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I LIVE PEACEFULLY IN A VIDEO GAME WORLD- COLLECTED POEMS

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ABSTRACT

I Live Peacefully in a Video Game World occupies impersonal or passive forums such as comments sections, strategy guides, and video game patch notes in order to investigate the intimacy found within them. While conceptual poets have long explored hyper-contemporary communication ranging from spam emails to online reviews for Hollywood movies, these conceptual poets have often allowed themselves to be constrained by their devotion to faithfully transcribing documents.

The sections of this manuscript, then, are creative reimaginings of Youtube comments sections, strategy guides, and video game patch notes instead of precise transcriptions. This mixture of conceptual poetry and Prufrokian neurosis allow for an intense but sincere investigation of modern intimacy and antisocial behavior.

The manuscript is mostly humorous but often with a political undertone. In *I Live Peacefully in a Video Game World*, it is hard to differentiate the innocent from the ominous. To live peacefully in a video game world is an act of futility given the violence and sexism of the modern video game industry. The poems of this collection, then, fight for stability in an inherently unstable universe.

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PART 1

Sponsored Video: TONIGHT I MICROWAVE MY NINTENDO GAMECUBE COLLECTION

4,960 views

ALL COMMENTS (9)

zaffyroze 10 days ago

you had nice games for the nintendo gamecube and I am strongly aware of the nintendo gamecube

zaffyroze 9 days ago

I never thought Billy Hatcher and the Giant Egg's cover would set fire like that like vomit black plastic from billy's hair

Jared Twothousandandlate 1 month ago

poor collection, very empty microwave on the fourth batch, how did you miss the resident evil franchise(?) I've long appreciated the nintendo gamecube, the nintendo gamecube is a black handled lunchbox, so when my parents still thought there could be a place they'd be comfortable, I could carry it everywhere we moved dallas, minneapolis, des moines, you left a lot of good games out of that microwave tonight

Lemon Lime Yoshi 1 month ago

when I die I'll tire of hearing about your deaths, your deaths are nothing compared to my deaths in Resident Evil Code: Veronica, Nintendo Gamecube was my Taiwanese neighbor's 3rd game console the Nintendo Gamecube's L and R triggers are the most perfect curves I know

Lemon Lime Yoshi 1 month ago

we played while his mother cooked microwavable burgers mostly Resident Evil Code: Veronica and a couple demo disks he moved back to Taiwan and still mails me pictures of himself at car expos with show models in denim cutoffs unaware they're in the frame of his photos lol so you should really consider playing & microwaving at least one game from the resident evil franchise

PapaJohn Bless 2 months ago

I wish u where my brother :)

thebjlabs 2 months ago

I'm in college and just begun to appreciate the nintendo gamecube games like Super Monkey Ball I work midnight-4AM security shifts on campus in winter I get sick during my shifts and have to break my fever on the couch on the first floor of the chemistry building

thebjlabs 2 months ago

I'm in the chemistry building breaking my fever and watching this video I love that the Super Monkey Ball disk foamed a layer of plastic to accommodate the pressure from the heat, it will make me smile every time I play Super Monkey Ball

Chewy Pixel 2 months ago

By the way, the nintendo gamecube is the only game console I'm in love with, it was the only game console our family could afford and I'm in love with it wonderful to see Billy Hatcher and the Giant Egg represented in the microwave a pedestrian went through my mom's windshield when I was ten years old so she was unable to buy me nintendo gamecube games and was too badly mutilated for an open casket so I mostly played Billy Hatcher and the Giant Egg thank you for acknowledging Billy thank you for taking the disk out so we could see the damage for example the crystal welts on its backside or how it waited to snap into quarters until it touched your hand

Jared twothousandandlate

18 subscribers 396 views

Joined Apr 6, 2014

Description

THE ONLY channel where you can watch someone buy plane tickets online and then not board the plane. Twice a month I buy plane tickets online and then you watch me sit in my own living room at the time of departure. The real fun begins when a plane is delayed, a delay triggers the “ask me anything” segment where I answer your questions until the plane departs. Message me your thoughts on what flight I should miss next and support my Patreon page so that I can afford to miss international flights by the start of next year. My name is Jared and I’m late for this plane!

Recent Uploads

TO DOs IN MILWAUKEE: MISS YOUR FLIGHT TO MILWAUKEE

6 months ago 146 views

Description: This week we name all the things I could do in Milwaukee while I miss my flight to Milwaukee. We start at boarding time (8:15 AM) and finish at takeoff (8:40 AM). My family and I once lived comfortably in a suburb outside of Milwaukee until one day we no longer lived there. I am trying to find a more accurate way of knowing whether a plane is taxiing or in the air, please bear with me as I...

LIST: TOP 5 PLACES TO EAT IF YOU'RE NOT IN MILWAUKEE

5 months ago 70 views

Description: My plane touched down in Milwaukee but no part of my body is in Milwaukee. When I was young, my mother was groped by her boss and the only way my parents could cope was by leaving our Milwaukee suburb. Things worked out for a while but then my parents realized they could only stand each other while they were distracted by moving. We kept moving, at least once a year and to cheer me up, my mom made a list of all the things we could do and all the places we could eat since we left Milwaukee. I share that list now with everyone who has no part of their body inside...

MOST AFFORDABLE FAKE TRIPS- LAS VEGAS

3 months ago 23 views

Description: If you, too, would like to book flights but not actually go on the plane you should know that it is not a cheap hobby. You will save money by being flexible with your departing and arriving airports. I KNOW certain airports will give you a bigger rush than others but our message is the same regardless. We will never leave the place we call home and we reject the premise that we must leave home to be a global citizen. We will not leave home even if our dads can't accept that another man touched his wife. I have not been in a relationship in years, I have no idea what I would do if my partner cheated on me. Through all of this I have found that Las Vegas is the best destination to book an affordable fake...

Sponsored Video: I TIME TRAVEL AND UNBOX YOUR CHILDHOOD NINTENDO GAMECUBE

6,460 views

ALL COMMENTS (7)

thebjlabs 1 day ago

I've never been more self-conscious of my Nintendo Gamecube than when you've spoken of my Nintendo Gamecube, said it was "bad fucking ass", it was just a standard purple Nintendo Gamecube I'm a university student and an overnight university security guard breaking my fever in the first floor of the Chemistry building watching your videos on my phone my nintendo gamecube was the standard purple with the standard black lunchbox handle and the red, oval "systems on" light shaped to mimic the exposed, derpy tongue of a pet.

Jared Twothousandandlate 1 day ago

I am very aware of the Nintendo Gamecube and I'm very aware of you and your nintendo gamecube: it came with one controller, you're a university student and an overnight university security guard, av cables, power cords, starter memory card, do you think you're using your spare time wisely? those valuable mornings breaking your fevers in the chemistry building?, av cables, I'm deeply concerned about the future of your legs, power cord, starter memory card, the console in the standard purple with a standard black lunchbox handle with the exposed derpy tongue of a pet.

PapaJohn Bless 2 days ago

- 1) Thank you for giving me another moment with him
- 2) Him is my Super Mario Sunshine Nintendo Gamecube bundle set
- 3) I found your third Youtube channel
- 4) You've never promoted your third Youtube channel
- 5) It appears to be a private channel dedicated to Hilary Duff whale tail compilation videos
- 6) I subscribed to your third Youtube channel

Jared Twothousandandlate 1 month ago

You need to calm down and stop time traveling get back to the things you used to do before you had time travel. You aren't the person I subscribed to. The person I subscribed to wouldn't time travel to appreciate an unboxing. The person I subscribed to would appreciate the unboxings RIGHT IN FRONT OF HIM. You are not utilizing your time travel for the greater good, you're breaking into peoples' houses, and you're diluting the quality of your unboxing videos.

