

What follows is a lightly-edited version of the script generated by GPT-3. Specifically, I cut out some repetitive phrases, clarified some of the screen direction, and fixed some of the syntax. For the curious, I'll add the raw GPT-3 output at the end.

- Ben Syverson

INT. LIVING ROOM - DAY

It's a nice, plain apartment. A young man sits on the couch next to a sleeping dog. He opens his phone and sees a push notification from an app called "Better Banks."

PUSH NOTIFICATION:

John, today you've saved \$4.08! Congrats! Keep up the good work!

JOHN

(Sarcastically)

Wow, thanks for telling me that.
I'll definitely be motivated to
save more money because of that.

The young man then opens the app, and a SAVINGS MONSTER, green and ugly but kind of cute, JUMPS out of the screen and stands on John's phone.

SAVINGS MONSTER

John, you've saved \$4.08 so far
this month! Not bad, but if you
want to win some money, you should
put some more money in your
savings account. The more money
you save, the better chance you
have of winning the monthly pot of
money!

A BLACK BOX with a lock emerges from the screen and rotates slowly in front of John's face. Red numbers on the box start counting up, slowly, then quickly: \$0.00, \$0.01, \$0.02...

SAVINGS MONSTER (CONT'D)

Every minute you don't save money,
I'm going to steal one cent from
your bank account. The longer you
wait, the more I'm going to steal
from you! So start saving today!

The Savings Monster gets larger, revealing teeth and claws.

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SAVINGS MONSTER (CONT'D)
 To win back what I've stolen from
 you, all you have to do is guess
 how much money is in my black box.

The red numbers disappear from the box.

SAVINGS MONSTER (CONT'D)
 If you guess correctly, then I'll
 give that amount of money back to
 you! But hurry—if time runs out
 before you guess correctly, then
 I'll keep all of it for myself!
 And as an added incentive...

Two USER PROFILE CIRCLES with two other user's pictures appear
 on either side of the black box.

SAVINGS MONSTER (CONT'D)
 If people pay into your pot by
 guessing correctly how much money
 is in my black box,

Two BABY MONSTERS, tiny and blue, appear on either side of the
 black box, next to the Profile Circles. The Savings Monster is
 in front, pointing and explaining everything to John.

SAVINGS MONSTER (CONT'D)
 then they can double their chances
 of winning some cash! How do they
 do that? Well, for every dollar
 they pay into your pot,

The Baby Monsters are now smiling with fangs and claws!

SAVINGS MONSTER (CONT'D)
 They can turn into a savings
 monster just like me!

A much LARGER MONSTER, toothy and green, appears behind the two
 Baby Monsters. John looks a little scared now.

SAVINGS MONSTER (CONT'D)
 So make sure people pay into your
 pot by guessing how much money is
 in my black box—otherwise I'll eat
 them for lunch! HA HA HA HA HA!!!

The Savings Monster laughs maniacally as his face turns red.
 John's dog opens ONE eye warily.

SAVINGS MONSTER (CONT'D)

Good luck today John—see if people pay into your pot by guessing how much money is in my black box, before time runs out! If not, then good luck eating dog food for lunch instead of hot dogs!!

All at once, ALL of the monsters and the black box ZOOM back into John's phone with a puff of smoke. John's eyes go WIDE as he looks at his phone, and then his dog, who gives him a SURPRISED LOOK.

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Here is the original GPT-3 output. I wrote the opening parts in bold, as part of the prompt.

- Ben

Next, the team votes on a favorite idea, and writes a short screenplay to illustrate the concept.

INT. LIVING ROOM - DAY

A young man sits on the couch next to a dog. He opens his phone and sees a push notification from an app called "Better Banks."

PUSH NOTIFICATION: John, today you've saved \$4.08! Congrats! Keep up the good work! (A red circle with a green plus sign appears on the screen.)

JOHN: (Sarcastically) Wow, thanks for telling me that. I'll definitely be motivated to save more money because of that.

The young man then opens the app and sees a message from a "Savings Monster."

SAVINGS MONSTER: John, you've saved \$4.08 so far this month! Not bad, but if you want to win some money, you should put some more money in your savings account. The more money you put in your savings account, the better chance you have of winning the monthly pot of money! (A black box with red numbers appears on the screen.)

- Every minute you don't save money, I'm going to steal \$0.01 from your bank account. The longer you wait to put money into your savings account, the more I'm going to steal from you! So start saving today! (A large monster with teeth and claws appears on the screen.)

- To win back what I've stolen from you, all you have to do is guess how much money is in my black box. If you guess correctly before time runs out, then I'll give that amount of money back to you! But hurry - if time runs out before you guess correctly, then I'll keep all of it for myself! And as an added incentive... (two circles appear on either side of the black box) ...if people pay into your pot by guessing correctly how much money is in my black box before time runs out... (two smaller monsters appear on either side of the black box) ...then they can double their chances of winning some cash! How do they do that? Well... (a larger monster appears behind the smaller monsters) ...for every dollar they pay into your pot before time runs out... (the smaller monsters are now smiling with fangs and claws) ...they can turn me into a savings monster just like me! So make sure people pay into your pot by guessing how much money is in my black box before time runs out - otherwise I'll eat them for lunch! HA HA HA HA HA!!! (The Savings Monster laughs maniacally as his face turns red.)

Good luck today John - see if people pay into your pot by guessing how much money is in my black box before time runs out! If not, then good luck eating dog food for lunch instead of hot dogs!!