B2 Escape Room: Naughty April

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Story Setup:

It's April 1st, and the world-famous (and slightly eccentric) scientist Dr. Luminarius Quirk is preparing his annual "harmless prank invention showcase." Known for turning jokes into science, today he planned his biggest prank yet.

But something went *very* wrong.

At exactly 12:01 PM, his lab went into full lockdown. Doors sealed. Systems activated. And worst of all... his experimental "Prank Reactor" began overheating.

Now Dr. Quirk is trapped inside his own lab, and the self-destruct sequence has started. He insists it's "probably just a minor miscalculation"... but the countdown says otherwise.

From inside, he manages to contact you:

"Ah! Perfect timing! I may have accidentally pranked myself into oblivion.

No need to panic—just solve a few ridiculously clever puzzles and shut everything down before the lab explodes! Easy!"

You have 60 minutes to:

- Override the lockdown
- Stabilize the Prank Reactor
- And rescue Dr. Quirk before everything goes BOOM ✹



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Mission 1: "Dr. Quirk's April Fools' Knowledge Test"

"Before I trust you with saving my lab, I must verify your *intellectual prank resistance!* Choose wisely... or foolishly!"

1. When is April Fools' Day celebrated?

a) The last day of April
b) Not in April, you fool
c) The first day of April
d) April 15th (tax prank day)

2. What do you call the jokes played on this day?

a) Pranks
b) Blue jokes
c) Trick and treat
d) White lies

3. Until when can you traditionally play tricks?

a) Until Cinderella's magic hour
b) Only in the evening
c) Until 5 o'clock tea time
d) Until midday

4. What do you call people who get tricked?

a) Victims of destiny
b) The chosen ones
c) April fools
d) Unlucky test subjects

5. What do you call people who play the tricks?

a) Chaos engineers
b) Jokers
c) Pranksters
d) Agents of mild confusion

6. Where did April Fools' traditions partly originate?

a) A secret underground Asian clown society
b) A change in calendars that confused Europeans
c) A bakery strike in the USA gone wrong
d) A Russian tsar who really loved jokes

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7. What happens if you believe a prank too easily?

a) You win a prize
b) You become famous
c) You're called an April fool
d) You unlock a secret level

8. What should you do after a prank is revealed?

a) Run away and hide
b) Deny everything
c) Shout: "Innocent!" Elementary, my dear Watson!
d) Laugh and say "April Fools!"

9. What is Dr. Quirk MOST likely to invent?

a) A toaster that screams
b) A chair that disappears
c) A harmless prank machine
d) A sandwich teleporter (unfinished)

🔓 Code hint "Analyse your answers carefully, dear assistants... "If the predominant letter is (a), this mission scores *zero*. If (b), this mission scores *one*. If (c), this mission scores *two*. If (d), this mission scores *three*."

Mission 2. "Corporate Prank Analysis Unit"

"These corporations have weaponized humour... Identify them correctly, or we may accidentally install *Whopper Toothpaste* into the ventilation system."

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Watch the video (https://www.youtube.com/shorts/uQ3ZIR65PUk) and match each ridiculous invention to the correct company. Stay sharp—corporate nonsense is highly contagious."

Prank	Brand
Skydiving food delivery	_____
Millennial soda flavours	_____
Height verification feature	_____
Language learning toilet paper	_____
Moonlight-charging car paint	_____
Burger-flavoured toothpaste	_____

🔓 Code hint "To unlock the next step, you must take another challenge. Choose wisely the right answer to the question below. Divide the correct number by 10 and you get the code digit for this mission"

Question: How many languages can you learn on Duolingo?

a) 10 b) 38 c) 50 d) 120

Mission 3: "Spot the Fool: Discuss, Guess, Watch, and Check"

"Some pranks are so believable you'll debate them for hours. Only the sharpest detectives can spot the one that never happened."

Step 1: Discuss & Guess which prank has never been pulled

1. Left-handed Hamburger Day declared in the US
2. Google introducing a "Smell Feature"
3. DeepL developing a cochlear implant that translates from and into 100 languages
4. Duolingo Push — the mascot appears if you're in danger of breaking your streak
5. Google releasing an Animal Translator app
6. Nintendo announcing Pokémon Sleep
7. Reddit introducing "Headit" — surfing the net through head and eyes movements
8. YouTube closing down and choosing a "winner" among all creators
9. BBC's documentary on spaghetti crops in Switzerland

Step 2: Watch the Video & Check

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Idg9xy0364

You Won't Believe the CRAZY April Fool's Jokes by Big Brands

🔓 Code hint "The mission code is the number of the fake prank news story in the list."

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Mission 4: Grammar Escape – Verbs & Forms

"Our mad scientist may be brilliant with explosions, but he's terrible at grammar! Help him escape by completing the sentences with the correct verb form: infinitive (with or without *to*) or gerund. Watch out for tricky cases like LET and MAKE, and phrasal verbs that love gerunds!"

1. I can't resist _____ (eat) all the chocolate in the lab.
2. The scientist let me _____ (experiment) with his shrinking potion.
3. We enjoy _____ (watch) the robots dance.
4. He made me _____ (clean) the slime tank.
5. I'm interested in _____ (learn) alien languages.
6. They avoid _____ (spill) the crazy formula.
7. She promised _____ (help) me escape.
8. The students kept _____ (run) around the laboratory.
9. He decided _____ (invent) a machine that makes jokes.
10. We practiced _____ (mix) the potion correctly.
11. I can't imagine _____ (live) without my lab notebook.
12. They encouraged me _____ (join) the prank committee.
13. He forgot _____ (lock) the secret door.
14. I suggested _____ (check) the experiment twice.
15. The cat refused _____ (leave) the lab table.

🔓 Code hint "Count how many infinitives and how many gerunds you've got. The largest number is your mission code!"

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Mission 5: Idiom mix-up

"Some April Fools' idioms have been scrambled! Your mission: unscramble them to make the correct expressions."

1) smoke / mirrors / be / full / of / and
2) leg / someone's / pull
3) it / for / fall
4) you / joke's / on
5) bait / bite / the
6) petard / one's / hoisted / by / own
7) over / eyes / the / have / wool / pulled / one's
8) trick / someone / play / on / dirty / a
9) of / a / fool / someone / make / out
10) in / on / joke / the / be

Go to lyricstraining.com and work on Adele's song:

https://es.lyricstraining.com/en/play/adele/rumor-has-it-live/HqYNA9piga#ibc

🔓 Code hint: "Pay attention—one of these expressions appears twice in Adele's Rumour Has It. That number corresponding to the repeated expression is your mission code!"

🏁 FINAL STEP: Unlock the door

Mission 1	Mission 2	Mission 3	Mission 4	Mission 5

🔓 The system unlocks...

"You did it! I owe you my life...

and maybe a crazy invention after the holidays!"

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