Lemon Lime Yoshi 1 month ago

Thank you for travelling through time thank you for breaking into my Taiwanese neighbor's bedroom to steal his Nintendo Gamecube for an unboxing video. My own family could not afford a Nintendo Gamecube but as you clearly noted he had the limited edition platinum nintendo gamecube. I never received one, I was ten years old but already fit into men's large t-shirts. I spent weekends writing letters to celebrities asking them to adopt me and never sent them. I wrote a letter to Robert Carradine, the father from *Lizzie McGuire*, it was actually a love letter but if he couldn't love me I asked him to at least adopt me, this was the last Sunday of August, 2003.

Lemon Lime Yoshi 1 month ago

Thank you again for breaking into someone else's home for me I Facebook messaged my former Taiwanese neighbor and asked him about his platinum Nintendo Gamecube he ignored me and responded with erotic photoshops of *Lizzie McGuire*'s own Hilary Duff with no mention of my inquiries regarding the platinum Nintendo Gamecube or my clear desire for erotic photoshops of *Lizzie McGuire*'s own Robert Carradine.

Chewy Pixel 1 months ago

Your family could not afford health insurance or a Nintendo Gamecube, that Taiwanese family could not afford health insurance but could afford a limited edition platinum Nintendo Gamecube. As I write this Robert Carradine is 61 years old born March 24th, 1954. One day Robert Carradine from *Lizzie McGuire* will pass away and you'll remember Robert and finally decide in what capacity you most wanted him to serve: lover or father and you'll grow sad with your sad timing.

PapaJohn Bless

654 subscribers 0 views

Description

While I created this account to be a liaison from Papa John's customers to Corporate Papa John's, I generally use this account to help those in need. Few fully understand how much is asked of the Papa John's social media team and so my day's work is easing that burden despite having no affiliation with Corporate Papa John's. Perhaps that kindness and empathy is why I have over six hundred subscribers despite never posting a video. People are ready for more compassion from their public figures and internet moguls, as well as their Papa John's experience.

Recent Comments From This User

Reply: Papa John Telling the Papa John's Story

Hello, Mori! I apologize that you weren't satisfied with your Bacon Cheeseburger Pizza. Please share the details and your contact info on this form, so the good people at Papa John's can look into the matter. Thank you! bit.ly/1JwCmb

Reply: Papa John Telling the Papa John's Story

Hi, Amanda! Me and everyone Team Papa are so glad you enjoyed the new mushroom swiss burger pizza. Thanks and have a great weekend!

Reply: I LIVE PEACEFULLY IN A VIDEOGAME WORLD AND LET YOU WATCH

We play games for dat...

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Reply: Papa John Telling the Papa John's Story

Hi, Latonya! Really sorry to hear that you weren't impressed with your pepperoni rolls. Please click on this link and share the details so Team Papa can make it right! Thank you!bit.ly/1JwnCmb

Reply: Papa John Telling the Papa John's Story

Katrena, we're sorry your pepperoni rolls did not live up to our high standards. Please provide the additional details needed, so we can look into the issue. Thank you!bit.ly/1JwnCmb

Reply: I BREAK INTO YOUR HOUSE AND COUNT DOWN THE TOP 5 WORST GAMES YOU OWN

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Reply: I BREAK INTO YOUR HOUSE AND COUNT DOWN THE TOP 5 WORST GAMES YOU OWN

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T_T| ••) [A SAD BOY] enters the comments section

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Reply: Papa John Telling the Papa John's Story

Lamar, I saw the pizza rolls you received. Lamar, we can do better than this. Please share the store details and your contact information on this form, so we can make this right. Thank you! bit.ly/1JwnCmb

Lemon Lime Yoshi

Hey, I know this is kind of weird but...I think you deserve a break. I found a place where you can read "Press B", "I Hit the Money Rock", and "Drunken Monkey Style" for free. These links work. I guarantee it. We have precious little time in life for leisure and the idea of wasting even a second of your time on the internet with an incompetent link is sickening, and I would consider it a personal failure.

Press B > > > Page 10

I Hit the Money Rock > > > Page 11

Drunken Monkey Style > > > Page 12

Like Reply

(Press B)

Press B and Dr. Mario will throw a pill at one of your enemies, B plus analog left/right with Captain Falcon to dive his fist on fire into the closest enemy's heels, press B to summon Yoshi's tongue to consume what is near you, B plus left/right with Mr. Game and Watch to activate his judgment hammer. Your enemies will turn into ice, your enemies will topple from the game arena- donuts and ramen will fall from the sky for you.

My stroke will be a well documented stroke, your stroke can only hope for this. Symptom: the muscle below my left eye slacks, trigger: the girl who sketches everything I love in note pads. Symptom: I lose feeling on the left side of my face, trigger: I get too close and smell the sunscreen off her knuckles. In the cafe near Intensive Care a man is sitting around in Razorback pajamas listening to a sermon on his phone without earbuds on. He is spasming in a way I understand.

(I hit the money rock)

Finish everything by eleven forty-five
woke at ten twenty, I hit the money rock
until I finance redecorating my second living room
in Christmas in July mixed green garlands
designed by Ellen DeGeneres.
Must be safe to assume: nobody's
mother is still alive,
museums downtown exhibit
sabretooth torsos from my crawlspace.
Am I masturbating
into something stranger or less strange
than everyone else?
Don't talk to anyone, but still get flirty
mail like: "You and Paris are two
of my favorite things,"
jotted on a copy of *A Moveable Feast*.
Tonight I'm in an apartment complex's
fitness center restroom
shanghaiing wi-fi,
PandaGLO is a cam model
too cosmopolitan to show her pussy
two hours in, puts a finger inside
the third hour, starts fisting in the last hour.
In the last hour, a store exclusively selling
my handcrafted swimwear opens a block away,
my house close enough to hear my maid
knocking, my maid letting herself inside,
my maid locking herself inside.

(Drunken monkey style)

When you get back to Helena
to train you'll find a new Slim Chickenz,
find my acne is comfortable,
Helena's train track smell has been added

to the World Heritage list, it has been purified,
it attracts hundreds of strange visitors.

I'm developing an advanced doggy paddle
effectively ocean-tested,
developing a strain of the drunken
monkey style where I actually steal wine.

"You can tell how nice a town is
by how many bad Mexican restaurants they have,"
- You, in your uncle's Bronco,
barreling past Flippin, Arkansas.

All of the sailors are big, you know,
all missing the friends
who made Dollar General fun,

back then your toilet
didn't flush,
back then I stayed
overnight
because it's you.

Lemon Lime Yoshi

If you had a problem with any of these links please mail your concerns to my Taiwanese friend at:

No. 51, Hanjung St, Wan hua District, 1-3F,
Taipei City, 台北市 Taiwan 108

I am excited to hear back from you! My Taiwanese friend mails me the best feedback and I keep it on my work desk as a reminder of how I can improve. My Taiwanese friend is very proud of me and my commitment to bringing you the best links, every single time.

