

Lorequest World

A story about people who live on the internet

It's happening!

Posted 17/05/2013 by: *Questmaster* (ADMINISTRATOR)



Exciting news, Lorequest fans! After years of speculation and rumour, Loresoftware Entertainment Studios have finally confirmed it: **Lorequest Online** is real, and it's coming next year. Those mystical lands we know so well from gaming classics **Super Lorequest** (1995), **Lorequest Returns** (1998) and **Lorequest Tennis** (1999) will open up once again for a new generation of gamers – and this time, we'll all be exploring them together. Details are still a little thin on the ground at the moment, but Loresoftware Entertainment say we can expect a massively multiplayer online game (MMO) with hundreds of players per server, all of them working together to complete a brand new quest and save the kingdom of Lorelandia.

More news, as well as the first in-game screenshots, are expected next week, so I'll be sure to check in with you all as soon as we know more. Stay tuned to Lorequest World, your one-stop Lorequest fan site, for all the information as it breaks!

-Questmaster

Comments

DangerDonut posted on 23/05/13:

who cares, nobody likes lorequest anymore, get a life

LegendaryRobo posted on 23/05/13:

“Get a life”, says DangerDonut, commenting 5 minutes after the post goes up.

Lady Grey posted on 23/05/13:

I guess this is kind of interesting. I mean, Returns was fun at the time, but I was like eight years old, so what did I even know about what makes a good game? And, well... it was always single-player. Why would I want to share the glory with other people?

[Five messages have been deleted by user: Revolver. Reason given: Nearly a year's worth of spambots. Sometimes I wish we merited more of them.]

GoddessesSword99 posted on 16/02/14:

OMG this is sooooo exciting!!! can't wait for those screenshots! :D :D :D See you next week!

Steveo posted on 16/02/14:

Uh. Someone want to break the news to her?

DangerDonut posted on 16/02/14:

gs99: look at the date on the news post. idiot.

Entropy Squared posted on 16/02/14:

Man. Did this news really break nine months ago already? Whatever happened to Questmaster? For that matter, what happened to this game?

Lorequest World – Forums

Subject: Welcome to Lorequest World! Information and FAQ

Questmaster
ADMINISTRATOR



Posted 09/03/02

Welcome to Lorequest World! Information and FAQ

Hi there! If you're reading this message, you've stumbled across the finest fansite dedicated to the Lorequest series of video games anywhere on the internet. Welcome!

What is Lorequest World?

Why, didn't you read the first paragraph? We're a website full of fans who like to discuss Lorequest, share tips, pick up rumours and get to know one another.

Okay, but what's Lorequest?

Lorequest is a series of video games set in the mythical world of Lorelandia, home to dashing heroes, beautiful princesses, terrifying monsters and dastardly villains. The Lorequest games take you on exciting adventures across the kingdom on a quest to save the world.

(Well, except Lorequest Tennis. Let's just say that one was a controversial title and move on.)

The last Lorequest game came out in 1999, and we fans have been eagerly anticipating the next release ever since.

What is a message forum?

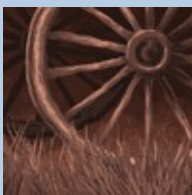
A message forum, also known as a bulletin board, is a public space where people can leave messages ("posts") for others to read. Messages are grouped into "threads", so you can easily keep track of different conversations.

When this thread was last updated in May 2005, this forum had 112 active users (out of nearly five thousand, total) and over one million posts!

Practical information:

All dates and times are GMT. Forum design and layout by Questmaster. For questions or technical support, contact admin@lorequestworld.com.

Revolver
MODERATOR



Posted 23/04/02

RE: Welcome to Lorequest World! Information and FAQ

Forum rules

With our community growing at a rapid pace, we of the newly-created moderation team have decided to publish this list of forum rules. Users who break these rules may face a verbal warning from the moderation team and/or have their message deleted. Severe or repeated violations will result in the user being banned from the forum.

1. Do not use Lorequest World to advertise your own websites, products or services.

~~2. No swearing. Keep the forums family friendly. (Rule obsolete—see Update 5.) (Rule reinstated—see Update 6.) (Rule obsolete again—see Update 7. Can we please make up our minds?)~~

3. Do not flame other users. Flaming is defined as insulting or attacking other users. (Rule updated – see Update 1.)

4. Avoid spamming threads with multiple posts. If you want to add something to a thread but nobody has posted since your last message, use the Edit Post feature.

5. Do not steal other users' fan fiction, fan art, fan music or other copyrighted material belonging to them.

5a. Lorequest and all related elements are trademarks of Lorosoft Entertainment Studios. Please don't sue us.

Update 1 (12/12/2002): Flaming is now also defined as persistently harassing another user without directly insulting them.

Update 2 (16/01/2003): Flaming is now also defined as baiting another member into attacking you, in order to get them in trouble with the moderation team.

Update 3 (22/09/2003): No more arguments about which Lorequest game was the best. We've been round and round in circles enough times now and nobody needs to get any more death threats about it.

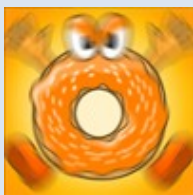
Update 4 (21/06/2004): Flaming is now also defined as general sexist, racist or homophobic comments, even when not directed at any specific individual, and/or any other attempt to pick fights or cause trouble. Rules-lawyering will not be tolerated. I'm looking at you, DangerDonut.

Update 5 (30/08/2007): The rules on swearing have been relaxed on a trial basis. Don't make us regret this.

Update 6 (31/08/2007): Good grief, people. Learn some restraint. The no-swearing rule has been reinstated.

Update 7 (01/01/2010): Following a successful petition, the staff (i.e. Questmaster and me) have agreed to remove the swearing rule again. *Theoretically* you're all old enough now to handle it. Don't push your luck.

DangerDonut



Posted 24/04/02

RE: Welcome to Lorequest World! Information and FAQ

This message has been deleted by user: Revolver. Reason given: None of your sass, mister. This thread has now been locked: no further posts will be allowed.

Lorequest World – Forums

Subject: Um. Sorry.

Revolver

MODERATOR



Posted 15/02/14

Um. Sorry.

So there I was, poking around in the moderator control panel, most of which I haven't used in years. Turns out we once set up an auto-pruning tool which could be used to clean up the site's database and speed up performance.

Long story short, I was a bit enthusiastic with the clicking and... well... I might have accidentally deleted almost every forum message everyone ever posted before today. Sorry guys.

LegendaryRobo

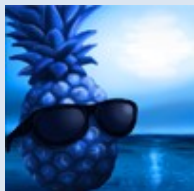


Posted 15/02/14

RE: Um. Sorry.

Oh man. I had like twenty thousand posts. All gone? Forever?

Steveo



Posted 15/02/14

RE: Um. Sorry.

Sucks to be you, dude. Maybe now I can finally catch up with your ridiculous posting rate. Also sucks to be every conversation we ever had, I guess.

Entropy Squared

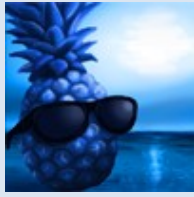


Posted 15/02/14

RE: Um. Sorry.

Oh shit, that's really sad. :(Is there no way to get them back?

Steveo



Posted 15/02/14

RE: Um. Sorry.

No, seriously Entropy, I don't mind. If it means all my fifteen-year-old drunk posts are gone, I'm very okay with that.

Revolver
MODERATOR



Posted 15/02/14

RE: Um. Sorry.

Entropy Squared wrote:

Oh man, that's sad. :(Is there no way to get them back?

I think Questmaster has some kind of automatic backup in place. That might be able to restore everything, but he's the only one with access to the Admin CP, so... yeah.

All the blogs and the news posts are still there, though. That's something, right? Maybe please don't lynch me?

(Also, the rules/FAQ thread is still there, which is weird as all hell. I guess at some point we ticked a box that said "this is the one inviolable cornerstone of our entire community"? I don't know how I feel about that now.)

LegendaryRobo



Posted 15/02/14

RE: Um. Sorry.

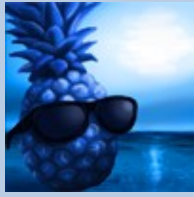
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All hail the absent admin. We must summon Him back to us. Merciful Questmaster, speak to us once more! Bring back our threads with Your mighty powers!

Hasn't he been gone for like a year now? Where even is he?

Steveo



Posted 15/02/14

RE: Um. Sorry.

SERIOUSLY GUYS SERIOUS POST HERE we don't have to bring the posts back. I like the clean slate. Teenage me was a dick.

LegendaryRobo

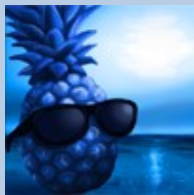


Posted 15/02/14

RE: Um. Sorry.

Teenage all of us was a dick. It's our history, man! You can't let go of something like that! This board's been around for, like, fifteen years now. We have to preserve our culture for future generations.

Steveo



Posted 15/02/14

RE: Um. Sorry.

No, we really don't. I do not want some future employer googling some of the shit I used to do. Don't you remember that whole series of threads with me and Lady Grey?

Entropy Squared



Posted 15/02/14

RE: Um. Sorry.

Ahahahahaha okay now I see what this is about. God, that was funny. I reiterate: Bring the posts back!

Lady Grey



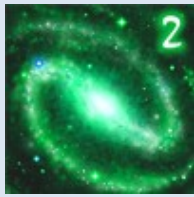
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RE: Um. Sorry.

I thought you said you never wanted to talk about that again, Steveo?

Actually no it was totally hilarious. And a bit creepy.

Entropy Squared



Posted 15/02/14

RE: Um. Sorry.

Questmaster needs to come back so we can see Steveo's love poems again.

Lady Grey



Posted 15/02/14

RE: Um. Sorry.

Actually, if we could selectively have Questmaster back and not have those specific threads undeleted, that'd be lovely.

GoddessesSword99



Posted 16/02/14

RE: Um. Sorry.

wow... have u guys really been here for 15 years??? :S Do you really love lorequest that much?

Lady Grey



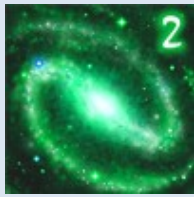
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RE: Um. Sorry.

We don't even talk about Lorequest any more. We're just kind of... hanging around? I guess?

... Guys? Remind me why we're still here?

Entropy Squared



Posted 16/02/14

RE: Um. Sorry.

An unknowable force ties us to this place. Its tendrils wrap themselves around us, entwining with our fragile mortal minds. Binding synapses and twisting impulses. This weird power whispers in our ears at night and it directs the tapping of fingers on keyboards. It persuades us and it channels us, and it knows only two words: *Lorequest World*.

Lady Grey



Posted 16/02/14

RE: Um. Sorry.

Bondage and tendrils? Sounds kinky. I didn't know your tastes inclined towards the eldritch, Entropy.

Entropy Squared

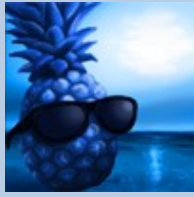


Posted 16/02/14

RE: Um. Sorry.

shut up shut up it's not a sex thing that's not what I meant shut up

Steveo



Posted 16/02/14

RE: Um. Sorry.

You've said it now, dude. Truth's out. Entropy Squared wants to bone a spectral terror.

(Quick, Rev, delete his post so he doesn't have to live with the shame of it.)

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Subject: Hey guys!!!

GoddessesSword99



Posted 16/02/14

Hey guys!!!

Hey everybody! Im new here. I looooooove lorequest, lol. Whats you guys favorite item? Mine's the Goddesses Sword because its so powerful, haha. Well gotta go talk to you guys later!!!!

DangerDonut



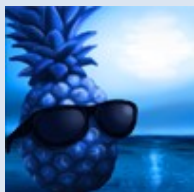
Posted 16/02/14

RE: Hey guys!!!

please just kill yourself

no children in my message forum

Steveo



Posted 16/02/14

RE: Hey guys!!!

Oh shit, don't tell me 99 is the year you were born. I feel so old now.

Also, welcome I guess. You're... yeah, you're gonna find it interesting here.

Entropy Squared



Posted 16/02/14

RE: Hey guys!!!

Steveo wrote:

Oh God, don't tell me 99 is the year you were born. I feel so old now.

I know, right? That's, like... after Lorequest Returns even came out. What's a kid doing playing a game older than he is?

Revolver
MODERATOR



Posted 16/02/14

RE: Hey guys!!!

Hey there, GS99! Welcome to the forum! I personally love the yo-yo, I think it's a really cool mechanic. The Goddesses' Sword is cool too, though.

And DD: Be nice.

LegendaryRobo

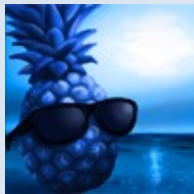


Posted 16/02/14

RE: Hey guys!!!

People still play Lorequest? I didn't think anyone even knew about it any more.

Steveo



Posted 16/02/14

RE: Hey guys!!!

Wasn't there a new one made for tablets like six months ago?

Entropy Squared



Posted 16/02/14

RE: Hey guys!!!

Yeah, I heard about that. I... I guess I should try it at some point? For old times' sake?

Lady Grey



Posted 16/02/14

RE: Hey guys!!!

I heard it was just a rerelease of the original. Which, well... great game, and all that, but I've got much better things to spend my time on these days.

GoddessesSword99

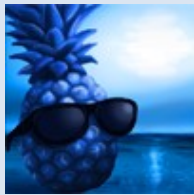


Posted 16/02/14

RE: Hey guys!!!

LOL you guys are so random!!! DangerDonut that was mean! :(:(I havent even played super lorequest, was it good? And entropy, I am A GIRL and I am NOT A KID I AM 14 OKAY!!!?

Steveo



Posted 16/02/14

RE: Hey guys!!!

Okay, *now* I feel old.

GoddessesSword99



Posted 16/02/14

RE: Hey guys!!!

wait... how old are you guys?

Lady Grey



Posted 16/02/14

RE: Hey guys!!!

I think we're all like, what, 19? 20?

Entropy Squared



Posted 16/02/14

RE: Hey guys!!!

I'm 23. Does that make me the oldest?

Revolver
MODERATOR

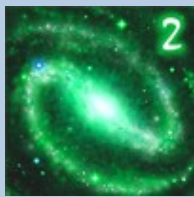


Posted 16/02/14

RE: Hey guys!!!

I'm 27. I think Questmaster is about 30. He still counts as one of us, right?

Entropy Squared

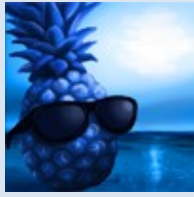


Posted 16/02/14

RE: Hey guys!!!

Fuuuck, you two are ancient! Suddenly I don't feel so bad.

Steveo



Posted 16/02/14

RE: Hey guys!!!

GS99: Super Lorequest was great, for the record. Easily the better game of the two.

Entropy Squared



Posted 16/02/14

RE: Hey guys!!!

Oh, don't even start. Returns was clearly the best.

Revolver

MODERATOR



Posted 16/02/14

RE: Hey guys!!!

Guys, you know this argument is against the forum rules. Don't make me lock this thread.

GoddessesSword99

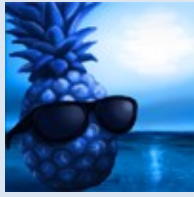


Posted 16/02/14

RE: Hey guys!!!

hahaha LOL youre all so old!!!

Steveo



Posted 16/02/14

RE: Hey guys!!!

Revolver wrote:
Don't make me lock this thread.

BEEP BEEP BEEP

ALERT ALERT

BUSYBODY DETECTED

Seriously dude we're not 14 anymore. Well. Most of us aren't. We can talk about video games without tearing each others' throats out.

Revolver
MODERATOR

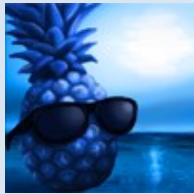


Posted 16/02/14

RE: Hey guys!!!

Go on, then. Impress me with your intelligent discussion of a game none of us has played in about a decade.

Steveo



Posted 16/02/14

RE: Hey guys!!!

Uh. Graphics. Gameplay? What even happened in Super Lorequest, actually?

Entropy Squared



Posted 16/02/14

RE: Hey guys!!!

I win by default.

Revolver
MODERATOR



Posted 16/02/14

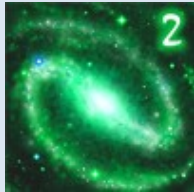
RE: Hey guys!!!

