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A BIG WAY **BY JAMES OLIVER RYAN**

November days Some sunlight Some gray The color of leaves fades away A transformation, a mood change,

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Things wrought This is why the music plays A noted rite, everyone participates In a download are remembrances sought Nature and nurture are commensurate with your lot This is why the music plays A transformation, a mood change There are things remembered to be thankful for A Thanksgiving, to bring about colorful days

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--DR. ANTHONY BETRUS THE GAME CONNOISSEUR

Teaching Bad Apples is a game that I recently finished with the help of three of my students in the Educational Technology Graduate program at SUNY Potsdam. The game challenges players to deal with dicey ethical situations that occur in a school environment. Over the past year my students and I have created, tested, modified, re-tested, and finally we have produced the first complete version of the game. It will soon be ready for distribution, and if, after you read this you think you are interested, send me an e-mail and I'll see what I can do for you. For my 4th Coast readers, I'll offer you the game at cost. We aren't looking to make a lot of money in any case. and any profits we do see will be used for student scholarships. And while the game's primary audience is teachers (past, present, and future), anyone can play the game and have fun, as it seems that just about everyone has ethically questionable school ex-

periences in their past.

The origin of Teaching Bad Apples started in October, 2013 in Anaheim, California, at the Association for Educational Communications and Technology (AECT) annual conference. I found myself at an awards ceremony reception, and I was stuck there for about an hour. One of my friends, who knew I was "into games," came across a deck of promotional cards that Microsoft had produced as a promotion at another conference. He managed to snag a copy, and brought it to give to me. The game basically prompts players to think about how to best use various Microsoft products as teaching tools, but there were no instructions for how to play. There were six of us who were similarly stuck, and we were looking for something to do, so I looked over the cards, and suggested that if we used the blank "content" cards as variable topics, and the "technology" cards as possible ways to teach this variable topic, we might (Continued on page 12)

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