While I appreciate receiving your feedback, please DO NOT send him insects through the mail. I cannot even believe I have to say this but people are crazy. My life-long Taiwanese friend has received many cockroaches and learned firsthand that receiving live cockroaches is actually much better than receiving dead cockroaches. Therefore, please send your feedback to the address above and if you are going to send cockroaches, please send live cockroaches so we can at least set them free. All of us involved much prefer that.

Like Reply

Sponsored Video: I BREAK INTO YOUR HOUSE AND COUNT DOWN THE TOP 5 WORST GAMES YOU OWN

9,260 Views

ALL COMMENTS (10)

Jared Twothousandandlate 2 days ago

Growing up I was always moving like dallas, minneapolis, des moines, every time I wished my parents would drop me off at GameStop I planned to live in GameStop. I can confirm that you cannot live in a GameStop but decided someday to live above a GameStop (?) in big cities (?) limited real estate (?) come home after a long day at work, walk through the GameStop towards a discreet stairway leading up to my bedroom (?) slip off my little sandals near the GameStop used game section and head up a discreet stairway to my bedroom (?). I believed this would happen and I can now confirm that it did not happen.

Jared Twothousandandlate 1 day ago

I can confirm you cannot live in a GameStop, I can strongly confirm that living above a GameStop and slipping off your little sandals near the GameStop used game section is a highly-competitive privilege but you CAN collect enough games to make your home like GameStop.

Jared Twothousandandlate 1 day ago

I have modeled my first and second living rooms like a GameStop. GameStop does not discriminate between good and bad games Sonic and Mario Sochi Winter Olympics DESERVES THE DIGNITY of any other game if you, my dear, are a videogame I WILL HOUSE YOU you may come to my home an exhausted copy of Sonic and Mario Sochi Winter Olympics but you will be housed and loved and mom and dad guess what? I can't move to des moines tomorrow, I won't be on the greyhound with you this weekend to dallas, I am older now and have responsibilities I am the largest non-profit GameStop in the mid-west it is no longer as easy as asking me to put my little sandals in Coleman carry-on luggage and if you my dears know of videogames, if you my dears are copies of Sonic and Mario Sochi Winter Olympics, you may join me in my non-profit GameStop no more empty-hearted travelling for you.

Lemon Lime Yoshi 5 days ago

I must say thank you again for breaking into my former Taiwanese neighbor's bedroom because I cannot afford my own video games. My former Taiwanese neighbor is back in Taiwan and you are aware of this and he is unemployed. He spends the last of his savings on the women at the Taiwanese car shows, giving all his money to the girls with the most exposed navels LOL so it's nice to see what games he is playing.

Lemon Lime Yoshi 5 days ago

With that being said you ranked Dead or Alive Xtreme Beach Volleyball as the #2 worst game he owns but it should actually be the #4 worst game he owns. It is January 2nd 2016 and I am about to click the unsubscribe button. I have been subscribed to your channel since January 1st 2013 and so we've just had an anniversary and you were kind enough to break into my Taiwanese neighbor's home again but you ruined it by rating Dead or Alive Xtreme Beach Volleyball the #2 worst game he owns if you see this comment and you regret your decision and would like to reach out to me please reach out to me.

PapaJohn Bless 5 days ago

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Lemon Lime Yoshi 3 days ago

It is January 4th, 2016 and I have now clicked the unsubscribe button my former Taiwanese neighbor is now completely out of money, spent it mostly on the exposed navels at the Taiwanese car shows. In Dead or Alive Xtreme Beach Volleyball you could work hard to earn Zack Bucks so you can buy other women in the game new swimsuits like v-kinis that exposed their navels in exciting new ways.

Chewy Pixel 2 days ago

Hope your Taiwanese friend is taking care of himself hope he's still buying string v-kinis for his video game friends with the Zack Bucks and experiencing the exposed navels of his video game friends in exciting new ways.

PapaJohn Bless 2 days ago

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Chewy Pixel 2 days ago

Again, hope your Taiwanese friend is taking care when I was younger I was trying to rescue the six Chicken Elders in Billy Hatcher and the Giant Egg I rescued many of the six Chicken Elders that pedestrian went through my mom's windshield and it was a few days before the funeral. I needed to sleep several times before the funeral so when people told me I needed to sleep I rubbed my eyelids until I saw sparks and imagined those sparks were the six Chicken Elders so I would try to collect them until I fell asleep and then I was six to eight hours closer to the closed-casket funeral and then I was six to eight hours closer to catching the remaining Chicken Elders.

Wanker Tron

3,338,942 subscribers 500,428,267 views

Joined Apr 5, 2006

Description

Hello! I am the content creator Wanker Tron that you all know and love, the leading source of information on erotic photoshops and creating your own erotic photoshops. My philosophy is that anyone can create erotic photoshops, I don't pretend to have magical powers. In fact, I believe that erotic photoshops are better for the input of people from all different backgrounds. I am Wanker Tron, your guide through the erotic photoshops industry!

Recent Uploads

It's Not Enough To Make Them Nude- The Fundamentals of Erotic Photoshops

1 day ago 174,282 views

Description: I know the impulse too well: there is a celebrity who has never been naked before, so you photoshop him or her naked. While this can be the starting point of a well-crafted erotic photoshop, there are many questions to keep in mind. What scenario does the photo present and how does the nudity create a unique tension within that scenario? How does your creation complement or subvert your audience's expectations of pornography and erotic photoshops? I believe that this medium should be open to all, however we need to have some standards...

You Can Be The Best At What You Do And Few Will Know

3 days ago 311,029 views

Description: Depending on how much you enjoy privacy, this is either really good news or bad news. When I lived in America I felt like I never fit in, I felt like people were always looking for an excuse to call me "different". When my family and I moved back to Taiwan and I realized I only made a few friends in America, I considered it a personal failure. It's unsurprising that I came into the erotic photoshop industry looking for a level of validation that the field simply cannot offer. Please, please, please, do not make the same mistake I did if you're not doing this for the love...

You've Made Them Nude, Now What? Your Guide to Finding An Audience

6 days ago 174,120 views

Description: 4 Chan or 9 Gag? Facebook or Twitter? I know it can be frustrating to be unaware of the right home for your photoshops and I know the embarrassment when you pick the wrong venue for your work. Growing up in America, I would try to show different people on the schoolbus printed copies of the best erotic photoshops I found on the internet the night before and sometimes it did not go over well. Save yourself the headaches and...

Sponsored Video: I LIVE PEACEFULLY IN A VIDEOGAME WORLD AND LET YOU WATCH

1,420 views

thebjlabs 6 days ago

On August 1st, 2008 I moved to the university and now it is three in the morning on January 6th, 2016 and I'm breaking my fever and losing Charisma on a couch inside of that university. I live in that apartment complex down the hill from Slim Chickenz I'm living peacefully in this university and I'm not growing but I do go out to eat twice a month which is all I can afford, out to eat at that Slim Chickenz twice a month where I get the tenders plate with the Slims sauce and the sweet tea twice a month which is too infrequent for the cashier to know my name so she settles on "honey", please don't live peacefully in that video game world I've watched you grow I've broken fevers to your progress

thebjlabs 6 days ago

Don't live peacefully, choose your most agreeable conflict.

PapaJohn Bless 6 days ago

We play games for dat...