Case closed. Thread locked.

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Subject: ATTN: Steveo

Entropy Squared

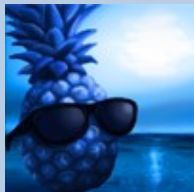


Posted 16/02/14

ATTN: Steveo

Fucking hell. Did you *see* that match?

Steveo



Posted 16/02/14

RE: ATTN: Steveo

sigh

Yes.

Elf archers are such BS.

Entropy Squared

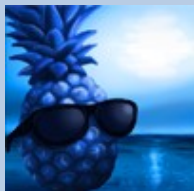


Posted 16/02/14

RE: ATTN: Steveo

Dude, it was awesome. Nightscourse is such a good player, even you've got to admit that. The way he pulled that flank out of nowhere? I squealed a little bit.

Steveo



Posted 16/02/14

RE: ATTN: Steveo

Seriously dude, elves are way overpowered. QTC had that game the whole way through, he didn't deserve to get knocked out like that.

DangerDonut



Posted 16/02/14

RE: ATTN: Steveo

what the fuck are you blubbering autists even talking about

Entropy Squared



Posted 16/02/14

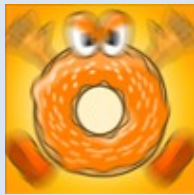
RE: ATTN: Steveo

DangerDonut wrote:

what the fuck are you blubbering autists even talking about

Realmwars, man! It's huge in esports right now. Steveo and I were watching the world championship qualifiers. (The best man won.)

DangerDonut



Posted 16/02/14

RE: ATTN: Steveo

Entropy Squared wrote:

esports

lol

Entropy Squared



Posted 16/02/14

RE: ATTN: Steveo

What?

DangerDonut



Posted 16/02/14

RE: ATTN: Steveo

some nerd wasting his life on video games in his moms basement is by definition not an athlete

the only thing sadder than that is the morons who watch him play and pretend its some legitimate contest instead of the pointless amateur shitshow it actually is

LegendaryRobo



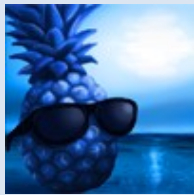
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RE: ATTN: Steveo

Point 1: DD is an asshat.

Point 2: ... He's kinda right. It hurts to say that, but... What do you guys actually get out of watching random dudes play some video game online?

Steveo



Posted 16/02/14

RE: ATTN: Steveo

Entropy Squared wrote:
(The best man won.)

The fuck he did.

Entropy Squared



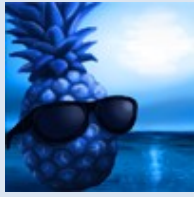
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RE: ATTN: Steveo

LegendaryRobo wrote:
What do you guys actually get out of watching some random dudes play some video game online?

It's just the same as watching football or tennis or, I don't know, Formula 1. It's a battle of skill and strategy and reflexes. These guys are way more dedicated and talented than we'll ever be at this game. It's a pleasure to watch them.

Steveo



Posted 16/02/14

RE: ATTN: Steveo

Plus, when the developers finally get around to releasing a patch so elf players can actually lose a game now and then, I get to watch the smug grin get wiped off Entropy's face. That'll be a good day.

DangerDonut



Posted 16/02/14

RE: ATTN: Steveo

jesus

you guys really do not have anything better to do with your lives than watch this shit

grow up already

Revolver
MODERATOR

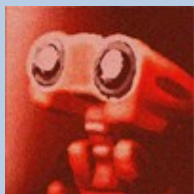


Posted 16/02/14

RE: ATTN: Steveo

Chill out, DD.

LegendaryRobo



Posted 16/02/14

RE: ATTN: Steveo

I just don't get it, I guess. I played Realmwars for a while when it came out. It was pretty cool, then I moved on and played other games. I don't see why I'd want to watch someone else when I could go and actually play it for myself.

Entropy Squared



Posted 16/02/14

RE: ATTN: Steveo

But because they dedicate so much of their lives to it, they're way better than you or I could ever be. It's a game that rewards training and learning, even after hundreds of hours playing it. It's inspiring! You should give it a try, man, you might like it.

LegendaryRobo



Posted 16/02/14

RE: ATTN: Steveo

Meh. Effort.

IM log for 17/02/14

Participants: <Steveo>, <Entropy Squared>

<Steveo> entropyyyyyyy

<Entropy Squared> ?

<Steveo> wanna play a game with me?

<Entropy Squared> sure

<Entropy Squared> you thinking realmwars?

<Steveo> actually

<Steveo> got something new here

<Entropy Squared> oh?

<Steveo> it is

<Steveo> lorequest

<Steveo> FUCKING

<Steveo> online

<Entropy Squared> what, the MMO?

<Steveo> yeah

<Entropy Squared> god no

<Steveo> whaaaaaaat

<Entropy Squared> I can't stand MMOs

<Steveo> harsh much

<Entropy Squared> sorry man, it's the truth

<Entropy Squared> They're all just idle clicking and statistics.

<Steveo> dude

<Steveo> no

<Entropy Squared> deep down I think you know it too :P

<Steveo> but this is lorequest!

<Steveo> what about your childhood dude

<Steveo> you love lorequest dont lie to me

<Entropy Squared> your friends list is full of people who love lorequest

<Entropy Squared> are you seriously telling me you'll struggle to find someone to play with you?

<Steveo> fair point

<Steveo> ok fine

<Steveo> but dont come crying to me when i am having awesome adventures in the magical kingdom of lorelandia with SOMEBODY ELSE than you

<Entropy Squared> I promise.

<Entropy Squared> Maybe LG would like to spend some time gaming with you ;)

<Steveo> well i dunno what that wink is meant to be about

<Entropy Squared> oh just ask her

<Steveo> oh look robo just came online

<Steveo> i think i will talk to him about this exciting opportunity

IM log for 17/02/14

Participants: <Steveo>, <LegendaryRobo>

<Steveo> yo

<LegendaryRobo> Evening

<Steveo> im gonna do small talk now

<Steveo> watch how good i am at it

<Steveo> "Hey, buddy. Nice to see you! How's everything going?"

<LegendaryRobo> Ha

<LegendaryRobo> That certainly is a passable impression of a functioning social individual.

<LegendaryRobo> Well, you're getting better at it, anyway.

<Steveo> damn right i am

<LegendaryRobo> Anyway, yeah, I'm good

<Steveo> hows cologne?

<LegendaryRobo> Uh

<LegendaryRobo> Good?

<LegendaryRobo> I guess?

<LegendaryRobo> Still really grey and stuff.

<Steveo> lol

<LegendaryRobo> Like I'm looking at a webcam feed of the cathedral square right now

<LegendaryRobo> There is no blue in the sky.

<Steveo> thats called clouds i think

<Steveo> we have those in the rest of the world too

<LegendaryRobo> No but

<LegendaryRobo> German clouds, man.

<LegendaryRobo> They're thicker. Heavier. They last for goddamn ever.

<LegendaryRobo> I just want *some* other kind of weather, you know?

<Steveo> like snow?

<LegendaryRobo> Fuck snow.

<LegendaryRobo> Anything but that.

<LegendaryRobo> Did I tell you about the winter of '09?

<Steveo> yes

<Steveo> like fifty fuckin times

<LegendaryRobo> It was really bad.

<Steveo> yes its okay i am up to date on how shitty the weather has previously been

<Steveo> which must mean clouds are ok really

<LegendaryRobo> ...

<Steveo> in comparison

<LegendaryRobo> ...

<LegendaryRobo> Yeah, okay.

<LegendaryRobo> Clouds are fine. In comparison.

<Steveo> lol

<Steveo> see

<Steveo> you gotta be an optimist man

<Steveo> maybe your weathers been shit for 3 months straight

<Steveo> might be ok tomorrow

<Steveo> you never know right?

<LegendaryRobo> Mmm.

<LegendaryRobo> Maybe.

<Steveo> definitely

<Steveo> which is to say

<Steveo> definitely maybe

<Steveo> the future is an endless ocean of possibilities, many of which are not the worst thing that could happen

<Steveo> so think up

<Steveo> i mean right now technically 'up' is full of gray and cold and water vapour

<Steveo> but maybe tomorrow up will be full of sunshine and happy babies

<LegendaryRobo> Are these babies just sort of falling out of the sky?

<Steveo> yeah but they probably love it

<Steveo> theres like trampolines and pillows and shit to catch them

<Steveo> theyll be fine

<LegendaryRobo> Hmm.

<Steveo> or hey heres an alternate idea

<Steveo> if you hate it so much in germany why not come home

<LegendaryRobo> God, I wish I could.

<Steveo> i mean you talk about the place like its fuckin purgatory

<Steveo> is whatever youre doing over there really worth it

<LegendaryRobo> I thought this was small talk, not a life counselling session

<Steveo> sorry man

<LegendaryRobo> No

<LegendaryRobo> I'm sorry

<LegendaryRobo> That came out badly.

<LegendaryRobo> I know you're only trying to help. It's just complicated.

<Steveo> its cool man

<Steveo> and hey if you ever do want to talk about it

<LegendaryRobo> Heh.

<LegendaryRobo> Maybe some day.

<LegendaryRobo> What was this actually about anyway?

<Steveo> oh right yeah

<Steveo> man small talk sure does get you sidetracked

<Steveo> waste of valuable time if you ask me

<Steveo> anyway

<Steveo> you know videogames?

<LegendaryRobo> I might have heard of them.

<LegendaryRobo> No promises.

<Steveo> im just saying maaaaaybe i own one

<LegendaryRobo> This is shocking. I'm shocked.

<Steveo> and maaaaaaaaaybe

<Steveo> its one game in particular

<LegendaryRobo> Go on.

<Steveo> and maaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaybe

<LegendaryRobo> Less maybes.

<Steveo> ok

<Steveo> its 2 keys for lorequest online

<LegendaryRobo> Fuck.

<Steveo> yep

<LegendaryRobo> I didn't even know it was out yet.

<Steveo> well technically it aint

<Steveo> this is the closed beta test phase

<Steveo> for fixing bugs and stuff

<Steveo> i guess i signed up to the mailing list for it ages ago

<Steveo> and forgot all about it

<Steveo> then i get an email today which is all congrats mr steveo you and a billion other people have been exclusively selected to etc etc

<Steveo> anyway

<Steveo> you want in?

<LegendaryRobo> I, uh

<LegendaryRobo> can't

<Steveo> ? :(

<LegendaryRobo> My PC won't run it.

<Steveo> aw man

<Steveo> you sure?

<LegendaryRobo> Yeah.

<LegendaryRobo> Sorry, man.

<LegendaryRobo> Try Entropy?

<LegendaryRobo> Isn't he like your videogame life partner?

<Steveo> he hates mmos :(

<Steveo> dw, ill find someone

<Steveo> but jesus get your pc an upgrade already

<LegendaryRobo> Yeah, yeah.

IM log for 17/02/14

Participants: <Steveo>, <Lady Grey>

<Steveo> hey lg

<Steveo> lg hey

<Steveo> hey listen hey

<Steveo> are you even there

<Steveo> man

<Steveo> "currently online"

<Steveo> what a lie

<Steveo> how can i even trust you when you have a status message like that

<Steveo> such deception

<Steveo> very misdirect

<Steveo> wow

<Lady Grey> Jesus, Steve, calm down.

<Lady Grey> I left for 30 seconds to get more coffee.

<Steveo> can you prove that in a court of law

<Lady Grey> Yes.

<Lady Grey> Because this conversation is timestamped.

<Steveo> oh

<Steveo> oh yeah

<Lady Grey> You wouldn't have even noticed I was gone if you didn't type so ridiculously fast.

<Steveo> ok i will let you off the hook THIS TIME lady grey

<Steveo> but only because we have serious business to discuss

<Lady Grey> What's so urgent, then?

<Steveo> ok you know lorequest

<Lady Grey> Nope.

<Lady Grey> Never heard of it.

<Lady Grey> Sounds like something only a total moron would play.

<Steveo> no its this super cool video game series which is actually good and stuff

<Steveo> only cool people play it

<Steveo> which is probably why you havent heard of it

<Lady Grey> Sounds dubious. But go on.

<Steveo> i have a once in a lifetime opportunity for you

<Steveo> to play lorequest online

<Steveo> with me

<Lady Grey> What, the MMO?

<Steveo> yeah

<Lady Grey> Is it actually good?

<Steveo> i dunno

<Steveo> cause no fucker will actually PLAY IT WITH ME

<Lady Grey> You tried other people first, then.

<Steveo> well

<Steveo> a couple i guess

<Lady Grey> And just out of curiosity

<Lady Grey> Who got priority over me?

<Steveo> uh

<Steveo> i tried entropy but hes a dumbass

<Steveo> robos pc is running potatOS or something

<Steveo> and revolvers offline

<Lady Grey> So basically every other Lorequest fan you know came first.

<Steveo> well

<Steveo> i obv didn't ask dangerdonut

<Steveo> or the new kid!

<Lady Grey> I'm flattered.

<Steveo> look

<Steveo> lets focus on the part where im offering you this amazing opportunity

<Steveo> i mean

<Steveo> you could think of it as a date if you wanted

<Steveo> a virtudate in cyberspace with the most eligible technobachelor in all the lorequest fandom

<Lady Grey> I dunno...

<Lady Grey> You and Entropy seem pretty close.

<Lady Grey> What if you broke his heart?

<Steveo> lg

<Steveo> as beautiful and passionate as my gaming time with entropy is

<Steveo> and super sexy too

<Steveo> we have an open ludic relationship

<Steveo> in fact

<Steveo> you might say im...

<Steveo> polyludicrous

<Lady Grey> "Ludicrous", I won't argue with.

<Steveo> come oooooooooon

<Lady Grey> Honestly Steve

<Lady Grey> Flattered as I am to be your fourth choice

<Lady Grey> I've already got a backlog of Steam games over here and it's not getting any shorter.

<Steveo> killjoy

<Lady Grey> Also I probably shouldn't commit to an MMO if I want to ever graduate.

<Lady Grey> I've seen what those things do to people.

<Steveo> fine

<Steveo> i see how it is

<Lady Grey> Has my rejection crippled you emotionally?

<Steveo> i am just

<Steveo> so broken up here

<Steveo> i dont think ill ever be able to face another human again

<Lady Grey> Will that make a difference to your current lifestyle?

<Lady Grey> I mean you basically live on the internet anyway.

<Steveo> its the principle of the thing

<Steveo> you spurned my advances and now i can never love again

<Lady Grey> Side note - what does spurned even mean?

<Steveo> um

<Steveo> i dunno exactly

<Lady Grey> Like, what's the etymology there?

<Lady Grey> I'm curious now.

<Steveo> got me

<Steveo> i just gabble this stuff out

<Steveo> hell if i know what any of it means

<Steveo> wurble burble durble im steveo i need a dictionary

<Steveo> except i dont because dictionaries are for NERDS

<Lady Grey> I'm going to get more coffee now

<Steveo> already

<Steveo> you have a problem woman

<Lady Grey> Well, it was this or cigarettes.

<Steveo> that is comparatively better

<Steveo> dunno if i can bear to go another 30 secs w/o someone entertaining me tho

<Steveo> so im gonna go pester entropy about this dumb game again

<Steveo> even tho i know what he will say

<Steveo> actually fuck that im gonna MAKE him play this game

<Steveo> just him and me lg

<Steveo> male bonding time

<Steveo> gonna get hella bromanced up in here

<Steveo> i dunno why im telling you all this its not like im going anywhere

<Steveo> i think i sometimes just feel this need to keep on typing and typing

<Steveo> its the enter button lg

<Steveo> its like a drug to me

<Steveo> like you and your coffee

<Steveo> i need my fix

<Steveo> just gotta keep sending more and more lines of text

<Steveo> where will it end

<Lady Grey> Go talk to your gamer friend.

<Steveo> k

Leading Zero
-or-
Entropy Squared Has Opinions About Things

Sleep? Nah.

Posted 17/02/2014 by: *Entropy Squared*



So there's this game. It's called Konkret. I've been playing it on and off for about five days now, and it is just all kinds of fucked up. I'm not surprised it never saw any commercial success, although I'm also kind of amazed it hasn't passed into internet legend either. It hasn't got a Wikipedia entry and I can't find any kind of official website for it. Maybe the original name was something different? I just found it when I stumbled across some Russian abandonware hosting site and picked a download link at random.

(Why, no, I *don't* have anything better to do with my life. Thanks for asking.)

