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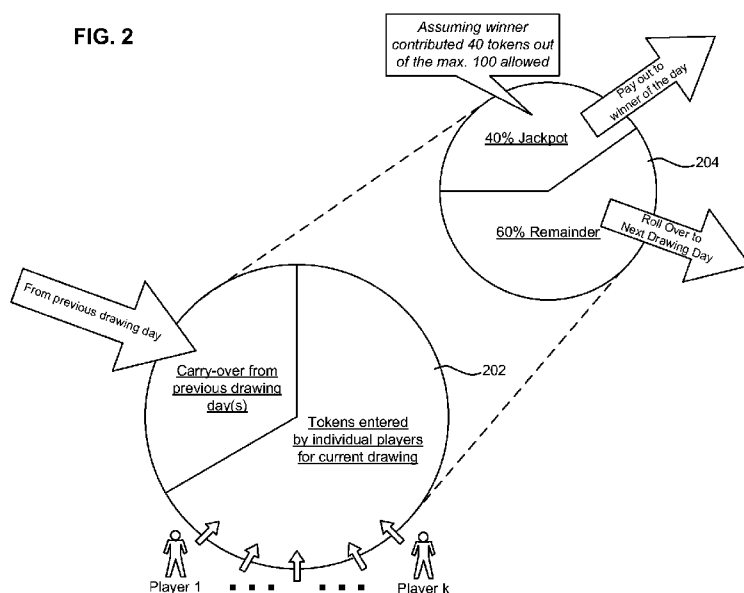
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FIG. 2



(57) Abstract: Systems and methods for lottery-style games are disclosed. In one particular exemplary embodiment, a computer-implemented method may comprise: establishing an online game that is scheduled to have lottery drawings on a number of drawing days; accepting enrollment of a plurality of players in the online game, each player being assigned at least one unique identifier and being committed to participate in a plurality of the lottery drawings; receiving, from each player, a designated number of tokens to be entered for each unique identifier in each lottery drawing said player is committed to participate in, each designated number being at least one and up to a predetermined maximum; and executing the online game on each drawing day by conducting a drawing, from unique identifiers of the participating players, to select one winner and by providing a fraction of a jackpot to the selected winner based on a calculated proportional value. In an alternative embodiment, there may be established a map-based game that is scheduled to have a number of lottery drawings associated with a plurality of grid units on a map, and each enrolled player may be associated with at least one grid unit on the map. A drawing may be then conducted to select at least one grid unit to win a first prize. Lesser prizes may be awarded to grid units based on their relative map positions with respect to the first-prize-winning grid unit.

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