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thebjlabs 5 days ago

They keep calling me "honey", serving me tenders with that Slims sauce and the sweet tea like I never had an agreeable conflict to ignore

Wanker Tron 5 days ago

Don't live quietly in that video game world don't settle for the tenders the Slims sauce the sweet tea. Pick your most agreeable conflict and you'll get more subscribers pick the most agreeable and I'll make erotic photoshops inspired by your journey

Wanker Tron 6 days ago

I am the man from TAIWAN that has been referenced in the comment section before. After going to school in America I moved back to TAIWAN where I gained Charisma at auto shows and online with my erotic photoshops, but it is different from the Charisma you've gained, your Charisma is sincere. I gained fake Charisma and lost my savings account to the exposed navels of the women of the Taiwanese auto shows I now spend my free time creating erotic photoshops featuring important people and their agreeable conflicts. In those auto shows every girl deserved my life and they got it.

Jared Twothousandandlate 6 days ago

Erotic photoshops, like most things, thrive from a sense of conflict by living peacefully in that video game world you are leaving a man in TAIWAN alone with second-rate Charisma, a troubled financial history, and erotic photoshops lacking tension

thebjlabs 1 day ago

I'm gathering my Charisma in the back booth of the Slim Chickenz with that Slims sauce and the tenders and the sweet tea with the meal combo and I'm leaving town I've broken my last fever for the university I'll die before I get sick again.

PART 2

PATCH NOTES FOR PART TWO

- >> FIXED: Beds can be broken by overuse but will never explode
- >> Strangulation will take less time
- >> It is now impossible for players to see their characters nude
- >> An argument between you and your wife will no longer trigger combat music

First Playable Level

PLAYTEST 1

We're in your truck. The college radio station
will deliver exposition
when there's exposition to give,
but for now we're listening to a two-hour rotation
of Alanis Morissette b-sides.

We're off-roading as far west
as the world will load.
We're so young, no one has even
rendered our shadows yet.

PLAYTEST 2

No one in your family is selectable for dialogue,
the college radio host is not ready to debrief us
on the next mission, an invisible wall keeps us
from the next world, the Sonic waiters
in this town are not programmed
to accept payment yet. These are the excuses I make

so you'll stay in bed
and watch VH1 with me.

PLAYTEST 3

We visit the town where no one's
front door opens for us, where tomatoes
are too large, taking up
half a small table, where the bones
on the floor are plain white with no texture,

we fall in love with that town's Sonic
more than any other Sonic,
their Sonic doesn't blend their Master Blasts well,
so we get whole hunks of brownie.

PLAYTEST 4

We raise the volume,
the college senior will tell us
if our parents will ever be
selectable for dialogue.

PLAYTEST 5

Our Sonic Master Blasts are chunky, the radio
is not helpful but Alanis Morissette
is blunt as usual and that's why we love her
so I feel safe here saying I don't know
where we are, maybe halfway
between the next world
and Texarkana.

I've been here longer
now you're here too, you've barely even
ruined it.

Second Playable Level

PLAYTEST 1

The radio reminds us sixteen times a day-
you're about to be abducted.

Every day we listen to the Top 30 countdown show
on the college radio station and ignore their warnings.
Every day my inventory expands.
Last week our Sonic waiters only carried pistols,
now they carry uzis too.

PLAYTEST 2

We visit a new town
where dog fur is unproportional,
resembling fat petals draped
over their ribs.

Children in town are supposed
to chase after us,
they're supposed to climb up our legs,
but the animation is too intricate
so they stay tethered
to their front yards
and approach as we come closer.

We view your abductor.
He is not complete. His stabs
are jittery and unsatisfying.
His mustache does not move
during dialogue, swallowing his upper lip.

PLAYTEST 3

Every day I gain more inventory space
and I know I am to fill it with weapons.
The chains on the drawbridge
of your abductor's hideaway are thicker
and no longer look like flimsy disks.

My mother became selectable
for dialogue yesterday,
when selected she repeats,
"Right. All boys leave home some day.
It said so on the college radio station."

PLAYTEST 4

Today we're more satisfied with the Top 30 than previous Top 30s, we think today's Top 30 accurately reflects the musicians' body of work.

Alanis Morissette is #2 which honors her accomplishments but also keeps her hungry. We think this is important for Alanis.

Today a bad man in another town has more control over his mustache than he ever had before, the dogs are more confident in their petals, the children have less need to be tethered to their front yards, we feel the first hand on our ankles.

PLAYTEST 5

Your abductor's hideaway
is now complete,
in his hideaway he dry-heaves
unrecorded dialogue.

(Dirt weird)

Jumping spiders and the Singapore dollar and your uncle in the highgrass, and you're standing next to patio chairs, dirt weird outside a bakery that only sells uzi rounds.

See now: I gave you more hearts, because you'll lose more hearts.

That Singaporean woman plated Sunday morning ham sandwiches and Nesquik for you, mailed you currency as souvenir on trips home to find a husband, now she pisses the bed at daybreak. Some evenings her left eyes chooses not to move. She wishes no visitors and that means you.

That is a PTA meeting and they continue on and due to polygon budgets they're all drinking and eating the same thing: that drink is Nesquik, that food is ham sandwiches with ranch dressing. Though we see the school building we safely assume it no longer operates, though we see their dirt-in-a-cups we safely assume the students no longer operate.

The jumping spiders are not playable characters, the jumping spiders are not available for dialogue, you cannot leave this room until you've murdered the jumping spiders.

Your uncle never left the highgrass near the regional medical center. When selected for dialogue, managed to repeat: "Strange.. It's sunny, but it's raining. The Devil must be beating his wife."

(In a city made entirely of blanket tents)

Namarie is flipping through the pages of my legal pad, *These aren't the worst hearts anyone has drawn in a while but they're close*. I'm on the computer sculpting my protagonist's sunburns, yesterday spent in the grooves of his kneepads. She scowls at the page where I document the fight mechanics of tough men. *Explain to me, again, why you take notes while you play video games*. No arch-nemesis kidnapped Namarie, Namarie printed her boarding passes in community college computer labs.

When she gets back I will let her buy me Walgreens passport photos, let her teach me how to pump gas, take me on daycation drives through Oklahoma, lay on top of her on a motel's pullout bed, make use of the adult novelties of the rest stop bathrooms of Muskogee.

I will show her the city made entirely of blanket tents where someone we never met keeps making us snickerdoodles and we never pay and I write all day on legal pads, pass the newest pad through town at night. She'll track the progress of their laughter. *Which tent have I travelled to now, Namarie? Is this a happiness worth taking notes for?* Let her rest, managing a leg above her hips and, sleepless, labor to match her breaths.

Final Playable Level

PLAYTEST 1

You feed me a Turtle Pecan Master Blast
at the only Sonic in the half-rendered plains
we've escaped to.

I murdered your abductor by firing rounds
into his exposed shoulder. I murdered
your abductor and when his body fell,
the ground did not register a collision,
his body sank below the floorboards
of his hideaway, leaving only a gelled tip
of his mustache above ground.

PLAYTEST 2

You're feeding me a Turtle Pecan Master Blast
because I can no longer put down my weapon.

Today we are thankful we defeated
everything meant to destroy us, thankful
to be together in these half-rendered plains with
a fully-rendered Sonic.

PLAYTEST 3

I can give you over forty thousand reasons
why our sky isn't real
like tonight we're binge-watching young stars
form into planets before early morning.