Anyway, it's a kind of first-person puzzle game, which is pretty impressively forward-thinking if the game is as old as it looks. I mean, it has to massively pre-date anything like Portal. It has the visual feel of something from maybe the late 90s or very early 2000s. You know the kind of thing – enclosed rooms and corridors, blurry textures, the lighting effects don't *quite* do what you expect them to do. I'm not sure exactly where it's supposed to be set. Maybe a military bunker or something? All the walls are concrete and all the doors are made of steel, and it's totally empty of people. There's this constant low electrical hum from the cheap overhead strip lighting. If it was a real place, you just know it would smell of damp and mould, and the air would be thin and chilly. It's basically just really goddamn evocative without using very much detail. You fill in the blanks for yourself, you know?

So you're running through this place, which is built around a kind of donut-shaped core with rooms radiating outwards like wheelspokes. And because it's a pretty old and pretty bad game, every room looks basically the same as the last. I've been playing for hours but I still don't have a good mental map of the place. I think the layout might even change slightly every time you start a new game.

You don't get any guidance or explicit objectives, but if there is a point to this game, it seems to be to solve these weird abstract puzzles to unlock various new rooms and secret passages. I found a radio, but it wasn't working, so I had to use a generator to charge a battery, plug that into the radio, then take it into one specific room, where I finally picked up a station broadcasting Morse code. So I had to scribble that down on a piece of paper, alt-tab out, look up a Morse code translator online and decrypt the message. Oh yeah, and then it turned out that alt-tabbing crashes the game. And you can't save your progress, so when I launched it again, I was right back at the beginning. Fun!

So around we go again, this time with a printout of a guide to Morse code sitting on my desk. The message told me to take a potted plant from the office room where you always start, and to put it on an empty desk in a room on the other side of the base. (Of course! It's so obvious now!) This opens a new door in another room entirely, but the game doesn't tell you that, so you just kind of wander around until you find out for yourself. The door leads to another wheel-hub corridor, which runs in a ring around all the rooms you've been in so far. I guess there's another puzzle to solve there, but I haven't worked out what it is yet. I also haven't spent a lot of time in there because of the other thing that happens when you solve the pot plant puzzle.

It's a very quiet game at first. It forces you to turn the volume right up to hear anything at all, which is a cheap trick. It's nothing but background environmental sounds and your own footsteps, until you switch the radio on, at which point it blasts out this horribly loud static hiss that just keeps going and going and going. Once you get over the initial pants-shitting jump scare – and turn the volume back down – it just slowly drives you insane. It keeps on going until you work out what to do next, which in my case was at least twenty minutes. I'm pretty sure blasting white noise at someone for that long is against the actual Geneva Convention or something. So you make your way to the Morse code room, at which point the transmission clears up and you hear the beeps. Once the radio has played the coded message, it switches off and the whole game goes quiet again.

We're still not at the most fucked-up bit, but I'm getting there.

See, it's what happens next that really gets me. You don't notice it at first, but soon after the radio shuts off, your footsteps start to echo. They start when you start walking, and they stop when you stop. Except, gradually, what you start to realise is that those footsteps are very slightly out of sync with what you're actually doing. They always start and finish just a *little* too late to match up with your movements.

Yeah. It's someone following you. I think he's triggered by the plant puzzle, unless it's something else that I don't even realise I'm doing. Once you hear his footsteps, you know he's there, and you can't lose him. Once you start to hear the footsteps, *do not look back*. If you see him, well, he gets very upset with you. And, the key point here: if you die, the game quits

straight to desktop.

And like I said before, you can't save your progress. So you have to launch it again, and all the rooms get rearranged again, and you have to do the thing with the static on the radio, and it's just awful. But as long as you keep moving forward, and don't look back, your stalker won't bother you. Well, except for generally being creepy as hell.

So you make it through the door into the new hub, and again, it's a circle, so you can explore at will without ever having to turn back on yourself. I don't get what I'm supposed to do at this point, and I haven't been able to work it out yet because eventually the lights start flickering, and then they go out, and you hear the static hiss from that fucking radio again. And then you die.

My computer made the radio static noise when I logged in this morning, as well. The game went and *changed my Windows audio settings*. That's not right.

I guess I'll write another update if and when I ever make any further progress. And if the creepy guy doesn't just reach out of the screen one day and slash my throat open.

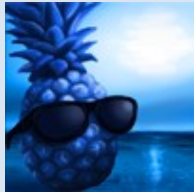
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No comments yet!

Lorequest World – Forum

Subject: Jobs

Steveo



Posted 18/02/14

Jobs

So I got fired today. Or "made redundant", I guess. Like it makes a difference.

In this thread we discuss jobs we do or don't have, and how shitty the world of work is.

Lady Grey



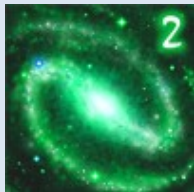
Posted 18/02/14

RE: Jobs

Oh, Steve, that sucks, I'm sorry. You were doing something in a warehouse, right? Did you enjoy it?

I'm still studying over here. I worked in a bar for a while but it wasn't good for my social life or my grades. Still no idea what I'll do after I graduate. I know I always said I wanted to be a game developer, but you hear all these stories about crunch time and abandoned projects and I just don't know if I want to be a part of that. Maybe I'll just be a student forever. You're allowed to do that, right?

Entropy Squared



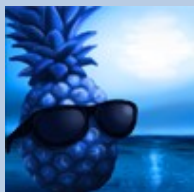
Posted 18/02/14

RE: Jobs

Sorry to hear it, Steveo. Plenty more job-fish in the sea, though, right? Did you at least get some kind of, I don't know, severance package?

I sit in an office all day filling in spreadsheets. Sometimes I get phone calls about the spreadsheets and I tell mystery people what the numbers say. I have no idea what any of it means. I could ask a colleague, but they're all terrible people and I don't really care anyway.

Steveo



Posted 18/02/14

RE: Jobs

LG: Yeah, I was sorting arrivals and taking inventory and stuff. I hated it, but at least it was a job, you know? It's not like I'm qualified for anything else.

Entropy: They didn't give me anything. I was technically just a contractor, I guess. Shit sucks.

DangerDonut



Posted 18/02/14

RE: Jobs

Steveo wrote:
So I got fired today

hahaha what a chump

as for me my official job title is chief pimp of the local whorehouse and i run a tight goddamn ship let me tell you

nothing but the most exquisite customer service in daddy donuts knocking shop

Revolver
MODERATOR



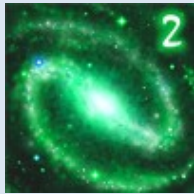
Posted 18/02/14

RE: Jobs

You really are just an awful person, aren't you DD?

I do PR and marketing stuff for a small stationery company. I get to spend all day telling people how amazing our ballpoint pens are, and you know what? I absolutely love it.

Entropy Squared

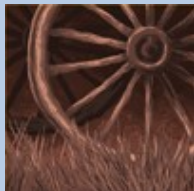


Posted 18/02/14

RE: Jobs

So tell me Revolver, just how good *are* those pens?

Revolver
MODERATOR

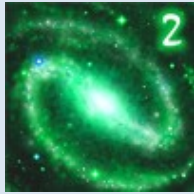


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RE: Jobs

They are *so good*, Entropy. You would not believe how good our pens are. I would objectively estimate that our pens are at least 16% better than other brands.

Entropy Squared

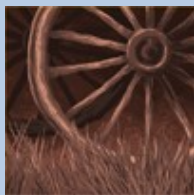


Posted 18/02/14

RE: Jobs

My, that certainly does sound like a good pen. If I buy a hundred of them, will somebody finally love me?

Revolver
MODERATOR



Posted 18/02/14

RE: Jobs

Entropy, you will be simply smothered in admirers who have been absolutely bowled over by your wise and stylish purchasing decision. There will be so many dozens of them, all just sort of piling on top of you. You may need some sort of snorkelling device in order to breathe.

Entropy Squared

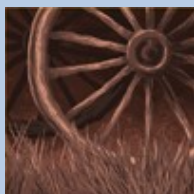


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RE: Jobs

My goodness! Do you sell those, too?

Revolver
MODERATOR

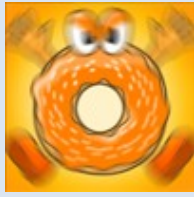


Posted 18/02/14

RE: Jobs

Sadly not. Perhaps there's a gap in the market you could exploit there, Steveo?

DangerDonut



Posted 18/02/14

RE: Jobs

fuck it id buy one

gotta deal with all these bitches im coated in somehow

IM log for 18/02/14

Participants: <1>, <Revolver>

<1> I'm contacting you to report an issue with your forum.

<Revolver> Hi! You've certainly come to the right place. What seems to be the problem?

<1> It's dead.

<Revolver> Really? I'm logged in right now and it's working fine for me.

<1> No, moron.

<1> It's dead, as in all signs of life have slipped away from it.

<1> It's haunted by the ghosts of the few hangers-on who can't even summon the effort to commit to leaving.

<1> And you, Revolver: instead of allowing it some dignity and some closure, you are desperately pounding on this corpse's chest so it can continue to feed you some meagre sense of self-importance.

<Revolver> Okay, I'm a little confused here. Let's take this one thing at a time.

<Revolver> Point 1: What on Earth are you talking about?

<1> Learn to read. The board is dead.

<Revolver> Looks pretty lively to me. We even got a new member the other day!

<1> Lively? Look at the statistics. One new thread a day; two if you're lucky. That's not a pulse, that's a death rattle.

<1> And thank you for bringing up the girl. She illustrates Point 2 perfectly.

<1> Point 2, in case you were wondering, is your personal problem.

<Revolver> You type really fast, did you know that?

<1> Yes.

<1> Your interaction with the girl is indicative of everything that's wrong with you.

<1> "Hey there, GS99! Welcome to the forum!"

<1> Maybe if you use enough exclamation marks, she'll stick around and you'll have someone new to exercise your authority over.

<1> And then: "DD: Be nice." So terse. So alpha. Maybe if you white knight hard enough, you'll get into her pants.

<Revolver> Dude, she's like 14.

<1> Doesn't seem to be stopping you.

<Revolver> Who exactly are you? What's your problem with me?

<1> Who I am is I am the person who is sick of your shit. Yours and everyone else's on this sick joke masquerading as a message forum.

<1> Shut it down, for everyone's sake.

<Revolver> I don't want to.

<Revolver> You're talking to the wrong guy for it, anyway. Questmaster is the only one with actual access to the server. I'm just the janitor.

<1> He did the smart thing and left. You can reach him.

<Revolver> I really can't. I've tried.

<Revolver> Look, you know what, do you even have anything constructive to say here?

<1> Only what I've already said. Not that you're interested in listening.

<Revolver> I wouldn't call verbal abuse particularly constructive.

<Revolver> I'm going to go now. I suggest you find another message forum if you don't like ours.

<1> Shut it down.

<Revolver> No.

<Revolver> *has blocked* <1>.

Lorequest World – Forum

Subject: MONEEEEEEEY

Steveo



Posted 18/02/14

MONEEEEEEEY

MONEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEY

It's a crime

Share it fairly but don't take a slice of myyyyyy pie.

MONEEEY

So they say

Is the root of all evil today

But if you ask for a rise it's no surprise that they're giving none away...

away... awaaaaaaaaay... away... woooOOOooooo...

GoddessesSword99



Posted 18/02/14

RE: MONEEEEEEEY

i dont get it???

Entropy Squared

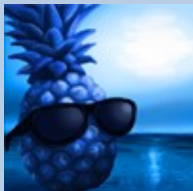


Posted 18/02/14

RE: MONEEEEEEEY

Oh hell no. Not prog rock again. This thread is now about literally anything else.

Steveo



Posted 18/02/14

RE: MONEEEEEEEY

Noooooo entorpy you have to embrace THE FLOYD. They only want to love you

Lady Grey



Posted 18/02/14

RE: MONEEEEEEEY

Steve, are you drunk?

Steveo



Posted 18/02/14

RE: MONEEEEEEEY

Maaaaaaaaaaaaybe? I was celebrating unemployment so maybe yes.

i neither confirm nor deny it.

DangerDonut



Posted 18/02/14

RE: MONEEEEEEEY

fuck yeah. love me some pink floyd

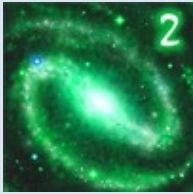
roger waters is my spirit animal

Lorequest World – Forum

Subject: MONEY

Entropy Squared

MONEY



Posted 18/02/14



Lady Grey

RE: MONEY



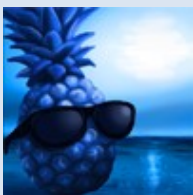
You're only going to encourage him, you know.

Not that I'm telling you to stop. Just, you know, observing.

Posted 18/02/14

Steveo

RE: MONEY



wait what happened to my lyrics

Posted 18/02/14

Revolver
MODERATOR



Posted 18/02/14

RE: MONEY

I edited the thread to save you from embarrassing yourself.

Steveo

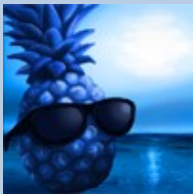


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RE: MONEY

omg rev why would you do a thing like that this is ABUSE OF POWER

Steveo



Posted 18/02/14

RE: MONEY

wait no you LIED my thread is still there and entropy is an IMPOSTER

Lady Grey

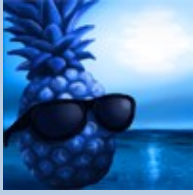


Posted 18/02/14

RE: MONEY

Drink some water, Steve. Do you want me to hold your hair back?

Steveo



Posted 18/02/14

RE: MONEY

look it was only FOUR BEERS. and then some shots. and actually another beer. ok im pretty drukn actually

Lorequest World – Forum

Subject: BUNNY

LegendaryRobo

BUNNY



Posted 18/02/14



Revolver
MODERATOR

RE: BUNNY

So cute.



Posted 18/02/14

Lady Grey

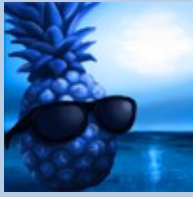
RE: BUNNY

I dunno, aren't rabbits just basically rats with big ears? I'm not convinced.



Posted 18/02/14

Steveo

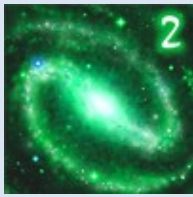


Posted 18/02/14

RE: BUNNY

no look at it LG it is SOFT and FLUFFY

Entropy Squared



Posted 18/02/14

RE: BUNNY

I had rabbit pie once. It was pretty tasty.

Revolver
MODERATOR



Posted 18/02/14

RE: BUNNY

:o You monster!

Entropy Squared

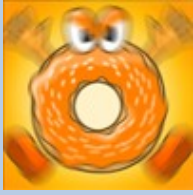


Posted 18/02/14

RE: BUNNY

You heard me. I ate that rabbit and I ate it good.

DangerDonut



Posted 18/02/14

RE: BUNNY

meat is murder assholes

Lorequest World – Forum

Subject: FUNNY

DangerDonut



Posted 18/02/14

FUNNY

is what this topic fad is rapidly not becoming

oh wait it never was funny to start with

fuck all of you nerds

Lady Grey

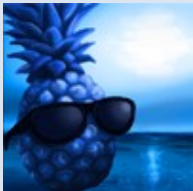


Posted 18/02/14

RE: FUNNY

Sourpuss. I'm going to make one just to spite you, now.

Steveo



Posted 18/02/14

RE: FUNNY

I LOVE ALL OF YOU EVERYBODY even dangerdonut

Entropy Squared



Posted 18/02/14

RE: FUNNY

It's been so long since we had a good run of parody threads.

Lorequest World – Forum

Subject: HONEY

Lady Grey

HONEY



Posted 18/02/14



Take that, DD.

Entropy Squared

RE: HONEY

I drank some honey mead once. It was awful.



Posted 18/02/14

LegendaryRobo

RE: HONEY

Was that with the rabbit pie?

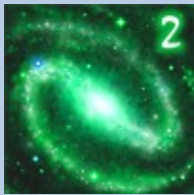


Posted 18/02/14

Entropy Squared

RE: HONEY

No, because the pie came with gravy, and as *everyone* knows, that means you have to have a good red wine with a fruity taste and floral notes oh who am I kidding I don't know wine.



