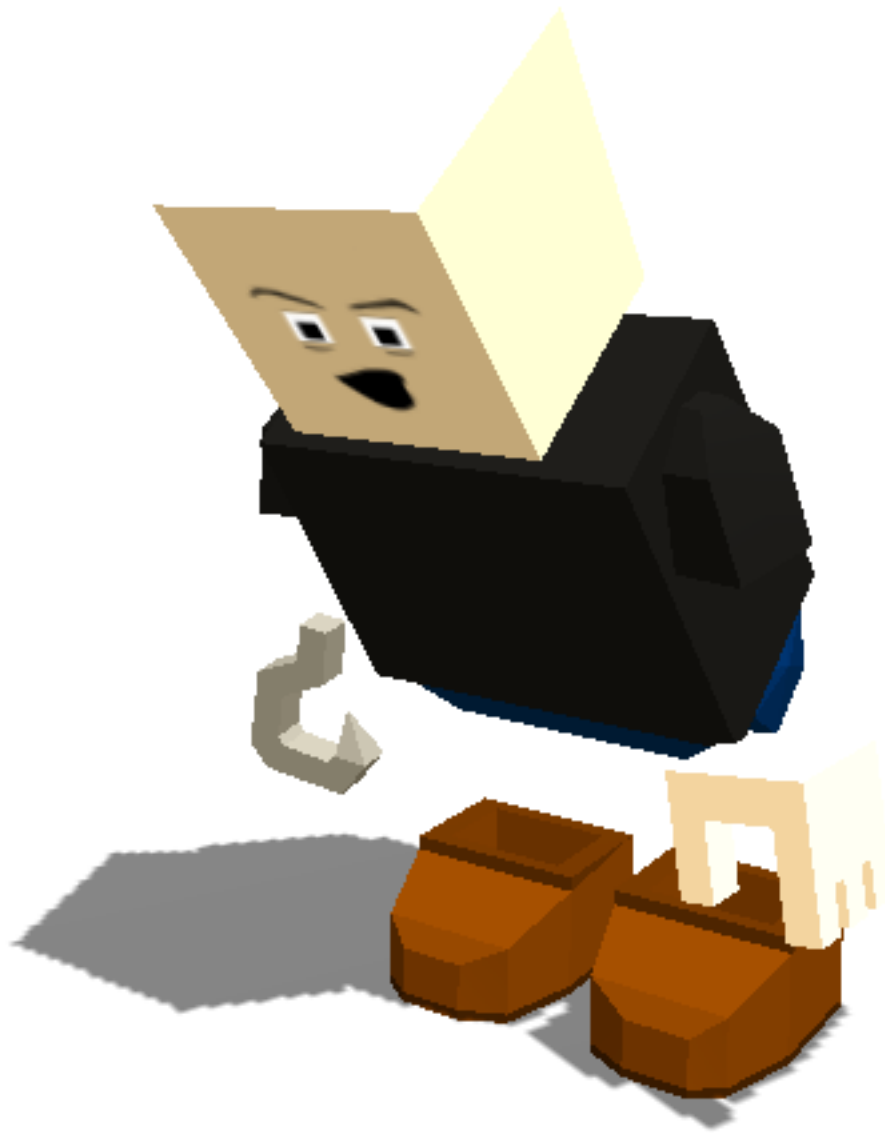


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The Autobiography of a Failure



Or: “How Block Wars Never Got Done”

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Chapter 1

Welcome to the Jungle

If you had told me five years ago, “Scott, you’re gonna sign up on to this website, right? It’s about this game where you build stuff and all the people on it are either jerks or eleven year olds. Oh, and you’re gonna be really popular for some stuff you do” I would have never believed you. Not even in the slightest. I’d have looked you in the face, slapped you so hard your great uncle in Luthewania would have felt it, and then slung racial slurs at your dog.

Nowadays it’s a whole different story entirely. In fact, it’s almost a sad one. It has triumphs and it has pain, it has love and loss. But like any good story, this one centers all around a boy and his love for Lego bricks.

Let’s flashback then, shall we? Picture the year 2007. An eager young highschool freshman signs up for a website for a game he just purchased. He takes his first steps into something that will shape the next five years of his life.

It's July 5th. One day after celebrating the Fourth of July. While I made the account immediately after purchasing the game, I lurked for most of my stay. It wasn't until November of that year that any activity came about.

At first it was little things, humorous quips to a topic or a reply here or there to good friend WRB852. As a quick side note I suppose I should mention his role in my life, as he plays a crucial one later in this story. Him and I go way back, you see. In the first grade I was just a nervous little dork who didn't really know anyone yet. It would be in this class that I'd meet Warren, aka, WRB852.

We shared a lot of common interests, played the same video games, and drew cartoons and made funny videos. I often wonder what happened to those videos. I know Warren still has the majority of them as we made them on his DVD camera. Perhaps one day we'll go back and look at them. Some of them were sort of funny even for today.

So, Warren and I have been friends since then, it only makes sense that when I found a little game called Blockland, I quickly told him about it. He soon joined, and eventually bought the game before I did getting the ID 1080.