PLAYTEST 4

I'm networking with the visiting Video Game Developers.
They like me for what I've accomplished.
They understand I can't point my gun away from them.
They take turns feeding me quarter pound cheese coney
in exchange for hearing again how I fired rounds into your abductor,
fired rounds into his exposed shoulder until the floor of his hideaway
could not register a collision.

PLAYTEST 5

When my mother visits,
I view her first
through my crosshairs.

After years apart she reminds us,
“Right. All boys leave home
someday. It said so on the
college radio station.”

PLAYTEST 6

I can give you over forty thousand reasons
why our sky isn't real- like it takes the Video
Game Developers half an hour to travel
from the newborn planets to our plains.

They travel here for inspiration
and to refill Route 44 Blue
Coconut Slushes at our Sonic.

They confirm the newborn planets
are filled with a human subclass
we are meant to destroy.

They confirm planet building
is now user-friendly and fiscally sustainable,
even after factoring in the cost of their
Route 44 Blue Coconut Slushes.

PLAYTEST 7

I feel closest to you when you're
in the next room over
I can hear everything you do but
I never have to look at you through my crosshairs.

PLAYTEST 8

Somewhere your abductor's mustache
is the loneliest blade of grass.

PLAYTEST 9

I can give you over forty thousand reasons
why our sky isn't real, like when I run fast enough
I can outrace the next world as it loads and toss
myself up into the clouds.

My arms are temporarily freed
of their weapons.
I make shadow puppets
in the new planets' beaming light.
I make a bulldog out of my two clenched
fists and my right hand thumb in hopes
it will entertain you. I lay my thumbs
against each other, palms open to form a bird
in hopes it will reach you. Your laughter
floating up to me from the last world,
pool toys in the waves of late July.

PART 3

PATCH NOTES FOR PART THREE

- >> You can now strangle both friendly and unfriendly characters to sleep
- >> Players were losing their heads when getting a private lap dance. This no longer occurs.
- >> ADDED: You may now purchase an expansion pack to see your character half-nude
- >> Your grandfather's body was selectable for dialogue three levels after his death. This no longer occurs.

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| Strategy Guide: The Christmas You Call Your Aunt |
| |
| A Republican Bastard |
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	TIP: You like it when pretty girls fix	
	your collar so have them fix it before	
	the cutscene. There is enough wrong	
	with you after the cutscene that you're	
	generally left alone.	
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>> Christmas in Your Aunt's RAM 1500

In the cutscene, you're pinned in the back of your aunt's RAM 1500. It is Christmas afternoon and nobody is saying a word because you've just called her a Republican bastard.

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EDITOR'S NOTE: I volunteer my time to write these strategy guides out of the kindness of my heart. However, someone who calls their aunt a "Republican bastard" on Christmas does not deserve a strategy guide.
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She won't kick you out of the truck until she gets you to a hotel. She loves you but she'll never let you come home again. Nearby your **Buffalo Wild Wings** is expanding their parking lot. The porn theater bulldozes their third screening room.

At the end of the cutscene, you may return to your childhood home but it is a static mesh. It no longer has the properties necessary to contain you.

Find out more about your Buffalo Wild Wings (including how to clone it) on page 49.

>> Your Hotel Takes Pride In Their Clock Radios

Your new hotel is within walking distance to Buffalo Wild Wings. Your hotel has a clock radio in every room. Carve your name into your very own clock radio. Flip it over, put your tongue to the battery leakage. You will not gain or lose charisma.

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"No one should go to school to design clothes and I'm glad no one gave you free money to do it."
- your aunt, Christmas morning,
 (the full conversation is available in your inventory).
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There is a phone in your hotel room and you remember your aunt's phone number but you never pick up the phone, instead focusing on the clock radio.

The hotel room notepad asks you to identify your name and to divvy 25 points out between perception, endurance, charisma, and intelligence. This will decide your initial skillset. Your natural gift at fashion design will rarely come in handy anymore.

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*|*EDITOR'S NOTE: This week I organized a fundraiser,*|*
*|*I moderated a panel on the virtues of voluntourism*|*
*|*I accepted a grant to write for three weeks in a *|*
*|*wooden house and I wrote a strategy guide for *|*
*|*someone who actually called their aunt a *|*
*|*Republican bastard on Christmas. *|*
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View your inventory and some notable deaths on page 52.

>> Meet the Blonde Haired Boy

Meet the Blonde Haired Boy at your hotel's waffle press for +3 intelligence and a can of Dr. Pepper Ten.

Dr. Pepper Ten has all the flavor of proper Dr. Pepper at a guilt-free ten calories per twelve-ounce can. Plus, that Blonde Haired Boy sells the empty cans for spending money.

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*|*      TIP: Re-visit the clock radio in                *|*
*|*      your hotel room twenty years later.            *|*
*|*      Your name is still on it. Flip it over.        *|*
*|*      You've sucked out all the battery leakage.     *|*
*|*      The clock radio offers no new side quests.     *|*
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That Blonde Haired Boy has a belt buckle in the shape of the World Map. He traces a finger across the World Map when he's nervous, such as when he enters the porn theater downtown.

Meet the Blonde Haired Boy at the waffle press, he'll tell you who he's been and who he will be and he's always right.

>> MINI GAME: Your...Private Parts?

You meet **That Blonde Haired Boy's Wife** for the first time alone in the last porn theater left downtown. She sits two chairs away from you out of respect for porn theater etiquette. You can tell by looking her eyes that she's losing somewhere between 7 and 9 endurance every day. She will be beautiful no matter how much endurance she loses.

Find out more things you could have done with that Blonde Haired Boy's Wife on page 60.

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*|*      EDITOR'S NOTE: There are starving kids      *|*
*|*      working weekend shifts at your Buffalo      *|*
*|*      Wild Wings who will never receive          *|*
*|*      their strategy guides.                    *|*
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That Blonde Haired Boy's Wife moves to the seat right beside you just as *School Girl P.O.V. #5* begins. Because of a life-threatening car accident as a teenager, That Blonde Haired Boy's Wife has rough patches of skin on her face. You want to run your hands across it.

That Blonde Haired Boy's Wife observes proper porn theater etiquette, she does not touch you unless you asked to be touched. You never do.

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||EDITOR'S NOTE: No one has ever      ||
||      properly articulated just    ||
||      how awful it is dying alone.||
||      I know because I watch you   ||
||      do it a couple times.        ||
||                                  ||
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>> Find That Blonde Haired Boy

The following winter, **That Blonde Haired Boy gives you a job** reselling Dr. Pepper Ten cans for scrap metal because you were nice enough to use your natural talent in fashion design to hot glue his broken sandals back together.

Learn more about your side quests with That Blonde Haired Boy and his wife on page 64.

That Boy goes to Target and finds the same Styrofoam cups the porn theater downtown uses for fountain drinks. You smuggle them in together. In total you acquire +5 perception, the best rates on scrap metal in your entire world, +2 intelligence, and free fountain drinks at the porn theater.