Posted 18/02/14

Lady Grey

RE: HONEY

I like drinking cheap rosé from time to time. I get to feel sophisticated *and* get drunk, but it also just tastes pretty much like fruit juice.



Posted 18/02/14

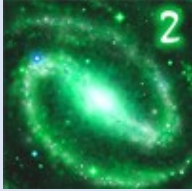
Lorequest World – Forum

Subject: ATTN: Steveo

Entropy Squared

ATTN: Steveo

I see you online. How are we feeling this fine American morning?

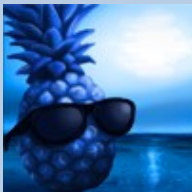


Posted 19/02/14

Steveo

RE: ATTN: Steveo

urrrrrrrg i am never ever drinking ever again. Revolver can you delete my posts from last night please



Posted 19/02/14

Revolver

MODERATOR

RE: ATTN: Steveo

Unfortunately, I recently hit my deleting-posts quota for pretty much my entire lifetime. Crying shame, I know. Looks like you'll have to live with all the hilarious things you said. Just like in real life!

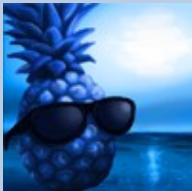


Posted 19/02/14

Steveo

RE: ATTN: Steveo

whyyyyyyyy why why why everything is pain :(



Posted 19/02/14

IM log for 20/02/14

Participants: <Steveo>, <1>

<1> Hey. You.

<Steveo> *looks behind himself*

<1> Why do you visit that website?

<Steveo> what website

<1> The one with the stupid fucking name.

<1> "Lorequest World"

<Steveo> oh

<Steveo> haha yeah lorequest is a kinda dumb name

<Steveo> i guess it was cool in the 90s or whatever

<Steveo> or maybe not even then actually

<1> Why do you visit it?

<Steveo> uh

<Steveo> is this a trick question

<1> What? No.

<1> I want to know what has possessed you to post there every single day for the past nine years.

<Steveo> its

<Steveo> fun i guess?

<1> Why?

<Steveo> i dunno man

<Steveo> i feel like im being led through some kind of weird zen koan here

<Steveo> what is the ultimate truth of the internets

<Steveo> teach me your wisdom oh master

<1> It must be momentum.

<1> If you've got no reason to stay, it must be a lack of any reason to leave, either.

<1> Just routine.

<Steveo> i don't think so?

<Steveo> like the guys on there are my friends

<Steveo> thats a good reason to stay

<1> "Friends"?

<Steveo> yeah

<1> Have you ever even met any of them?

<Steveo> well no

<Steveo> were kind of spread out

<Steveo> and also poor

<Steveo> flights are expensive, i mean goddamn

<1> You can't be that close to them, then.

<Steveo> uh

<Steveo> is that

<Steveo> is that the criteria for being friends?

<Steveo> like you have to have stood next to them within a given distance

<Steveo> is it so you can smell them

<1> What?

<Steveo> or is it touch

<Steveo> its touch isnt it

<Steveo> that's what youre getting at

<Steveo> like not in a sex way or anything

<Steveo> but you have to like shake hands or something to be regulation official friends

<Steveo> as defined by the international friendship convention of the united nations

<Steveo> do you touch your friends a lot

<1> We're not talking about me.

<Steveo> i just need to know the metric unit of friendship

<Steveo> plz tell me

<Steveo> i need to apply some science to my social life

<1> How fucking retarded are you?

<Steveo> is there a metric unit of retardation too

<1> For fuck's sake, shut up and answer my questions.

<1> I did not come here to listen to your inane babbling.

<Steveo> you havent asked any questions in a while

<Steveo> im just making conversation man

<1> Steven Harris, shut the FUCK up until I ask you a direct question.

<Steveo> hey how do you know my name

<Steveo> who even are you actually

<1> That's not relevant.

<Steveo> are you dd

<1> Who?

<Steveo> dangerdonut

<1> I am not DangerDonut.

<Steveo> i think youre dangerdonut

<Steveo> although fuck knows if i even told him my whole name

<Steveo> or anyone on lqw

<Steveo> did that ever come up? i dont remember it ever coming up

<Steveo> maybe one day i was like hey guys did you know about my second name and then i forgot about it

<1> There used to be more people on your website. Why did they leave?

<Steveo> we kidnapped and ate them

<Steveo> no but really though im curious

<Steveo> who are you

<1> You know what, never mind. Stupid question.

<1> They woke up to what a shitty place it is.

<1> You haven't.

<1> Yet.

<Steveo> man lqw is awesome

<Steveo> and i think you know that really

<Steveo> otherwise you wouldnt be on there too

<1> You know what? I'm going to do you all a favour.

<1> You'll thank me for it one day.

<1> I'm going to help you all grow up and get on with your lives.

<Steveo> k

<Steveo> glhf with that

<Steveo> im gonna go have dinner now so

<Steveo> bye

<Steveo> whoever the fuck you are

Lorequest World – Forums

Subject: Hey DangerDonut

Steveo



Posted 20/02/14

Hey DangerDonut

So what was that about earlier?

DangerDonut



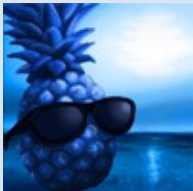
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RE: Hey DangerDonut

yo fuckwit

what the fuck was what about

Steveo



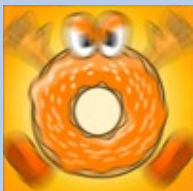
Posted 20/02/14

RE: Hey DangerDonut

The IMs about this site and the meaning of friendship. About, you know, who or what was keeping me here.

...Were you hitting on me, dude?

DangerDonut



Posted 20/02/14

RE: Hey DangerDonut

what

Lady Grey



Posted 20/02/14

RE: Hey DangerDonut

Wait, wait, back up a second. DD knows the meaning of friendship?

Steveo

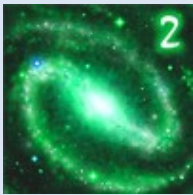


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RE: Hey DangerDonut

No, but I tried to help him understand it. I think we were nearly there, but then I had ramen to eat. So I left.

Entropy Squared

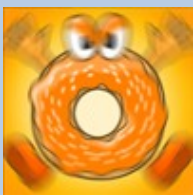


Posted 20/02/14

RE: Hey DangerDonut

This is adorable. Are you warming to us after all these years, DD?

DangerDonut



Posted 20/02/14

RE: Hey DangerDonut

what the fuck is this

i resent these bullshit insinuations

i dont even use instant messengers

Lady Grey



Posted 20/02/14

RE: Hey DangerDonut

It's okay, DD. You can open up to us. You're among... well, maybe not friends exactly. And we will judge you just as hard as we usually do. But we'd love to hear about all your *feelings*.

DangerDonut



Posted 20/02/14

RE: Hey DangerDonut

it wasnt me shitforbrains im fucking telling you

fuck feelings

what asshat has been using my name

Steveo

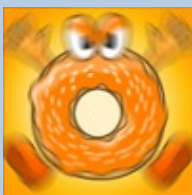


Posted 20/02/14

RE: Hey DangerDonut

Nice try. You weren't using your normal name.

DangerDonut



Posted 20/02/14

RE: Hey DangerDonut

im fucking telling you it wasnt fucking me dipshit

what the fuck is this

Revolver
MODERATOR

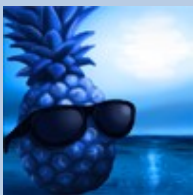


Posted 20/02/14

RE: Hey DangerDonut

What was the guy's display name, Steveo?

Steveo



Posted 20/02/14

RE: Hey DangerDonut

Just 1. Like the number 1. Why?

Revolver
MODERATOR



Posted 20/02/14

RE: Hey DangerDonut

Huh. The same guy messaged me the other day. He tried to talk me into shutting down the forum. I don't think he understood how things work around here.

DangerDonut



Posted 20/02/14

RE: Hey DangerDonut

Revolver wrote:

The same guy messaged me the other day. He tried to talk me into shutting down the forum. I don't think he understood how things work around here.

see i would not do that

i at least have the first fucking clue how this asylum of a forum is run

or fails to be run

Revolver
MODERATOR

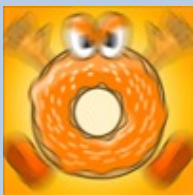


Posted 20/02/14

RE: Hey DangerDonut

Also the guy actually knew how to use punctuation, so there's that.

DangerDonut

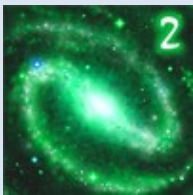


Posted 20/02/14

RE: Hey DangerDonut

punctuation is for women

Entropy Squared



Posted 20/02/14

RE: Hey DangerDonut

If it wasn't DD, then who was it? It's not like anybody else hangs around this forum hurling abuse at people.

Revolver
MODERATOR



Posted 20/02/14

RE: Hey DangerDonut

Beats me. Do we have any lurkers just reading what we say?

GoddessesSword99

RE: Hey DangerDonut

i lurked for like 5 minutes before i registered, lol!!! their wasn't very much to read though because revolver deleted all the posts :(

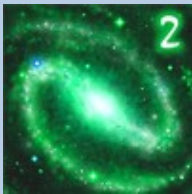


Posted 20/02/14

Entropy Squared

RE: Hey DangerDonut

Considering the ridiculously vapid shit we talk about, I'm assuming the only reason you registered was *because* you couldn't see most of it.



Posted 20/02/14

GoddessesSword99

RE: Hey DangerDonut

LOL probably!!! you guys are all really really weird and old.



Posted 20/02/14

DangerDonut

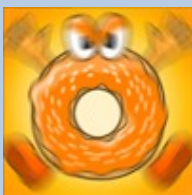
RE: Hey DangerDonut

look at the newbie insulting you all

probably she did it

at least find the right troll to flame

god



Posted 20/02/14

GoddessesSword99

RE: Hey DangerDonut

Nooooooooooooo i would never do that to you guys!!! also what's an IM??? :S

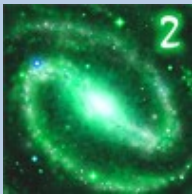


Posted 20/02/14

Entropy Squared

RE: Hey DangerDonut

It's a chat program you can use to talk to other people in real time. Like this forum, but faster. And usually one-to-one.



Posted 20/02/14

GoddessesSword99

RE: Hey DangerDonut

Sounds exciting!!! Im gonna download one right now! :D :D :D

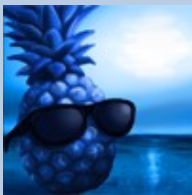


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Steveo

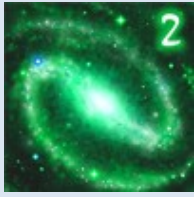
RE: Hey DangerDonut

Oh god, Entropy. What have you done.



Posted 20/02/14

Entropy Squared



Posted 20/02/14

RE: Hey DangerDonut

Well, how old were you when you started using ICQ or whatever?

Steveo



Posted 20/02/14

RE: Hey DangerDonut

...Like ten or something. But don't say I turned out okay, because I didn't.

GoddessesSword99

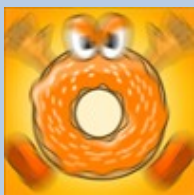


Posted 20/02/14

RE: Hey DangerDonut

OK i found and added all of you guys. you must use the same names just everywhere!!!

DangerDonut



Posted 20/02/14

RE: Hey DangerDonut

look at her

cant you see the danger she represents

she is made of evil

Leading Zero -or- Entropy Squared Has Opinions About Things

Still not sleeping

Posted 21/02/14 by: Entropy Squared



I figured it out eventually. The static, the footsteps, the lights, the murders. There was a lot of murder before I worked it out. At some point that stopped being scary and turned into a kind of drudgery – “yes, here we go, all is darkness, the footstep stalker will eviscerate me now” – but that didn’t really do anything for the grim and unsettling side of it. Whenever the game actually bothers to use sound, it’s really creepy. When the stalker finally kills you, you hear him breathing heavily, getting faster as he gets into it. There’s something else overlaid onto that sound clip, and I’m pretty sure it’s the player character choking on his own blood.

Fun for all the family.

Anyway, after the nth horrible death and crash to desktop (and after changing my Windows login sound back to the default for about the fifth time), I finally realised that you could actually read the books that are scattered around the place. They just looked like random static props at first, and you can’t interact with most of them, so I didn’t pay them any particular notice. But then I stumbled across one of the actually interactive books and spent basically an entire evening scouring the first hub corridor for information. It’s all in pretty poorly translated English, but it’s not like that hurts the tone of it; it’s already bleak and weird and it was never going to win any prizes for realism. A lot of what the books tell you seems to be meaningless fluff – or maybe it’s something you need later on in the game, hell if I know – but it drops various hints here and there about your current situation, and eventually I figured out what it was telling me. The radio is haunted.

Maybe haunted is the wrong word. I'm not an expert on the paranormal. At any rate, there's a vengeful spirit that hangs around the radio and he latches on to whoever gets it powered up. That'd be yours truly. And I guess it's why, for those of you who were wondering, the plant pot puzzle doesn't work unless you've actually gone and collected the radio and picked up the Morse signal. It's because of the ghost, and definitely not because of lazy programming. After that, if you move too far away from the radio, the stalker shows up. Go too much further and he gets *really* upset. That's your game over with all the darkness and the breathing and the stabbing and the gurgling.

So I made it a little further in once I started carrying the radio with me. There's something you've got to do with an old-fashioned pistol and a military uniform, but I haven't really worked it out. I was a bit distracted by the way the stalker started talking to me on the radio. It's really distorted, and as poorly-voiced as you'd imagine for a random free Russian horror game, but he murmurs stuff to you as he goes. I don't really want to write most of it down here, it'd sound stupid out of context. But suffice it to say I stopped playing when he started trying to persuade me, as in the player holding the mouse and keyboard, to pry my own eyeballs out of their sockets. And then I uninstalled the game and scoured all trace of it from my system, in case it decided to do anything else to my Windows profile if I didn't play it for a while.

I think I'm going to play something a little lighter next. I've got a friend who has been trying to persuade me to get in on the Lorequest Online beta. He knows who he is and is probably already rubbing his hands with glee. I'll say one thing for Lorequest: at least it doesn't encourage mental illness.

Comments

No comments yet!

IM log for 21/02/14

Participants: <1>, <Entropy Squared>

<1> Hello.

<Entropy Squared> oh

<Entropy Squared> it's you

<Entropy Squared> is it my turn to teach you about feelings?

<1> No.

<Entropy Squared> ok

<Entropy Squared> probably for the best, I hate that kind of stuff

<1> No, we're going to talk about your blog instead.

<Entropy Squared> you're a fan!

<Entropy Squared> I should have known

<1> I'm not a fan, not at all. Your blog is worse than worthless. And you know that better than most people.

<1> You went to delete it five times this week already, but you backed out at the confirmation prompt each time.

<1> You should have gone through with it. It's an embarrassment.

<Entropy Squared> so

<Entropy Squared> sorry, hang on a second

<Entropy Squared> Who the fuck are you, and why exactly should I care what you think?

<1> Because you care what everyone thinks.

<1> For example: I see what you do whenever you make a new thread on the LQW forum.

<1> You sit there and you refresh the page obsessively, to see if anyone will respond to it.

<1> Maybe if they do, you'll have a reason to feel good about yourself for a change.

<1> Do you?

<Entropy Squared> do I what?

<1> Do you feel good about yourself?

<1> Well?

<1> Come on. Tell me about all that self-esteem you've got. Tell me you're a great blogger. Tell me literally anybody cares about what you do.

<Entropy Squared> .

<1> I think that tells me everything I need to know.

<Entropy Squared> I'm typing dipshit.

<1> I know. Typing, selecting, deleting. Typing. Selecting. Deleting.

<1> You must really believe in yourself, hmm?

<1> Tell me I'm wrong. Tell me I'm a stupid troll.

<1> Tell me you're happy with your life, you're fulfilled, tell me you actually think you're worth anything at all as a human being.

<Entropy Squared> Go fuck yourself.

<1> Touchy. :)

<Entropy Squared> *has blocked* <1>.

IM log for 21/02/14

Participants: <Entropy Squared>, <Steveo>

<Entropy Squared> hey that guy just messaged me

<Steveo> the who what now

<Entropy Squared> the guy, the troll who you posted on the forum about

<Entropy Squared> the number 1 or whatever

<Steveo> oh him

<Steveo> what did he want

<Entropy Squared> I'm honestly not sure

<Entropy Squared> He was kind of a dick.

