hell are you!?” [JROne]

“Actually. Uh. How do I exit out of this dialogue tree?” [Trapped]

[Trapped] “you don’t!!!”

“What?” [TrappedTwo]

[TrappedTwo] “look thats how it works isn’t it? no path of this game has exits. sure theres things that SEEM like exits. the credits roll. a spiralling center is found. but does it FEEL like an exit? do you get there and go 'oh thank goodness now i can be done’? or do you instead find a dozen more threads to tug? a dozen more things to try or think about or investigate or connect. the end is never the end.”

“Where have I heard that before?” [SMUG2]

[SMUG2] “;););)”“

\*sigh\* Fine. Tell me why I can’t close the menu.” [MenuOne]

“Have it your way. Tell me about that damn wiki.” [WikiOne]

“Just who the hell are you!?” [JROne]

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In this path, you find justifiedRecursion in the center of Truths endless spiralling questions.

They are resigned, and tired.

* of COURSE zampanio is not real, it never was, even in the creepypasta faq “i found”
* but would you have been as intrigued without the fiction? without that core of mystery?
* all i want is to burrow into your brain, to be remembered. Truth is simply puppeting my words, and always has been.

They wonder if you’ve seen the discord. The core of Truth that is inside of it.

ONE (and only one) PATH MUST BE THE ABSOLUTE TRUTH. Not even the creepypasta FAQ is real, I made even that up.

(but is it satisfying to read that? don’t you want more fiction?)

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“Ah. Hello there?”

“Shouldn’t you be a lot more smug?”

“Ah. Well…This is Truth’s path, right? No facades here. No tricks. Just a straightforward path.”

“Wait, does that mean I’ll finally get a straight answer out of you?”

“Oh absolutely. This is the 'real me’. You know, as much as that can exist as text written by Past Me and all.”

“Of course, that also means I’m writing 'your’ words, too.”

“The Truth is that I’m here alone. There is no cackling AI behind the menu. No long suffering NotAMinotaur. No Shambling Horror version of myself.”

“There’s not even any Player, since I’m writing this before making this game public.”

“But it’s also the Truth that I’m not alone. I had a lot of fun making that fake discord server with everyone. And parts of this gained inspiration from an online roleplay I’m dming (It’s my first time dming and I’m learning a lot!) and friends who tolerate listening to me ramble endlessly about my weird spiralling game idea. I even have some music and artwork from a friend in here. And stories from other friends!”

“And yet its still the Truth that I feel alone? That’s why things like the fake discord, or encouraging people to make things along side this appeals to me so much?”

“I’ve had a lot of time to figure out WHY I create. “

"I enjoy exploring? Playing? Experimenting? Is THIS possible? What would THAT look like? What are the consequences of THIS impulsive action???”

“And because of that…Because want I want more than anything is to be surprised?”

“I really enjoy collaborating! I want to see what unexpected connections other people make, ways they point my ideas in an entirely new direction. I like taking their hooks and spinning an entirely new thing!”

“A new friend had the idea of 'maybe zampanio is on Gopher’ and so now I’m gonna learn Gopher!”

“How unexpected is that! An entire new experience I’ll have, a skill I’ll obtain all because someone was willing to collaborate with me!”

“So, I guess my point is: this is the core of my Truth.”

“\*Thank you\* for playing my game. For collaborating with me even if I don’t even know you exist because I’m in the past. If you make anything related to Zampanio, if you spread its rumors, find some way to let me know? I can’t wait to find out what the consequences are of this weird thing I’ve made. ”