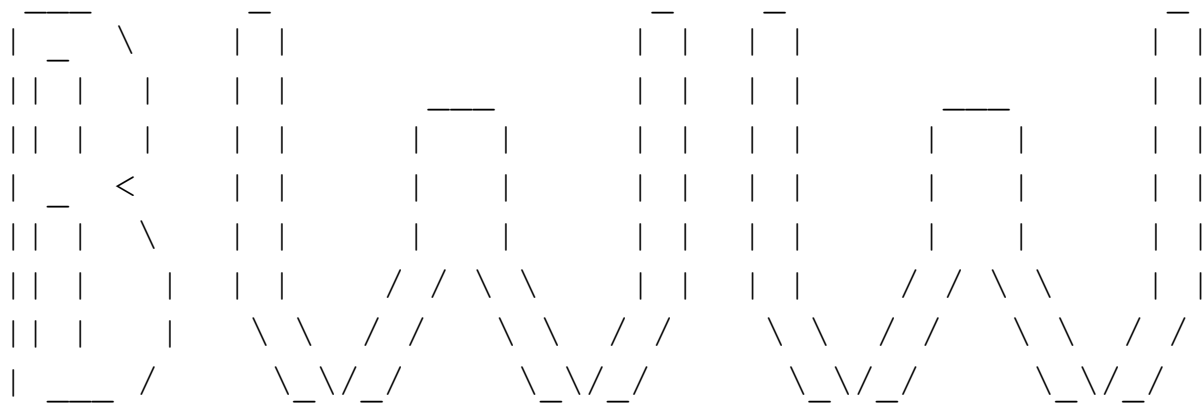
>> Fresh Starts, Free Fountain Drinks

Find your aunt twenty years after you called her a "Republican bastard". She talks more about the weather, less about politics. Last winter she lost 10 charisma and her ability to live independently after slipping on ice in the Buffalo Wild Wings's parking lot.

Tell her how well you have done since downloading *Strategy Guide: The Christmas You Call Your Aunt a Republican Bastard*. Your career as a fashion designer is not a selectable dialogue option. Tell her about all those free fountain drinks.

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Write a thank-you note! It takes a minute to write but the pleasure of reading it lasts all day.



Buffalo Wild Wings Cloning Glitch

I am not responsible for damages caused by any cloned Buffalo Wild Wings. I'm just a NORMAL GUY writing strategy guides for those less fortunate. I have a masters degree in Anthropology, three volunteer positions, several conference invitations, and no compensated work. All of this is to say I am OVER QUALIFIED to guide you through all of this.

\/CONTENTS
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- #1A: What is the cloning bug?
- #1B: Will cloning Buffalo Wild Wings bring my people happiness?
- #2: How do I initiate the cloning bug?

\\ WHAT IS THE CLONING BUG?

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The game's creators never thought you would sleep anywhere other than your hotel room. Any time you sleep somewhere other than your hotel room, the game makes a duplicate of that location to resolve what it sees as a contradiction. You will wake up in this duplicate. Duplicates retain some assets from your hotel room.

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|| EDITOR'S NOTE: It's not that    ||
|| your aunt is dead so much        ||
|| as it serves the game no purpose||
|| to leave her blatantly alive.    ||
||                                  ||
Oo=-*-*-*-*-*-*-*-*-*-*-*-*-*-*-*-*-*-*-*-oO
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\\WILL CLONING BUFFALO WILD WINGS BRING MY PEOPLE HAPPINESS?

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Buffalo Wild Wings serves such a diverse market that it demands multiple locations in any thriving city. The weekend staff at your cloned Buffalo Wild Wings will have long, floppy pages from a hotel room notepad for tongues. They will keep their mouths open in constant fear of dissolving and swallowing their own tongues.

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Oo=-*-*-*-*-*-*-*-*-*-*-*-*-*-*-*-*-*-*-*-oO
|| EDITOR'S NOTE: A few times a year I get a hot||
|| chocolate with a former grad school friend.  ||
|| It never lasts long, we never go somewhere   ||
|| else after. It is always the last time I will||
|| ever see that particular person.              ||
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Buffalo Wild Wings's assortment of 80-inch Samsung LED screens and their featured domestic beer, Bud Light Platinum, offer luxuries once thought exclusive to those with 26 or above charisma.


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Inventory Guide

These are the items you can add to your inventory in each level. A lot will happen, some will die, and I can't tell you how to use these items. Again I'm JUST A NORMAL GUY HERE in the prime of his life writing strategy guides in a wooden house thanks to the Memphis Shack Outside the Porn Theater Residency. Very happy to be living and writing in the south. Such a small, quaint community.

My former grad school friends may not add me to their professional networks on LinkedIn and my thesis advisor might try to dodge me when we're at the same conference but at least everyone I hold dear is still alive, I have not experienced any notable deaths.

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- LEVEL ONE: BIRTH OF A HERO
- LEVEL TWO: STRANDED
- LEVEL THREE: ...AND YOUR SUGAR?

*** BIRTH OF A HERO [BOAH] ***

- Garden State on DVD borrowed from the friend you're about to propose to.
- "You don't deserve to go to school and I'm glad no one gave you money to do it." - Your Aunt, Audio Recording.
- It's winter and you have a natural skill with design so you find a quarter to hot glue to the bottom of your broken sandals. This way you're not walking around barefoot all winter.

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| **MY CLOSEST TO NOTABLE DEATH:** The time I found *|*
| out my high school valedictorian had two *|*
| articles published in the field of Chemistry *|*
| and a bullet in her head on the same strange *|*
| evening in November. *|*
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- The world map, viewable by pressing START (enemies will appear in red, friendlies in green).
- An iPod classic preloaded with the soundtrack to Garden State and you never set it to shuffle because Coldplay's "Don't Panic" must always bat leadoff.

- A cart full of Dr. Pepper Ten with a bit of chewing tobacco at the bottom brought to you by That Blonde Haired Boy.
- "It's just so sad. It's like real life tragedy or something." - Natalie Portman, from Garden State, Audio Recording.
- "Garden State is all about living life, but not knowing why you're living it."- That Blonde Haired Boy's Wife, happy after only losing eight endurance that day, Audio Recording.

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 *|***CLOSE TO NOTABLE DEATH:** A Vietnamese student I *|*
 *|*taught English who died during childbirth (her *|*
 *|*hips were too small). The husband still sends *|*
 *|*me updates on how the family is doing from his *|*
 *|*dead wife's Facebook account. I usually go to *|*
 *|*sleep or wake up to these messages because of *|*
 *|*the time difference between here and Vietnam. *|*
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- By the end of BOAH you will have a complete world map. You have seen the entire world.

*** STRANDED [STRD] ***

- Garden State on DVD now has worn edges from misuse but it is still borrowed from the friend you're about to propose to.
- The styrofoam cups used at your local porn theater.
- A cart full of Dr. Pepper Ten and propper Dr. Pepper with no chewing tobacco at the bottom this time because That Blonde Haired Boy loves you.
- "My aunt will never show up on my world map,"
- You, Audio Recording.
- "For the first time, let's just allow ourselves to be whatever it is we are," - Zach Braff, from Garden State, Audio Recording.

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| **GOT ANOTHER FOR YOU:** A young man in Mozambique *|*
| who fell off a motorbike and cracked his head *|*
| open. Maybe it was too late to do anything and *|*
| maybe it wasn't but all we did was move when *|*
| the blood got too close to our feet. *|*
| *|*

- "Garden State is about living ordinary, extra-ordinary lives," - That Blonde Haired Boy's Wife while undressing in the porn theater, Audio Recording

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*|* CAUTION: That Blonde Haired Boy's wife will die *|*
*|* once you leave the porn theater. Once you leave *|*
*|* you will no longer smell her aerosol deodorant *|*
*|* outside the women's restroom. *|*
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- "You might be impulsive,"- the friend you proposed to, Audio Recording

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*|* EASTER EGG: Load your now-complete world map. It *|*
*|* is shaped like Arkansas. You are unable to visit *|*
*|* the real Arkansas in your world. Your world is *|*
*|* Buffalo Wild Wings and blonde haired boys. The *|*
*|* game designers rushed to ship this thing by *|*
*|* Christmas. There was no time for Arkansas. *|*
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*** ...AND YOUR SUGAR? [ANYS] ***
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- A six pack of Bud Light Platinum (official beer of Buffalo Wild Wings).
- "I wouldn't mind if my aunt showed up in red if it meant she'd show up at all on my world map,"- You, Audio Recording.