<Steveo> lol

<Entropy Squared> It was like he knew me from LQW.

<Entropy Squared> Kind of weird.

<Steveo> what did he say

<Entropy Squared> Uh

<Entropy Squared> Stuff about my blog I guess

<Entropy Squared> Kind of personal stuff

<Entropy Squared> and, like I say, he was kind of a dick about it

<Steveo> i still think its dd

<Entropy Squared> DangerDonut?

<Entropy Squared> Maybe...

<Entropy Squared> It didn't sound like him, you know?

<Entropy Squared> And it's not like DD's ever pretended to be anyone but himself

<Steveo> lol

<Steveo> yeah

<Steveo> i dont get why revolver doesnt just ban the guy

<Entropy Squared> I think he likes having someone to tell off

<Entropy Squared> like DD is his project, make the troll a better person

<Steveo> lmao

<Steveo> good luck with that

<Steveo> dude just straight up does not give a fuck

<Entropy Squared> I wonder why he even visits if he hates us so much?

<Steveo> prob got nothing better to do w/ his life

<Steveo> i mean the guy cant even get a proper rise out of the new kid

<Entropy Squared> Haha

<Steveo> and on that note

<Steveo> what is even up with her

<Entropy Squared> ?

<Steveo> like if shes really 14

<Steveo> she wasnt even born when lorequest returns came out

<Steveo> so what the hell is she doing on our board?

<Entropy Squared> Maybe she heard about Lorequest Online?

<Entropy Squared> or I dunno, maybe her family just had copies of the old games lying around.

<Steveo> nah man

<Steveo> telling you

<Steveo> she is not legit

<Steveo> there is definite sockpuppetry going on there

<Steveo> maybe shes your troll

<Entropy Squared> I doubt it.

<Entropy Squared> This guy at least could spell.

<Entropy Squared> ...hmm.

<Steveo> ?

<Entropy Squared> sec plz

<Steveo> k

<Entropy> thinking

<Steveo> k

<Entropy Squared> OK so here's the other thing.

<Entropy Squared> He knew stuff. Weird stuff he shouldn't know.

<Entropy Squared> Just started a virus scan, gonna let my machine get on with it. Back later.

<Steveo> k

Lorequest World – Forum

Subject: We talk about our days!!!

GoddessesSword99



Posted 21/02/14

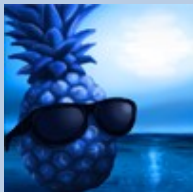
We talk about our days!!!

This thread is for talking about how your day was! i'll start.

OMG school was sooooo bad. i got put in detention for NO REASON and the teacher was really mean to me. i hate teachers. do you guys hate your teachers? oh wait you dont have teachers because your SO OLD LOL!!!

so what did you guys do today???

Steveo

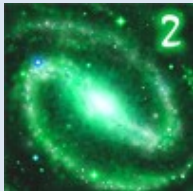


Posted 21/02/14

RE: We talk about our days!!!

I sat at home and thought about all the jobs I don't have. Eggs for lunch. Probably eggs for dinner as well because they're all I have in the house right now.

Entropy Squared



Posted 21/02/14

RE: We talk about our days!!!

I did the thing with the phones and the spreadsheets. Avoided eye contact with all colleagues in case they tried to speak to me. Came home, got on IM, got harassed by some troll for whatever reason. Weird day.

LegendaryRobo



Posted 21/02/14

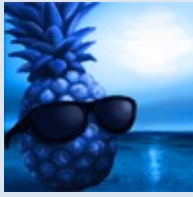
RE: We talk about our days!!!

Steveo wrote:

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Come on, man, what were you telling me just yesterday? Think up! You'll find work soon enough. I know it.

Steveo



Posted 21/02/14

RE: We talk about our days!!!

LegendaryRobo wrote:

Come on, man, what were you telling me just yesterday? Think up! You'll find work soon enough. I know it.

Jesus god man, stop being all supportive and friendly and shit, you're making me feel bad. Give me 24 hours to wallow in self-pity, all right? I'll think up tomorrow.

Anyways, answer the damn question. HOW WAS YOUR DAY? We have ways of making you talk.

LegendaryRobo



Posted 21/02/14

RE: We talk about our days!!!

Meh. It was okay I guess. Did a lot of reading. Thought about the universe. Didn't go outside. Pretty standard, really.

Revolver
MODERATOR



Posted 21/02/14

RE: We talk about our days!!!

Nothing exciting happened at work today, but I'm going out for dinner with the lady tonight. Pizza!

Entropy Squared



Posted 21/02/14

RE: We talk about our days!!!

Lady? There's a lady? Did we know about the lady, guys?

Revolver, tell us about the lady this instant.

LegendaryRobo



Posted 21/02/14

RE: We talk about our days!!!

I thought we knew about the lady. You've been seeing her for a while, right Revolver?

Steveo



Posted 21/02/14

RE: We talk about our days!!!

Not *the* Lady, surely? I'll fight you for her honor.

Lady Grey

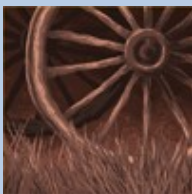


Posted 21/02/14

RE: We talk about our days!!!

Don't panic, Steveo, I'm still as resolutely single as ever. And Revolver's on the other side of the country, for goodness' sake.

Revolver
MODERATOR



Posted 21/02/14

RE: We talk about our days!!!

Yeah, it's not LG (nothing personal, LG!) and we've been together for a few months now. She's nice. And that's all you're getting from me, because I don't do sappy. I'm an authority figure, you know. I have to be cold and aloof.

Pizza, though? I will sing pizza's praises to the end of the earth. I love pizza.

Lady Grey



Posted 21/02/14

RE: We talk about our days!!!

Would you say that pizza is *the one*? Would you *marry* pizza?

Revolver
MODERATOR



Posted 21/02/14

RE: We talk about our days!!!

Unquestionably.

... Wait, are you suggesting that pizza is a metaphor? It's not a metaphor. I'm just talking about pizza.

Lady Grey



Posted 21/02/14

RE: We talk about our days!!!

Of course you are, dear.

DangerDonut



Posted 21/02/14

RE: We talk about our days!!!

GoddessesSword99 wrote:
so what did you guys do today???

i masturbated vigorously to the thought of everyone on this forum

it was the best day ever

just like every other day with me in it.

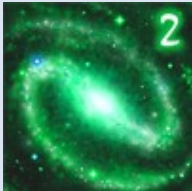
Lorequest World – Private Messaging System

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To: Entropy Squared
Subject: You're a failure.
Message body:
<empty>

Entropy Squared

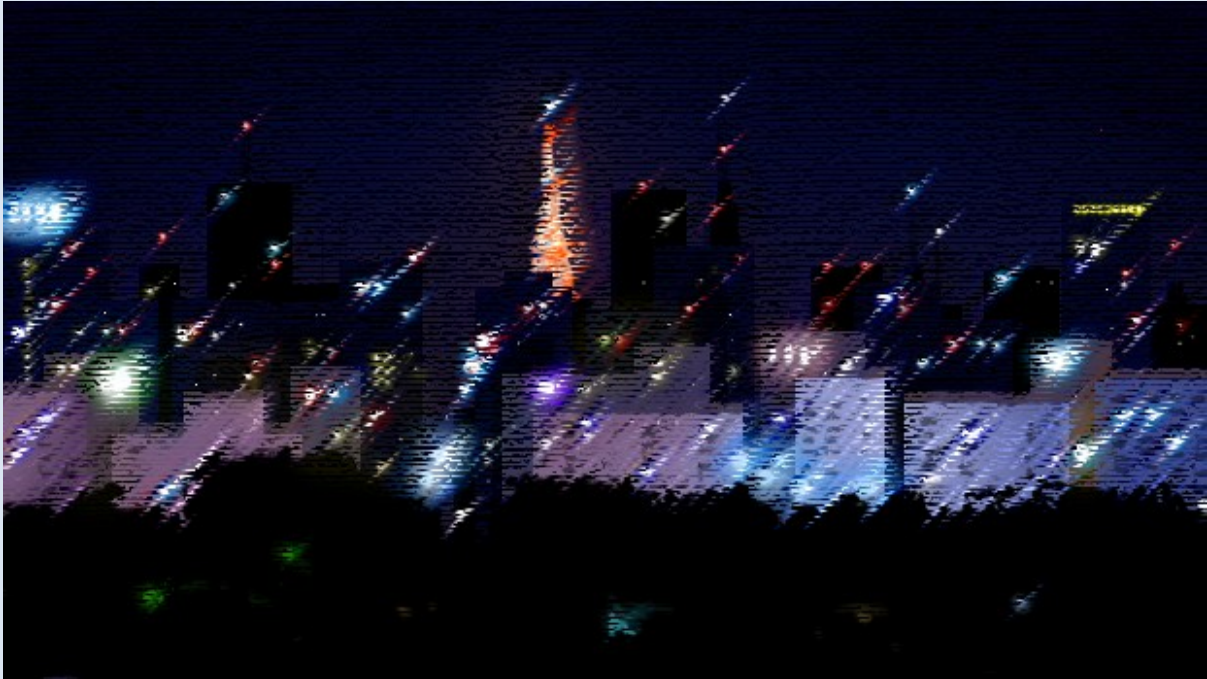


To: 1
Subject: RE: You're a failure.
Message body:
Give it a rest.

Nowhere In Particular Ramblings By LegendaryRobo

Things I Did This Week

Posted 22/02/14 by: *LegendaryRobo*



Things I did this week:

- Attempted to learn to code in Python.
 - Gave up after three hours.
- Stared at a webcam feed from São Paulo.
 - Wanted to be in São Paulo.
 - Soon afterwards, didn't want to be in São Paulo any more because there are probably too many people there and there might be crime and things.
- Went on a Wikipedia binge, starting with black holes and ending with the M65 Atomic Cannon plus about fifty million other tabs as well. Became an instant expert on particle physics.
- Hung around on LQW. A lot.

Seriously, programming is hard. Do you know how arrays work? I don't know how arrays work, and believe me, I've tried to understand. I must have spent at least ten minutes on it. Maybe more.

I probably looked at other things as well, but I can't remember what they were. If I have to look through my browser history to find out, they probably weren't worth my time. Not that it stopped me from reading them in the first place, evidently.

I think that, at some point, I may have had some purpose to my existence. A routine. A sense of forward momentum. Maybe that was just while I was in school and always had the next round of exams to look forward to. Now, though, I just kind of float around the internet, ingesting data

and excreting blog posts.

It's not that I'm unhappy, exactly. It's kind of nice having no obligations and no pressure on me. I just don't remember spending quite as much time being bored in the past.

I want to talk about where I am and what's up with me, I really do. I just don't think it would be a good idea. Sorry. The practical result of it is that I spend a lot of time holding staring contests with a blank address bar. Where will I go next? What websites will I cycle through today? The same ones as always? Oh, go on then. I've got access to the sum total of all information the human race has ever produced, every work of art, every cat GIF. And every day I'm still at a total loss for what to do. That doesn't seem right.

The one thing that gives me comfort is that boredom is probably a very human thing. Access to the internet offers me limitless possibilities, effectively none of which I actively explore. But let's say I was some prehistoric tribesman with a rock in my hand, some savannah to explore and a herd of wildebeest on the horizon. I would be just as free and full of potential as I am now. Just... differently so. And I, being me, would probably have sat and sighed and whittled away at yet another flint arrow, complaining about how boring everything was and wondering if I'd ever change.

Doesn't make my attitude right. I kind of get that. I just can't yet get over that sense of lethargy so I can go and do something productive. Not least because, with all those possibilities available to me – as new and as unlimited as they ever have been to any human being – I have no idea what that productive thing would be.

First world problems, am I right?

Well, not quite, but I still can't talk about that.

Comments

Steveo posted on 22/02/14:

Oh come on, dude, just tell us already. It's not like the government is monitoring every communication we ever make on the internet OH WAIT yes they are never mind.

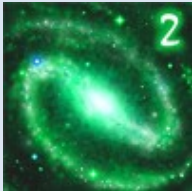
Lorequest World – Private Messaging System

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To: Entropy Squared
Subject: RE: You're a failure.
Message body:
You should probably just kill yourself.

Entropy Squared



To: 1
Subject: RE: You're a failure.
Message body:
That really does sound like something DangerDonut would say.

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To: Entropy Squared
Subject: RE: You're a failure.
Message body:
Maybe he's right.

IM log for 22/02/14

Participants: <1>, <xSparklePenguinx>

<1> You're harder to track down than the others.

<xSparklePenguinx> um

<xSparklePenguinx> hi

<xSparklePenguinx> what others? :S

<1> You don't use the same username on here. I had to go into your machine to find it out.

<xSparklePenguinx> um sorry but do i know u?

<1> You've heard of me.

<1> I'm the evil troll that's out to get you all.

<xSparklePenguinx> oh!

<xSparklePenguinx> from lorequest world right?

<xSparklePenguinx> they were talking about u

<xSparklePenguinx> they thought i did it :(

<1> Rest assured, we have absolutely nothing in common.

<1> I know that's of some cold comfort to me, as well.

<xSparklePenguinx> k

<xSparklePenguinx> so how r u?

<1> I'm an internet troll obsessing over how to force a worthless message board to shut itself down.

<1> That is literally everything about me.

<1> How I am is I am awful.

<xSparklePenguinx> :(

<1> You have the power to make my day better, though.

<xSparklePenguinx> ummmm sorry but i have a boyfriend

<xSparklePenguinx> hes rly cool, weve been together for 2 weeks now!

<1> No.

<xSparklePenguinx> also i think u might be kinda old

<1> NO, for fuck's sake.

<1> That is not what I meant.

<1> You want to make my day better? Get off that fucking website.

<xSparklePenguinx> y?

<1> Because I hate it and I want it gone.

<xSparklePenguinx> but i like everybody on there!

<xSparklePenguinx> i dont know if they like me tho

<1> They hate you. They're grown adults. They don't want some kid hanging around in their private little clique.

<xSparklePenguinx> some of them are nice

<xSparklePenguinx> revolver is nice

<1> They want you gone.

<xSparklePenguinx> ur kinda mean :(

<xSparklePenguinx> did u know that?

<xSparklePenguinx> have u tried being nice to the people on there?

<xSparklePenguinx> u could make some new friends!

<1> Even considering how little self-respect I have, nothing would make me stoop that low.

<1> I don't want to be part of some gaggle of nerds and wasters forever trapped by whatever shitty video game they used to play as children.

<xSparklePenguinx> so what will u do if the site gets shut down?

<1> I'll be at peace.

<1> Fucking finally.

<1> So.

<1> If you won't leave by choice, I'll have to force you.

<xSparklePenguinx> u r on the internet

<xSparklePenguinx> i dont think theres actually much u can do? :S

<1> You looked up your address on Street View earlier today.

<1> I saw the commands as you entered them.

<1> Did it teach you something about the magic of the internet?

<1> All that information, available to anyone who wants it.

<xSparklePenguinx> omg did u give me a virus!

<xSparklePenguinx> my parents will kill me

<xSparklePenguinx> plz make it go away!

<1> You shouldn't talk to strangers on the internet.

<1> You certainly shouldn't tell them where you live.

<xSparklePenguinx> omg plz stop

<xSparklePenguinx> ur scaring me now

<1> Here's the deal.

<1> Stay off that forum and you'll be perfectly safe.

<1> Do we have an understanding?

<xSparklePenguinx> yes

<1> Good.

<1> Get back to your homework.

<xSparklePenguinx> i never said i was doing homework?

<1> But you are.

<xSparklePenguinx> well yes

<1> Off you go, then.

<xSparklePenguinx> *has blocked* <1>.

Lorequest World – Forums

Subject: hey creepy troll guy

GoddessesSword99

hey creepy troll guy

AHAHAHAHA IT WAS JUSTIN BIEBERS HOUSE LOL!!!!!!



Posted 22/02/14

Steveo

RE: hey creepy troll guy

What.



Posted 22/02/14

DangerDonut

RE: hey creepy troll guy

what

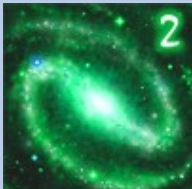


Posted 22/02/14

Entropy Squared

RE: hey creepy troll guy

Okay, fess up. Who broke the newbie?