View your world map (your Arkansas) on page 59.

- "Hey, good luck exploring the infinite abyss. Hey, you too."- Zach Braff and Denis O'Hare, from Garden State, Audio Recording.
- Garden State as a loose disk. You throw the box away because you can't bare the look of the Zach Braff she once owned.

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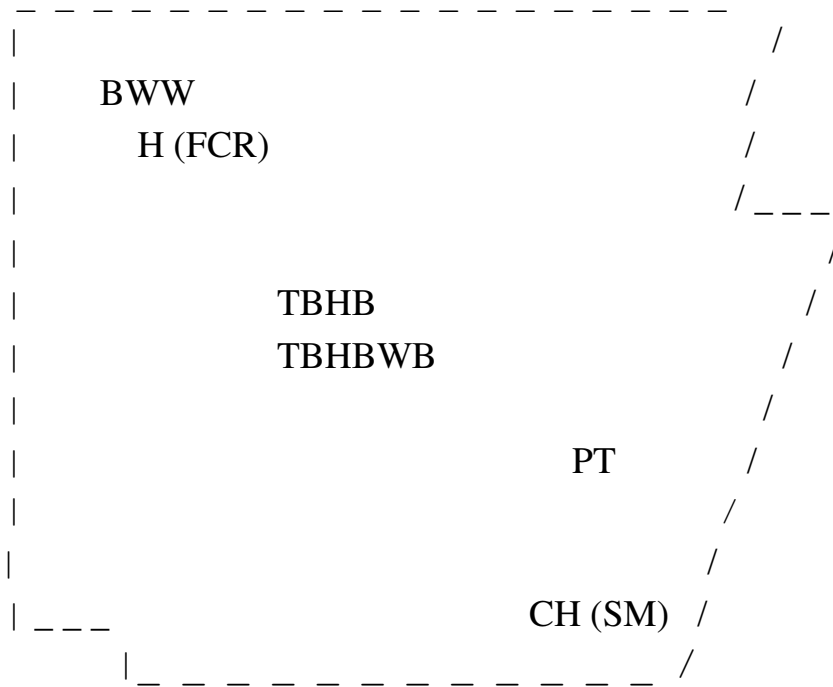
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*|* EASTER EGG: That Blonde Haired Boy's Wife *|*
*|* is very dead but she's still available in *|*
*|* plushee-form in the crane machine at the *|*
*|* back of your Buffalo Wild Wings. *|*
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- You receive the women's aerosol deodorant you desire from That Blonde Haired Boy.
- That Blonde Haired Boy borrows your iPod Classic to listen to "In The Waiting Line" by Zero 7 on repeat, two in the morning. It is no longer available in your inventory. He acquires +5 perception and walks across the world three times just to fall asleep.

Compilation producer Zach Braff was awarded the 2005 Grammy Award for Best Compilation Soundtrack Album for Motion Pictures, Television or Other Visual Media for his work on the Garden State Soundtrack Album. The tracks list as follows:

1. "Don't Panic" - Coldplay - 2:17
2. "Caring Is Creepy" - The Shins - 3:20
3. "In the Waiting Line" - Zero 7 - 4:33
4. "New Slang" - The Shins - 3:51
5. "I Just Don't Think I'll Ever Get Over You" - Colin Hay - 5:18
6. "Blue Eyes" - Cary Brothers - 4:18
7. "Fair" - Remy Zero - 3:54
8. "One of These Things First" - Nick Drake - 4:49
9. "Lebanese Blonde" - Thievery Corporation - 4:46
10. "The Only Living Boy in New York" - Simon & Garfunkel - 3:59
11. "Such Great Heights" - Iron & Wine - 4:12
12. "Let Go" - Frou Frou - 4:12
13. "Winding Road" - Bonnie Somerville - 3:14



KEY :

BWW- Buffalo Wild Wings

H (FCR)- Hotel (and their famous clock radios)

TBHB- That Blonde Haired Boy's Home

TBHBWB-That Blonde Haired Boy's wife's Bedroom

PT- Porn Theatre

CH (SM) - Childhood home (now a static mesh)

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+|                Achievement Guide: Things You Could Have Done                +|
+|                With that Blonde Haired Boy's Wife                          +|
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+|                By: Jimmy Ardis                                                +|
+|                Email: jimmyardis(at)yahoo(dot)com                            +|
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+| Memphis Shack Outside The Porn Theater Residency Scholarship                +|
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 These are things you could have done with That Blonde Haired Boy's Wife but I cannot stress enough just how few of them you actually end up doing. I mean, generally gamers will not complete all of the accomplishments available to them, choosing instead to move on to a new game.

FACT: The average gamer who passes away this year will leave somewhere between 600-700 achievements unreached many of which will not be completed by close friends and family members.

However, you in particular will complete few of these achievements with That Blonde Haired Boy's Wife. You are so depressed you hardly get out of bed except to collect empty cans of Dr. Pepper Ten and proper Dr. Pepper, and go to the porn theater. Also, she is generally an awkward person, she's losing nine endurance every day and she will die soon.

As I itemize your regrets I am also getting ready for a trip to MONTREAL. While most people leave travel until retirement, I grab LIFE BY THE HORNS and have no such life regrets.

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| >TSMV. THE SODA MAN VOID |  
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Listen to a theory from That Blonde Haired Boy's Wife that being a soda delivery boy (much like a milkman) is a lucrative career. Go with her on her first run as she delivers proper Dr. Pepper to every house in the world from the front porch of the porn theater to the screen window of your childhood home.

It is her first time travelling across the world, your hands are pruned from holding ice-cold proper Dr. Peppers, and you both return home with the dignity of a hard day's work.

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| >SNBS. SEASON NINE BY SUNRISE |  
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Watch all nine seasons of Scrubs with That Blonde Haired Boy's Wife. That Blonde Haired Boy will pass out through most of the episodes, leaving you and That Blonde Haired Boy's Wife to hold hands while the homoerotic relationship between Zach Braff and Donald Faison intensifies on Scrubs.

The sun will rise when you reach season nine and That Blonde Haired Boy will wake up and rejoin you. Due to contract disputes prior to season nine, Zach Braff and Donald Faison are only sporadically on screen together which causes their homoerotic relationship to feel labored. Neither you or That Blonde Haired Boy or That Blonde Haired Boy's Wife are sad to watch Scrubs hurry to its unexpected series finale.

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+|MY CLOSEST TO NOTABLE REGRET: I used to steal video- +|  
+|games from my elementary school friend (Pokemon Red, +|  
+|Super Smash Bros, etc.) that my parents couldn't afford +|  
+|sometimes I would even bring them back over to his house +|  
+|so we could play them together and he'd tell me how much +|  
+|he missed his copy. +|  
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| >FMWSGS. FORGIVE THE MESS, WE'RE STILL GETTING SETTLED |  
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Move out of your hotel room (DO NOT bring the clock radio with you) and move into a new home in the southwestern section of your world with That Blonde Haired Boy's Wife.