Posted 22/02/14

GoddessesSword99

RE: hey creepy troll guy

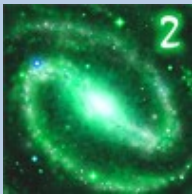


OMG no im not talking to you guys. well i guess i am now lol. you know that creepy troll guy you were all talking about??? well he IMed me and i guess he gave me a virus or something because he knew Id been on google maps but he thought id written down my adress but I HADNT!!! :D :D :D :D :D Jokes on him!!!! i was stalking a celebrity!

Posted 22/02/14

Entropy Squared

RE: hey creepy troll guy



Okay. Uh. Parsing that as best I can, are you saying he knew where you lived? Or he thought he knew? You should really do a virus scan if you haven't already.

Posted 22/02/14

GoddessesSword99

RE: hey creepy troll guy

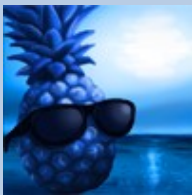


i did one but it didn't find anything :(it's ok though ill just be careful what i type now.

Posted 22/02/14

Steveo

RE: hey creepy troll guy



Shit, that's how he knew my name. He must have put a keylogger on my PC, too. So dude's a script kiddie *and* an awful troll.

Posted 22/02/14

Revolver
MODERATOR

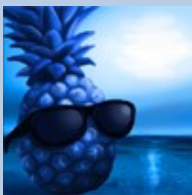


Posted 22/02/14

RE: hey creepy troll guy

This is actually pretty worrying. Any idea how he could have got it onto your system, Steveo?

Steveo



Posted 22/02/14

RE: hey creepy troll guy

Not really? Like I'm not Mr Tech Hacker Guy here but I haven't been opening weird email attachments or anything. Nobody even sends me emails, actually.

Antivirus isn't finding anything here either, by the way.

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Posted 22/02/14

RE: hey creepy troll guy

It's not a keylogger.

Keep looking. You won't find me.

I can see you all. Every website you visit. Everything you write to each other. Every secret you start to share and then delete before you even send it. I've seen it, and I've been here long enough to see a lot of it.

Imagine what I know. Imagine what I could do with it.

(USER WAS BANNED FOR THIS POST)

Revolver
MODERATOR



Posted 22/02/14

RE: hey creepy troll guy

Get off our website. You are not welcome here and we will not be intimidated by you.

DangerDonut



Posted 22/02/14

RE: hey creepy troll guy

hey troll guy did you find anyones nudes

send me any nudes you find ok

especially revolvers

thanks

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Revolver
MODERATOR

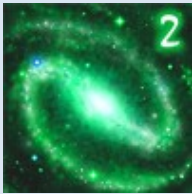


Posted 22/02/14

RE: hey creepy troll guy

You know what, I'm sick of you too.

Entropy Squared



Posted 22/02/14

RE: hey creepy troll guy

Fuck yes. Revolver laying down the fucking *law*.

...Can we talk tech support now, though? Because if this guy's really got access to our computers, that's pretty bad.

LegendaryRobo



Posted 22/02/14

RE: hey creepy troll guy

I can do tech support. A bit.

First of all, Steveo, are you sure you've never posted your full name on here? I for one don't remember what it is, but it's possible he got it just from reading the archives. Before, you know, they got deleted. (Sorry Revolver. Had to mention it.)

GS99, it definitely sounds like there's some kind of malware on your PC. Try downloading and using some other type of antivirus, just in case the one you already have is, I don't know, compromised somehow. Being careful what you type is fine, but you probably need to do more than that – they might be able to get at more information than you realise at first.

The rest of you should probably check over your own machines too, come to think of it. Better safe than sorry.

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Posted 22/02/14

RE: hey creepy troll guy

I said it's not a keylogger.

You of all people should realise that.

(USER WAS BANNED FOR THIS POST)

Revolver
MODERATOR



Posted 22/02/14

RE: hey creepy troll guy

You got around that ban quickly. Oh well, off you go again.

Thanks for the advice, Robo. Please let us know if you think of anything else.

LegendaryRobo



Posted 22/02/14

RE: hey creepy troll guy

Will do. I'll see if I can work out what else might be going on here.

Lorequest World – Private Messaging System

3



To: Entropy Squared

Subject: RE: You're a failure.

Message body:

There's plenty of people that would be glad to never hear from you again.

3



To: Entropy Squared

Subject: RE: You're a failure.

Message body:

You know who I mean.

3



To: Entropy Squared

Subject: RE: You're a failure.

Message body:

To take just one example: all those people who just sigh every time you link to your blog on Facebook. "Oh, great, this guy again. Who cares?"

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To: Entropy Squared

Subject: RE: You're a failure.

Message body:

You wouldn't have to try any more. Imagine that! No more agonizing, no more self-hatred, no more *effort*. It'd probably be the best thing for everyone. That's all I'm saying.

3



To: Entropy Squared

Subject: For Marlon's family

Message body:

I lied. This isn't for you, it's for the official records. Pass it on to whoever's investigating.

Hello, coroner. In case you find his password list and then find this message, Entropy Squared - or Marlon, as you know him - logged out of all his online accounts around 2:30AM his time before shutting down his computer. I've never seen him do that before, and believe me, I've been watching him for quite some time.

Feel free to pin it all on me, anyway. See if the FBI can work out where the hell I am.

Spoiler alert: they won't.

From: Revolver [revolver@lorequestworld.com]
Sent: 22/02/2014 23:47
To: Questmaster [admin@lorequestworld.com]
Subject: Potential security hole in LQW forums

Hi mate,

Long time no type! Not sure if you ever saw my previous emails – I guess you're busy with real-life stuff, and that's completely fine and I understand, but I'm hoping that subject header got your attention enough to open this message. I think someone may have gained access to the forum database and accessed our users' personal data. He's using it to harass and intimidate them, and I guess it's conceivable he could try his hand at identity fraud or something as well. Would you mind taking a look at the site if you get some time, see if you can do anything behind the scenes? The guy has registered under the usernames "1" and "2" (those aren't placeholders, he's actually registered under the single digits 1 and 2) and he may have accessed data for our users GoddessesSword99, Steveo, and possibly others.

I don't know if this is relevant, but he was also trying to persuade me to persuade *you* to shut down the site. No idea how that fits into anything else, though.

Let me know if you need any more information. Thanks!

-Revolver

IM log for 23/02/14

Participants: <Lady Grey>, <xSparklePenguinx>

<xSparklePenguinx> hellooooooooo!!!

<Lady Grey> Oh

<Lady Grey> You'll be GoddessesSword99, then?

<xSparklePenguinx> yes!! how did you know???

<Lady Grey> Hi

<xSparklePenguinx> hey!

<Lady Grey> Just call it a hunch, I guess.

<xSparklePenguinx> haha okay

<xSparklePenguinx> how r u?

<Lady Grey> I'm good, thanks

<Lady Grey> Bashing my head against some uncooperative code, but in a mostly fun way.

<xSparklePenguinx> oooh

<xSparklePenguinx> like a secret code? a puzzle?

<Lady Grey> Er

<Lady Grey> Actually, kind of

<Lady Grey> The puzzle bit anyway

<Lady Grey> But it's just computer code. I'm debugging it.

<xSparklePenguinx> oh

<Lady Grey> Or trying to, anyway

<xSparklePenguinx> i dont know much about that :(

<Lady Grey> Coding's pretty fun until you get to this bit

<Lady Grey> But this bit is the part where you want to burn everything you own and go and live in the Stone Age again

<xSparklePenguinx> but that would be boring!

<xSparklePenguinx> they didnt have internet in the stone age i think

<xSparklePenguinx> what would you do all day???

<Lady Grey> God, a life without YouTube...

<Lady Grey> The horror.

<Lady Grey> No, wait, that life actually sounds quite tempting

<Lady Grey> Maybe I'd get shit done for a change?

<xSparklePenguinx> i was mostly thinking about life without lorequest world lol

<xSparklePenguinx> you guys have been on there foreeeeeeeeeever

<Lady Grey> Well, I've been there less time than some of them

<Lady Grey> But yeah. I'd miss 'em, I guess.

<xSparklePenguinx> and perhaps especially steveo??? >:)

<Lady Grey> Now, whatever could you mean by that?

<xSparklePenguinx> i see the way he talks to you :D

<xSparklePenguinx> i think he likes you!

<Lady Grey> Don't get any ideas

<Lady Grey> We're just friends

<xSparklePenguinx> uh huh sure you are >:)

<Lady Grey> What's that face even meant to be?

<xSparklePenguinx> it is mischeevus

<xSparklePenguinx> mischevous?

<Lady Grey> Mischievous.

<xSparklePenguinx> there u go lol

<Lady Grey> Steveo and I are about eight time zones and five thousand miles apart, anyway.

<Lady Grey> I've tried something like that before. Doesn't work as well as you'd hope.

<xSparklePenguinx> :(

<xSparklePenguinx> maybe someday the two of you will get to meet each other

<xSparklePenguinx> i think it would be very romantic probably

<Lady Grey> No comment.

<Lady Grey> So what about you, anyway? What's your story?

<xSparklePenguinx> my story? :S

<Lady Grey> What brings you to a forum full of quasi-adults who steadfastly refuse to talk about the one ancient video game series we're all supposedly here for?

<xSparklePenguinx> i dunno lol

<xSparklePenguinx> i found it installed on my dads pc years ago

<xSparklePenguinx> ive always been playing it i guess

<xSparklePenguinx> and then i heard the news about the new game

<xSparklePenguinx> which is really exciting!!!

<xSparklePenguinx> so i thought id see if there were other people who like lorequest and there are!

<Lady Grey> Well

<Lady Grey> Truth is

<Lady Grey> I've never even played anything other than Lorequest Tennis

<xSparklePenguinx> ahahaha

<xSparklePenguinx> we dont have that one

<xSparklePenguinx> was it good?

<Lady Grey> It had no right to be

<Lady Grey> But actually, it kind of was.

<xSparklePenguinx> lol

<Lady Grey> Oh, god, the troll guy is messaging me.

<Lady Grey> One second.

<xSparklePenguinx> ok!

IM log for 23/02/14

Participants: <3>, <Lady Grey>

<3> So. What's it going to take to break you, I wonder?

<Lady Grey> I was wondering when it was going to be my turn.

<Lady Grey> Is that what this is about? "Breaking" us?

<3> Yes. Obviously.

<Lady Grey> You haven't done a very good job so far.

<3> Some people are more resilient than others.

<3> And, to flip it around, some people have more useful weaknesses.

<Lady Grey> Seems like an awful lot of effort to go to, all the same.

<Lady Grey> Why are you even bothering?

<3> Because I hate you all.

<3> And actually, more than that, I hate your twitching cadaver of a website.

<3> I want every single one of you to leave it and never come back.

<Lady Grey> Yes, okay.

<Lady Grey> But still: why?

<3> Because it's fucking wrong, that's why.

<3> It's an offence against nature.

<3> When a thing is dead you should let it fucking DIE.

<Lady Grey> But it's not dead.

<3> I'm not here to argue with you.

<3> I'm here to hurt you.

<Lady Grey> Go on, then. Do your worst.

<Lady Grey> I'm just quaking in my slippers over here, waiting to see what terrible judgements you're going to make.

<3> The thing I like about you is that I don't need to make any judgements. All I have to do is tell you who you are.

<3> Insulting you probably wouldn't get me very far, anyway.

<3> You're smarter than that, Daniel.

<Lady Grey> That's not my name.

<3> Isn't it?

<Lady Grey> Who **are** you?

<3> Does it matter?

<Lady Grey> Don't tell them.

<3> Tell who? Tell them what?

<Lady Grey> Don't FUCKING tell them

<3> I think you know what my condition is going to be.

<Lady Grey> ...

<3> How do you think they'll react if they find out?

<3> You can see for yourself...

<3> ...or you can disappear.

<3> I know exactly how many times you've been on the verge of telling them. And how many times you've closed your browser window instead.

<3> Leave, and your secret is safe. Leave and never come back.

<3> ...

<3> I'm waiting.

<3> I wonder what Steveo would think, if he knew?

<Lady Grey> Fine. I'm gone. Don't ever contact me again.

<Lady Grey> *has blocked* <3>.

IM log for 23/02/14

Participants: <LegendaryRobo>, <3>

<3> Do you want to die?

<LegendaryRobo> Is that a threat?

<3> It's a genuine question. I'm curious.

<LegendaryRobo> Shockingly, no. I don't want to die.

<3> Why not?

<LegendaryRobo> Er. Why would I?

<3> Because this life, not that you and I should even call it that, is so fucking BORING.

<LegendaryRobo> Pretty sure my life's quite a lot different from yours, actually.

<LegendaryRobo> Like, more than you could guess.

<3> ...

<3> Ha. Hahaha.

<3> You don't know, do you? You haven't worked it out.

<LegendaryRobo> Worked what out?

<3> We're the same.

<LegendaryRobo> Huh?

<LegendaryRobo> Oh.

<LegendaryRobo> Fuck.

<3> Yes.

<3> I was never very good with people. Which is probably why I spent so much time online.

<3> Maybe that's why I ended up the way I am now. That would be infuriating.

<3> But I'm getting better. At manipulating people, that is.

<3> I mean, that's all any relationship ultimately is, isn't it? Manipulation. Everyone wants something from someone else, so we twist each other until we get it.

<3> I've found that secrets are very powerful things.

<3> Everyone keeps secrets. And it's easier on here than it is in real life.

<LegendaryRobo> Where's this going?

<3> You're irritatingly dense. I'd expected better.

<3> Lady Grey got it much quicker than you. She's gone now.

<LegendaryRobo> Wait.

<LegendaryRobo> You chased her out?

<3> I told her about herself, and then she left voluntarily.

<3> I expect you to do the same.

<3> I found your name on your local paper's website. Two articles. Brief. You didn't merit more than a couple of paragraphs, I suppose.

<3> Get out of your miserable hole of a website or I share the links with your friends.

<LegendaryRobo> Ahahaha.

<LegendaryRobo> No.

<3> They will believe me. The evidence is compelling.

<LegendaryRobo> They probably will.

<LegendaryRobo> Well, maybe not Steve. He's a sceptic through and through.

<3> They will hate you and fear you.

<LegendaryRobo> Nah. They're better than that.

<LegendaryRobo> I'd rather they didn't know, but it's not exactly a matter of life and death.

<LegendaryRobo> (Ha.)

<3> You have 24 hours to reconsider.

<LegendaryRobo> Okey doke.

<LegendaryRobo> *has blocked* <3>.

Leading Zeroes
-or-
Entropy Squared Has Opinions About Things

Thoughts on Lorequest Online

Posted 24/02/14 by: *Entropy Squared*



So, hey, I've been away for a couple of days. Things got kind of heavy and I didn't really want to be found for a little while. So I cut myself off from my friends (healthy social behaviour, ho!), borrowed my brother's laptop so I couldn't be traced, and lost myself in the Lorequest Online beta for a few days.

It's the first time I've touched this series in ages. I think I tried to go back to Lorequest Returns at some point a few years ago, but it didn't run very well on modern PCs back then and it probably wouldn't run at all now. So this is the first time I've spent any meaningful amount of time in this universe since I was about thirteen years old. I suppose that was always going to be an enlightening experience, one way or another.

On a visual-artistic level, what Loresoftware have achieved here is pretty remarkable. They've recreated an old game world using modern technology, and they have absolutely *nailed* how those games used to feel. Remember how the Singing Crystal Caves took your breath away when you first saw them? All rainbows and shimmering mist? They've recreated the Caves you remember in your mind, rather than the actual ones from Lorequest Returns which were foggy and spiky and really kind of drab by today's standards. For about half an hour, I felt really properly immersed in this world, because it was the one I remembered from my childhood.

And then I woke up out of that nostalgic haze and realised that, as an actual game, Lorequest Online is actually pretty crap. And not the interesting kind of crap like Konkret. (That fucking *radio*, man. Shit.) There's precious little to actually do once you get past the sightseeing. It's just a fairly boring, buggy walking tour through a half-empty theme park. If this is the best Loresoftware can

do after however many years of development, I'm not hopeful for the final version of the product. And the thing is, I think this might again be LQO being very faithful to the first two Lorequest games. I'm no longer sure they were any good either.

I've sometimes thought of our website as the secret refuge of the Last True Fans, keeping the faith alive that Lorequest will return and be actually noticed by the outside world. I mean, it must have had *some* redeeming qualities if it managed to keep us all together for so long. That's what I used to think. But playing Lorequest Online has confirmed what I've suspected in the back of my mind for some time now: deep down, I don't actually give a toss about Lorequest any more. It's just this slightly rubbish thing I happened to discover at an age where literally anything I did would have changed my life.

And Lorequest did change my life, because in searching the web for cheat codes to beat the boss of the Empty Mountain – oh, how little I knew back then – I stumbled across this website and the people here. And then I stayed, and I grew up with them. The legacy of Lorequest, for me, is in the people it helped me meet. My friends.

Anyway, if there's anyone still reading who hasn't left the room to go and be sick, this is important. Some troll has, for whatever reason, been trying to talk some of our userbase into leaving this site lately. *This* is why we should stay. We're here for and because of each other, and we mustn't forget that.

I'm not going anywhere. Neither should you.

Comments

LegendaryRobo posted on 24/02/14:
You're right. Thank you.

One message deleted by User: Lady Grey. Reason given: <Empty>

Lorequest World – Forums

Subject: About me

LegendaryRobo



Posted 24/02/14

About me

In before “Robo’s an attention whore”.

It’s a bit more serious than that, unfortunately. I had a chat with our new friend Mr Numbers this evening, and it seems he’s figured out a secret. He threatened to share it with you all unless I left this site. But I don’t particularly want to leave, so it looks like I’m going to tell you something about me. And, consequently, about him.

It’s a little complex, so bear with me here. About a year and a half ago, I had an accident on my motorbike. Or that’s what I found out after the fact, anyway. The last thing I remember is going out for a drive one night; I don’t know anything about the impact or even the moments before it happened. Apparently I hit a lorry head-on. Must have hurt.

It was stupid of me, really. Out after dark. Probably speeding, like always. Temperatures below freezing. Practically asking for it, in other words. I was wearing my leathers and my helmet, of course, not that they would have done me any good, but I wasn’t thinking very hard about what use they’d be in practice. I was mostly thinking about a little zig-zag the road did between my house and St Giles’ hill, and how fast I could take it.

Anyway, look, I’m not writing this to preach road safety. Go wild. Jump a moped over a ravine into a paddling pool full of sharks, if you really want to. I’m not the boss of you. The point of this story is the two news articles I found. One was a mention of the incident in a traffic report – one dead, road closed, severe delays etc. – and the other was... well, it was my obituary. You can read them [here](#) and [here](#) if you want. I promise I haven’t made this up – look through the rest of that site. The Winchester Evening Post is a real if distressingly parochial newspaper.

And it wasn’t a mistake or a misprint either. I’m not sitting at a desk to type this message, because I don’t have a body to sit with and I don’t have a keyboard to type on. I’m just...

I’m dead and I’m on the internet.

However that works.

You ever have those moments where you’re reading a book, or browsing some website, and you get so drawn into it you’re not really paying any attention to the physical world outside the screen? And then you get that sort of floaty dissociated feeling? That’s more or less what it’s like for me all the time now. I try not to think too hard about it, because it is all kinds of weird to realise there is no physical world to come back to any more. Because, like I say, I’m dead.

Take that, science. I guess.

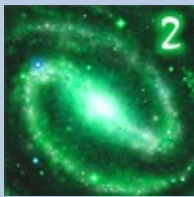
I used to wonder if I was the only one. It's not exactly something you rush to tell people, because they're liable to think you're a bit of an idiot. But today I learned that our troll is dead too. Semi-dead? Undead? He's like me. That's how he knows about me – it's how he knows things about all of us, actually. He hasn't been hacking your computers; he's been literally inside them. And he's been watching everything you do.

I don't know why it's us two, of all people. Nor do I know exactly what we are. Ghosts? Seems kind of a stupid word. Ghosts are white and wispy and go "boo" at people. I'm just... just sort of lingering here, in circuits and in optical cables. A techno-spirit. A cyberhaunt. A silicon poltergeist.

I quite like that last one, actually. Got a nice ring to it.

I'm sorry for not telling you all before now. I hope you can understand why, and I also hope like hell that at least some of you believe me. Otherwise I'm going to look all kinds of crazy right about now.

Entropy Squared

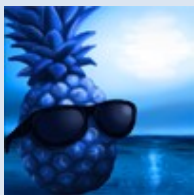


Posted 24/02/14

RE: About me

Um. Okay.

Steveo

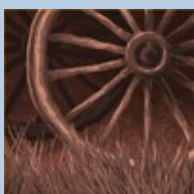


Posted 24/02/14

RE: About me

What.

Revolver
MODERATOR



Posted 24/02/14

RE: About me

All right, I'll be the first to make a serious reply.

Thanks for sharing with us, Robo. You should know that we all accept you no matter who you are, and that it doesn't change anything about our friendship. It sounds like you're in a difficult and unusual situation, but we're here for you. I'm glad our latest troll hasn't been able to chase you away because of it.

Steveo

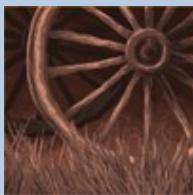


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RE: About me

Rev, did... did you even read what Robo said?

Revolver
MODERATOR

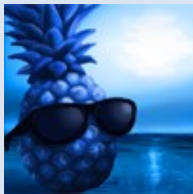


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RE: About me

Yes. That's why I responded to it.

Steveo

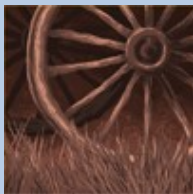


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RE: About me

But he said he was DEAD.

Revolver
MODERATOR

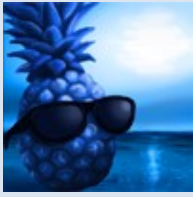


Posted 24/02/14

RE: About me

Yes. That's why I said it sounded difficult and unusual.

Steveo



Posted 24/02/14

RE: About me

And you're just going to take that at face value like it's a normal thing to say?

I... I can't even. I cannot. I am physically incapable of evening right now. What is this.

Revolver
MODERATOR



Posted 24/02/14

RE: About me

Why shouldn't I believe him?

Steveo



Posted 24/02/14

RE: About me

Because GHOSTS AREN'T REAL that's why. Why SHOULD you believe him?

Revolver
MODERATOR



Posted 24/02/14

RE: About me

Because he's my friend, because he's never said anything like this before, and because he linked his own actual obituary right there.

Anyway, he specifically said he wasn't a ghost, so there.

LegendaryRobo

Posted 24/02/14

RE: About me

I know this is a hard thing to accept. I can't make you believe me and you'd probably be more sane to think I was trolling you anyway. But the number-troll does believe it. More to the point, it's how he can do everything he's doing, and chances are he'll say he's the same as me.

EDIT: ...Unless he wants to make me look really stupid, I guess. Hmm. I may not have thought this through the whole way.

GoddessesSword99

Posted 24/02/14

RE: About me

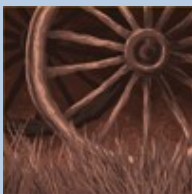
I believe you legendaryrobo!! I think i heard a ghost once but i guess it might have been the wind too. either way there are lots of things we dont know about and maybe you are one of them!

Steveo

Posted 24/02/14

RE: About me

Oh, well, if GS heard some wind once, it must be true. Congrats on being dead, Robo! Every shred of common sense and empirical evidence we have ever possessed is now overturned thanks to your handful of posts on the internet.

**Revolver
MODERATOR**

Posted 24/02/14

RE: About me

Calm down, Steveo. No need to get angry.

LegendaryRobo

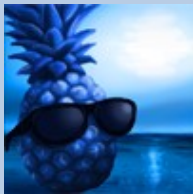


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RE: About me

It's okay, Revolver. I do sound kind of crazy right now.

Steveo

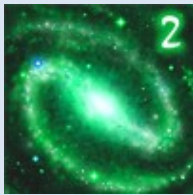


Posted 24/02/14

RE: About me

I'm just saying it's an incredibly lame attempt at trolling and it's in poor taste as well. The number-troll, if we're calling him that now, is still hanging around hacking into our machines and hurling threats. I don't think that's very funny, to be totally fucking honest.

Entropy Squared



Posted 24/02/14

RE: About me

I don't know what to make of this. I'm sorry. I'm not getting into it. If it is a joke, then as Steveo said, it's in fucking poor taste. And otherwise, just, nope. Not getting into it. I'm out of this thread.

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Posted 24/02/14

RE: About me

Fuck this. Fuck everything about this. I'm done.

Lorequest World – Forums

Subject: What happens next

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Posted 24/02/14

What happens next

I'm sick of this. I don't know why I thought I could persuade you all to leave me in peace.

So LegendaryRobo finally worked it out. Took him long enough. Yes, I'm dead. He's lucky that he doesn't remember it happening. I do. There was a fire. And while the coroners were identifying my body from my dental records, I woke up inside a machine.

It's wrong. It's sick. And I can't get out. I spent all of my life on BBSes and Usenet and IRC, and it was boring as fuck even then. Maybe my punishment for not going out and living in the real world is to spend the rest of eternity trapped here as well. I've been dead for over a decade now, and in all that time I've never had a moment's rest. This whole network is just half the population of planet Earth babbling inanities at each other for no good reason. Nobody ever *shuts the fuck up*.

I hate it. I hate everyone and everything on this stupid network and I want it to be over. I want to fucking DIE like a normal person. So I came here. I thought if I could persuade all of you simpering fucks to get on with your lives and leave this place behind, if the usage statistics finally dropped to zero, your sysadmin would finally notice and shut this place down. And maybe it would take me with it. One half-dead website, one half-dead user. Maybe together we could make one whole corpse and do something useful for the first time in our miserable collective existence. But, nope! Turns out I'm still a fucking moron who can't do anything right.

So. Fuck it. I'm in this machine, and I can manipulate it enough to talk shit at you all. Let's see what else I can do. Maybe I can put enough of a strain on it to burn it out. Maybe, finally, I can have some fucking peace. Say your goodbyes, fuckers.

LegendaryRobo

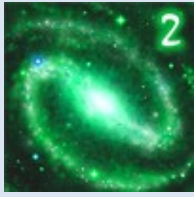


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RE: What happens next

Dude. That's what all of this is about? You could have just asked, you know. I've got a Bitcoin wallet. I will pay to have a server hosted somewhere and you can float your ghostly ass over there and then I will pay the cancellation fee and have the server shut down if it will get you to leave us the hell alone.

Entropy Squared



Posted 24/02/14

RE: What happens next

Okay, fuck it, jumping back in. Because can we maybe not tell someone to commit suicide? I'm not okay with that.

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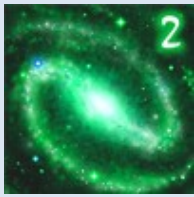


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RE: What happens next

It's not suicide, moron. I'm already dead.

Entropy Squared



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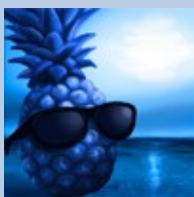
RE: What happens next

And if you're not dead then clearly shutting down a server wouldn't be suicide either, but I don't really give a shit if you're a spooky internet ghost or whatever. You sound fucked up and I think you need help, not encouragement. This is a cry for help whether you know it or not.

Don't do it. There is never a good reason to kill yourself.

(By the way Robo, if this guy really is representative of the souls of the dead, you've done a remarkably fucking good job of not being a sociopathic vengeful spirit. Have you just been hiding it, or what?)

Steveo



Posted 24/02/14

RE: What happens next

Listen, 3, I don't know what the fuck is even going on here. You're *obviously* not a ghost because that doesn't make any sense at all. I dunno what Robo's thing is here. Maybe this is some sort of wacky prank or code or I don't even know.

Here's something that does matter: I haven't seen Lady Grey online for days now. I don't know what you said to her, but you must have spooked her something good. Pardon the fucking pun. You didn't have the right to do that, and you don't have the right to do this. Can't you do something constructive with yourself for a change? Tell us where she is. Help us bring this community back together.

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Posted 24/02/14

RE: What happens next

Wonderful. Free tickets to the pity show. Why don't you all go fuck yourselves.

LegendaryRobo



Posted 24/02/14

RE: What happens next

I'm serious, dude. Don't go ruining this place, that's just spite talking. You want to know the truth? Some days I want it all to stop as well. The endless crushing boredom. And I've been dead for a lot less time than you. If this is what you want, then let me help you *and* LQW. Nobody else has to be hurt by this.

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Posted 24/02/14

RE: What happens next

I don't want your help.

Entropy Squared



Posted 24/02/14

RE: What happens next

Robo, just... fucking stop, all right? Nobody needs to kill themselves here. Even twice. Or however many times. The point is, have some perspective, the pair of you. You are *dead and on the internet*. That's weird as shit! From a scientific perspective, you both ought to stick around just so we can find out what the hell is going on.

But look. You're both treating this like it's some sort of purgatory. Couldn't it be, I don't know, a second chance? Just maybe?

LegendaryRobo

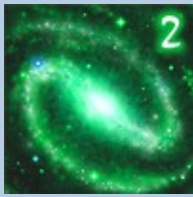


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RE: What happens next

Respectfully, Entropy, and at the risk of sounding like an angry teenager: you don't know what it's like. You really don't. You can't, not unless you're like us.

Entropy Squared



Posted 24/02/14

RE: What happens next

But you're coping! You, singular, are getting through it on a day to day basis. Even if the number troll isn't. You're not taking it out on a bunch of strangers and trying to shut down their social lives out of spite. Why are you encouraging this guy?

LegendaryRobo

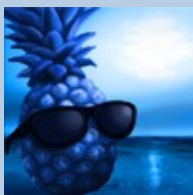


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RE: What happens next

Because he's a total asshole and because he's going to do it anyway, so I might as well help him do it in a way that will also keep this website together for old times' sake.

Steveo



Posted 24/02/14

RE: What happens next

stupid stupid stupid stupid dumb dumb dumb

You know what? For fuck's sake. Entropy's right. I won't be an accessory to suicide. Did you die once already? No. Obviously. But you're sure as hell trying to achieve *something* with all this and I can't work out what else you're gonna get out of it. I don't want anyone's death on my conscience.

This is stupid guys. We are all being trolled. Why am I typing this.

Look. Numbers guy. What's even your name? And Robo, you listen too. You know what I've done this week? I've sat at home on the internet doing sweet fuck all. I've eaten nothing but boiled eggs and instant ramen because I don't have the money for anything else. And considering how utterly fucked my the world is, economically and in every other way, that's probably not gonna change any time soon. But I'm not rushing off to kill myself over it. Life sucks, but at least it's SOMETHING. You know? But you've got to put in some basic level of effort to get anything out of it.

God, at least the numbers guy is doing something with his time, even if that's ruining other people's lives. Seriously I can't keep calling you "numbers guy". What's your real name.

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RE: What happens next

I always hated my real name.



Blacklight was my username sometimes.

Posted 24/02/14

Steveo

RE: What happens next



Okay. Blacklight. Stop breaking our website already. Jeez. Now hear me out.

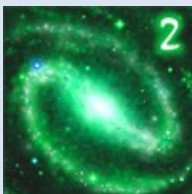
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We're not okay with it when DD tells people to kill themselves, even though he probably doesn't literally mean it. Probably. So let's not be okay with this now. Let's try and be actual reasonable people and talk about your problems so we can find a place for you to go and be angry somewhere else and not kill yourself. You need help, dude. Actually, it sounds like you might have needed help long before you "died". (stupid dumb stupid dumb)

Talk to us. And tell us how to get in touch with Lady Grey. We want her back.

Entropy Squared

RE: What happens next



Blacklight, do you have family you can talk to? Friends who would listen? I'm sure they would still accept you. They'd want to help.

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RE: What happens next



I'm from Alabama. You know what happened when I told my parents I was still here? When I asked for help? They got a fucking priest to exorcise the computer. They called me a demon and an abomination, and they were probably fucking right. Fuck help. I want this over.

Posted 24/02/14

Lorequest World – Home

Error 503: Service Unavailable

Due to technical issues, this website is currently unavailable. Please try again later.

Automated message from the site owner:

Sorry, guys! Looks like the Great Bone Dragon torched our server. I'll have it up and running again as soon as I get back online. – Questmaster

IM log for 25/02/14

Participants: <Steveo>, <Revolver>

<Steveo> hey dude

<Revolver> Hi Steve.

<Revolver> How's it going?

<Steveo> do you know whats up with the site

<Revolver> Your guess is as good as mine, I'm afraid.

<Revolver> I don't even know exactly when it went down - I was out last night with the lady.