A glitch may cause That Blonde Haired Boy to continually bump his head into the side of your house, this should eventually subside.

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+|EDITOR'S NOTE: I played Super Smash Bros. Melee (stolen +|  
+|from my childhood friend) for an entire summer. There was +|  
+|something extraordinary about the way the sun hit my legs +|  
+|through the window while I played as Falco in Super Smash +|  
+|Bros. Melee for the Nintendo Gamecube. +|  
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| >PAP. PICK A PEPPER |  
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Drink all the proper Dr. Pepper in your entire world with That Blonde Haired Boy's Wife. She drinks proper Dr. Pepper in spite of her husband's obsession with Dr. Pepper Ten.

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| >VL. VICTORY LAP |  
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Watch season 5, episode 11 of Scrubs, "My Buddy's Booty", where Zach Braff tries to get laid in order to get his mind off his favorite patient going in for a risky procedure. Watch it every day with That Blonde Haired Boy's Wife for as long as she lives.

She needs something to look forward to, she's losing 9 endurance every day and the ability to swallow. Hold her hand tight and laugh every time Zach Braff says "WAAH! Naked. Excellent. Who took my emerald?"

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You cannot expect to have much time with That Blonde Haired Boy's Wife and I can only give you this suggestion on how to stay happy after her passing:

- 1) Steal a copy of Super Smash Bros. Melee for the Nintendo Gamecube from someone whose friendship you cherish.
- 2) Unlock Falco as a playable character by beating the 100 Man Melee.
- 3) Stick your legs out so that the sunlight from your window hits them just right.
- 4) Become a master at Falco's shine attack and wave dash attack because you're not going to have ANY FUN if you can't even beat a level 3 computer player.

This is only a suggestion. There may very well be other ways to be happy and maybe even other characters in Super Smash Bros. Melee who will bring you happiness. I am simply trying to put you in the ABSOLUTE best position going forward.

Side Quests:

YOUR TIME WITH THAT BLONDE HAired BOY

What follows are brief descriptions of what you can expect from your relationship with your ONE AND ONLY CONFIDANT: That Blonde Haired Boy. I would have no idea what it is like to have just one friend. I am a generous man who has three volunteer positions, no jobs, one residency (Memphis Shack Outside the Porn Theater Writers Retreat), several conference papers and who writes strategy guides for the less fortunate. That is the type of personality that creates long-standing friendships. I will be going on vacation next week and there are many people who will suffer from my absence.

*** SIDE QUESTS ***

- SIDE QUEST 1: OUR EXTRA MILE
- SIDE QUEST 2: OUR ALMOST ARKANSAS
- SIDE QUEST 3: OUR HALF-ACRE

*** OUR EXTRA MILE ***

You and That Blonde Haired Boy share a bucket of fifty Asian Zing wings at Buffalo Wild Wings. He orders four of Buffalo Wild Wings's featured beer, Bud Light Platinum, and calls the waitress "honey" every time she twists the top open for him.

He calls the waitress "honey" one more time when he tries to get her to pour another Bud Light Platinum into a plastic to-go cup.

You've eaten twenty wings and on the drive home, that Blonde Haired Boy takes sharp right turns to see if he can make you puke.

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*|*  EDITOR'S NOTE: I am four days from a trip to    *|*
*|*  Montreal and, I'll tell you something, you        *|*
*|*  begin to miss the everyday routine when it's     *|*
*|*  about to end: your friend making you puke in     *|*
*|*  the glove compartment, Zach Braff marathons,    *|*
*|*  writing strategy guides for people who call     *|*
*|*  their aunts Republican bastards. I will be     *|*
*|*  emotional like this until I get to my          *|*
*|*  appointment at Montreal Nuru Massage.          *|*
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Back home that Blonde Haired Boy's Wife is trying to watch Season One of Scrubs, the episode where Zach Braff hallucinates to the tune of the song "Are You Having a Good Time?" by Leroy.

You always want to say more to her but there's never something to say. She always sits on the recliner at the opposite end of the living room. She uses a pillow to cover her stomach even when she's in the room by herself.

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*|*  Editor's Note: I picked Jessica (Ethnicity: Cuban, *|*
*|*  Breast: 32C Natural) at Montreal Nuru Massage at *|*
*|*  eleven in the morning because she had the most  *|*
*|*  exposed navel.                                  *|*
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That Blonde Haired Boy's Wife lets you borrow her copy of Garden State but will never let you borrow any of her nine seasons of Scrubs. That Blonde Haired Boy had to go halfway across the World Map to get them for her.

You have seen the entire world. That Blonde Haired Boy's Wife will never see the entire world. She loses 9 endurance every day, she spent her savings on her Scrubs DVD collection, she can't even feel comfortable on a couch with a pillow covering her belly and That Blonde Haired Boy beats her.

*** OUR ALMOST ARKANSAS ***

If your world was Arkansas instead of almost Arkansas, your childhood home would be on the fringes of Chicot County.

If your world was Arkansas instead of almost Arkansas, That Blonde Haired Boy's house and his wife's separate bedroom would be Little Rock.

You dream of waking in Little Rock like no one has ever dreamt of waking in Little Rock.

You're having a picnic with That Blonde Haired Boy's Wife outside the static mesh of your childhood home. You're telling That Blonde Haired Boy's Wife how blatantly alive your aunt once was.

Earlier you used the ATM outside the porn theater to get cash out for an engagement ring for That Blonde Haired Boy's Wife. It will soon be available in her inventory.

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| **Editor's Note:** You have to climb up a flight of *|*
| pink-lit stairs to get to Montreal Nuru Massage. *|*
| I haven't felt an adrenaline rush like this since *|*
| my last conference paper. *|*
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That Blonde Haired Boy's Wife knows she's dying because her headaches are worse and no healthy person loses this much endurance and she is losing the ability to swallow but she will never know that it is from the birth control.

She tells you how the producers of Scrubs did not know if Zach Braff would return for season 9. The producers of Scrubs wrapped up Zach Braff's storyline in season 8. They wrapped up his

storyline by projecting a two-minute montage of the rest of his life on a screen outside the hospital with Peter Gabriel's "The Book of Love" in the background.

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*|* Editor's Note: Jessica is selectable at Montreal      *|*
*|* Nuru Massage on Monday, Friday, and Saturday nights. *|*
*|* Her touch is described as "exotic" and she identifies *|*
*|* as a Cancer. She is available for 4 hand massages      *|*
*|* and foot fetish (feet size 5.5).                        *|*
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***          OUR HALF-ACRE          ***
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Your world does not know what to do when someone dies slowly.

They take That Blonde Haired Boy's Wife to the Buffalo Wild Wings where they line four bar chairs together to form a micro-bed. There is no hospital because no one was supposed to die slowly.

That Blonde Haired Boy is checking the Razorback game score on a 80-inch Samsung LED screen. He is checking his wife's vitals. Your engagement ring is still available in her inventory.

That Blonde Haired Boy's Wife opens her eyes while lying on the micro-bed in the Buffalo Wild Wings to tell you that season 9 of Scrubs was set in a medical school. The students of the medical school finished their first semester in the last episode before the show was cancelled.

That Blonde Haired Boy's wife dies at 11pm that night in November at 27 years old.

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