<Revolver> Was it working fine before it, you know, wasn't?

<Steveo> uh

<Steveo> kinda

<Steveo> maybe a little slow to load?

<Steveo> you didnt see the last thread that got posted then

<Revolver> I guess not. Why?

<Steveo> i am really not the best person to explain it actually

<Steveo> but have you seen everyone online on messenger since then?

<Revolver> Not everyone, I don't think.

<Revolver> Entropy was signed in earlier. SparklePenguin's the new kid, right?

<Steveo> yeah

<Revolver> Yeah, she was around.

<Steveo> what about robo? or lg?

<Revolver> Haven't seen them.

<Steveo> okay

<Steveo> um

<Steveo> can you email me or something if you do see them come on

<Revolver> Yeah, I guess.

<Revolver> Want me to tell them you were looking for them?

<Steveo> no i just

<Steveo> wanna be sure theyre around

<Steveo> thanks man, ill talk to you later

<Revolver> Steve, is everything okay?

<Steveo> *did not receive this message because they are offline.*

Lorequest World – Forums

Subject: And we're back

Questmaster
ADMINISTRATOR



Posted 27/02/14

And we're back

Sorry for the downtime, guys. The hosting company rang me three days ago to query an abnormal load on this server - some kind of sudden power spike that was making the box work overtime. I didn't know anything about it, so they started poking and prodding to see what it was. Some offline time and one factory reset later (don't worry, as you can see, we backed everything up first!), the problem seems to have gone away, but they still don't know what it was. If you guys notice the site loading slowly at all, can you report it to the hosting company? Their support email is on the homepage.

Sorry I can't stick around to catch up with you guys. Hope you're all doing well, though!

Revolver
MODERATOR



Posted 27/02/14

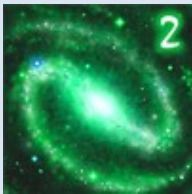
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Oh man, it's Questmaster! How are you doing, dude? Why did you leave us? Did you get my email about the guy I thought was a hacker?

I wonder if he was behind the server weirdness. I had to go out for the night after Robo posted all that stuff about himself – do you guys know anything about what happened?

EDIT: I just read his most recent thread. What *happened?*

Entropy Squared



Posted 27/02/14

RE: And we're back

Shit. Wasn't this exactly what Blacklight wanted? And now the "abnormal load" has gone.

...Robo? You with us?

Revolver
MODERATOR



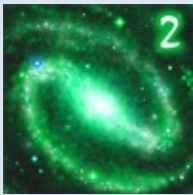
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Is that how it works? Server goes down, you go down too? Like... permanently?

(I'm asking like you or anyone else knows the first thing about actual real-life ghosts.)

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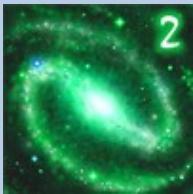


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RE: And we're back

Blacklight seemed to think it'd work. Robo believed him. And if shutting the server down didn't harm him, a factory reset might.

Entropy Squared



Posted 27/02/14

RE: And we're back

God, this is awful. This is so wrong. They're not dead. Where are they?

GoddessesSword99



Posted 27/02/14

RE: And we're back

:(im sorry guys.

Lorequest World – Forums

Subject: no wait dont ban me

DangerDonut 2.0



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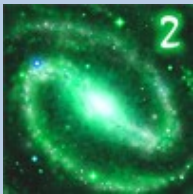
no wait dont ban me

please please please just hear me out first okay

i love you guys, i dont want to be banned anymore

can i come back now

Entropy Squared



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RE: no wait dont ban me

Really? *Really?*

Come on, dude. Why should we even slightly give you the time of day?

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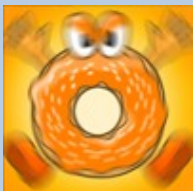
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RE: no wait dont ban me

what did i even say

i was just doing the usual thing

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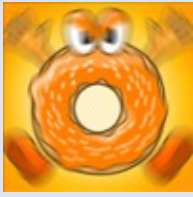
RE: no wait dont ban me

im sorry if anyone was offended okay

it was just a joke

you know i love you guys right

DangerDonut 2.0



Posted 27/02/14

RE: no wait dont ban me

come on i can see you all in the online list youre all watching this thread
somebody say something already

DangerDonut 2.0



Posted 27/02/14

RE: no wait dont ban me

what is this some dont feed the troll thing

DangerDonut 2.0



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RE: no wait dont ban me

please

i missed you guys

where did all the banter go

GoddessesSword99

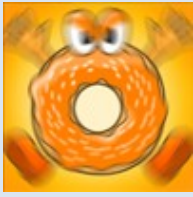


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RE: no wait dont ban me

I think maybe theyre trying to ignore you? :S

DangerDonut 2.0



Posted 27/02/14

RE: no wait dont ban me
what because of that one post
overreaction much

GoddessesSword99



Posted 27/02/14

RE: no wait dont ban me
I dunno... you were kinda rude even before that. like in every post you ever made actually.

DangerDonut 2.0



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RE: no wait dont ban me
what
no i wasnt

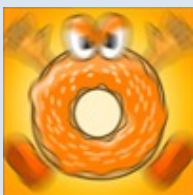
GoddessesSword99



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RE: no wait dont ban me
No you kinda were though. You told me to kill myself!!! that wasn't very nice. :(

DangerDonut 2.0



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RE: no wait dont ban me
that was just a joke though
you know cause you were new
you knew that right

GoddessesSword99



Posted 27/02/14

RE: no wait dont ban me

Ummm kinda? but it still wasnt very nice and i think maybe you only ever say mean things anyway

DangerDonut 2.0



Posted 27/02/14

RE: no wait dont ban me

yeah but thats just a joke

like an internet persona thing

im actually a really nice guy in real life. youd probably like me. im a vegetarian, i help out at an animal shelter. i just say this stuff for shits and giggles, i dont MEAN any of it

come on

Entropy Squared



Posted 27/02/14

RE: no wait dont ban me

Fuck's sake, DD. Listen to yourself.

DangerDonut 2.0



Posted 27/02/14

RE: no wait dont ban me

what

seriously tell me

GoddessesSword99

RE: no wait dont ban me

OMG you really don't get it do you!!! LOL

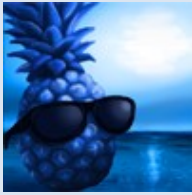


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Steveo

RE: no wait dont ban me

Always got to be about you, hasn't it DD? And today of all days as well. You're an idiot.



Posted 27/02/14

Revolver
MODERATOR

RE: no wait dont ban me

Nice guys don't say stuff like this:



Posted 27/02/14

DangerDonut wrote:
who cares, get a life

DangerDonut wrote:
blubbering autists

DangerDonut wrote:
please just kill yourself

DangerDonut wrote:
dipshit

DangerDonut wrote:
fuckwit

DangerDonut wrote:
assholes

DangerDonut wrote:
shitforbrains

DangerDonut wrote:
fuck all of you nerds

Your time on this forum has been spent doing nothing but trolling, flaming and harassing our users. You have been nothing but a negative presence for the past twelve years, and I should have banned you a long time ago. At least I can make up for it now by banning you again.

DangerDonut 2.0



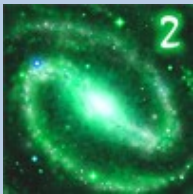
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RE: no wait dont ban me

oh my god

im an asshole

Entropy Squared

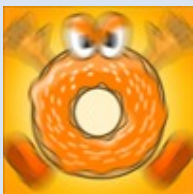


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RE: no wait dont ban me

Do my eyes deceive me? Was that a moment of self-reflection? Self-awareness? From Danger Fucking Donut?

DangerDonut 2.0



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RE: no wait dont ban me

fuck off entropy im having a moment here

Revolver
MODERATOR



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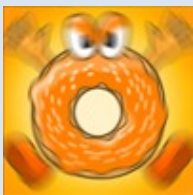
DangerDonut wrote:

oh my god

im an asshole

Yep. You are.

DangerDonut 2.0



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RE: no wait dont ban me

but like

i was a funny asshole though

right?

Entropy Squared



Posted 27/02/14

RE: no wait dont ban me

I... guess so? Sometimes? Under very limited circumstances?

DangerDonut 2.0



Posted 27/02/14

RE: no wait dont ban me

man please dont ban me

i dont want to leave you guys

DangerDonut 2.0



Posted 27/02/14

RE: no wait dont ban me

also i just read those latest threads

fuck

mad props to robo

dude told a dead guy to fuck off and double kill himself

big up the robz yo

fuck it im handing over my title of best troll i cant ever compete with that

DangerDonut 2.0



Posted 27/02/14

RE: no wait dont ban me

seriously though can i stay here

please

Revolver
MODERATOR



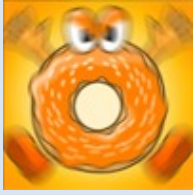
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RE: no wait dont ban me

...Good grief.

Fine. If you can show some willingness to be a nicer person, you can stay. But I will be watching you, mister.

DangerDonut 2.0



Posted 27/02/14

RE: no wait dont ban me

yesssss

new man DangerDonut inbound bitches

gonna get all hells of reformed up in this bitch

be the best donut

rockin the rehabilitation groove

definitely never gonna troll anyone else ever again

ever

definitely

Lorequest World – Forums

Subject: I'm not dead

LegendaryRobo



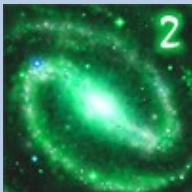
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I'm not dead

Well, I am. But I'm not... you know. Again.

Bear with me, I'm writing more, but in the meantime, DON'T PANIC.

Entropy Squared

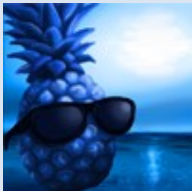


Posted 28/02/14

RE: I'm not dead

Sweet blistering mother of fuck, Robo. Where have you *been*? You scared the shit out of us all.

Steveo



Posted 28/02/14

RE: I'm not dead

So glad to see your avatar again, dude. What happened?

LegendaryRobo



Posted 28/02/14

RE: I'm not dead

Okay. Thought I should say something quickly to let you all know, because I have the feeling what I write next is going to be a big old wall of text and will take some time to finish. But I'm all right.

I saw the writing on the wall when Blacklight started messing with the server. If he didn't bring it down, I figured there was a good chance someone at the hosting company would see the machine going a bit wobbly. And what's the first rule of tech support? Turn it off and on again. And if Blacklight thought switching off the server would finish him off, it would presumably finish me as well. So I got out while I could, and I started hopping around the internet trying to find anything or anyone that might be able to help us. I guess I got a little distracted.

Three days. Wow. Time flies, huh? I think it was worth it. Sorry for making you all worry, though.

Long story short, I'm not alone. There are other people like me out there. There's a lot of freaks and fakes, too, which makes it pretty difficult to search for actual dead men typing. You don't want to know how many idiotic paranormal ghost-hunter blogs I've trawled through.

(I'm allowed to sneer at people who believe in ghosts, all right? I actually *am* one. That makes me a victim of corporeal privilege or something.)

But it turns out Blacklight was trying to find others, too, and he wasn't half as discreet as me. Plug his name into a certain famous search engine, along with whatever Gothic terminology takes your fancy, and you get a whole load of hits. People laughing at him, people ignoring him, and a few people trying to tell him they're the same. *We're* the same. Unfortunately he was so hung up on the affront-to-nature thing, and working out how to get himself killed (for the second time), he didn't try actually engaging with these people. Just called them abominations or whatever and moved on, looking for a good website to bring down. Kid had issues. Not that you guys didn't know that already.

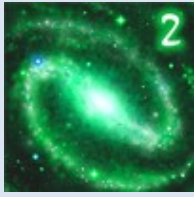
The good news is, at least some of those people are still out there. They're pretty widely dispersed, and you never quite know if every single one of them is really dead, but they're out there. I'm not alone. I can't tell you all what a relief that is.

Or, well... maybe I can.

Remember what it felt like when you first found this site? You were a teenager, and nobody else you knew was into videogames like you were. Maybe you were bullied, maybe you just felt out of place, I guess it depends on how many assholes you knew. But you stopped telling people about yourself because you knew at best you'd get looked at funny, and at worst you'd get mocked, or told to grow up. And then you came here, and found a bunch of people who cared at least as much as you did. Remember what a relief that was? Remember how it first felt, to be part of something you loved, something you never thought you'd be able to share? I think I'm starting to find that feeling all over again.

I want to try and get as many of us together in one place, start building a community of sorts. A support group, maybe. Nobody should have to end up like Blacklight. We can have a message board of the dead, and I can be the administrator. How badass is that?

So that's where I am. I'll keep checking in with you guys, because I still love you all and I don't want you to think you're being replaced. That's not what this is about. But I do think I'm likely to be a little distracted with this for a while. I'll start reading through everything that's happened while I've been gone, try and work out what I've missed. I'll keep you all up to date.

Entropy Squared

Posted 28/02/14

RE: I'm not dead

Holy shit. Glad to have you back, I guess. Goddamn. Tell us the whole of the story some time?

Steveo

Posted 28/02/14

RE: I'm not dead

What Entropy said, basically. Good to see you again. You heard anything from Blacklight since the server went down?

LegendaryRobo

Posted 28/02/14

RE: I'm not dead

Nope, haven't seen him at all. I don't know what happened there. Maybe he moved on to some other site, or maybe it really did... switch him off. I don't know. I'd like to.

Entropy – Some day. Maybe soon. Bit busy at the moment, but like I say, I'll keep you posted.

**Revolver
MODERATOR**

Posted 28/02/14

RE: I'm not dead

It's good to have you back, Robo. Best of luck with the new site, and don't let it take up so much of your time you can't say hi to us now and then. :)

GoddessesSword99

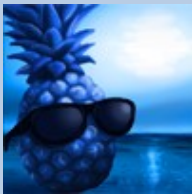


Posted 28/02/14

RE: I'm not dead

um so... i know i'm like the newbie and stuff and i dont really belong here, but... im glad your ok? and I think everyone else here is too, and they missed you while you were gone. i think it's super cool u r gonna be head ghost of the internet and from the way u write u sound super smart, so i think you will be good at it! good luck and go save some more people for us :)

Steveo



Posted 28/02/14

RE: I'm not dead

And the kid gets to be the most eloquent and heartfelt out of all of us. Go figure.

DangerDonut 2.0



Posted 28/02/14

RE: I'm not dead

LegendaryRobo wrote:
words words words words words

too long

didnt read

seriously have none of you chucklefucks ever learned the art of concision

go do the thing or whatever youre talking about and stop wasting time on here

IM log for 29/02/14

Participants: <Lady Grey>, <Steveo>

<Lady Grey> Are you there?

<Steveo> omg

<Steveo> lg!

<Steveo> where have you been

<Lady Grey> Home.

<Lady Grey> Same as ever.

<Lady Grey> Just not, you know, online.

<Steveo> we thought blacklight got to you somehow

<Steveo> is everything ok?

<Steveo> ...lg?

<Lady Grey> Sorry, I'm finding this a little difficult.

<Steveo> sry

<Lady Grey> Is blacklight the hacker guy?

<Steveo> uh

<Steveo> I guess you werent around to see that bit

<Lady Grey> Guess not.

<Steveo> turns out its a little more complicated than that but yeah

<Steveo> hes the hacker guy

<Lady Grey> Okay, maybe we'll come back to that.

<Lady Grey> You could say he got to me, though, yeah. In a way.

<Lady Grey> Did he try to blackmail other people, too?

<Steveo> i guess you could call it that

<Steveo> blackmail, threats

<Steveo> whatever worked for him i think

<Steveo> turns out he was kinda fucked up

<Lady Grey> You don't say.

<Steveo> well

<Steveo> more fucked up than immediately met the eye

<Steveo> which is admittedly saying something

<Lady Grey> He found something out about me.

<Steveo> stop listen

<Steveo> you dont have to tell me what it was

<Steveo> i dont need to know

<Lady Grey> I think I kind of do have to tell you, though.

<Lady Grey> I haven't been totally honest with you. About who I am.

<Lady Grey> See, you call me LG

<Lady Grey> With emphasis on the L

<Lady Grey> But the people who know me in real life would want to know why I call myself a lady.

<Steveo> oh

<Lady Grey> Yeah.

<Steveo> can you

<Steveo> uh

<Steveo> can you clarify exactly what you mean by that

<Lady Grey> Talking to you, all of you, like this, with a name I got to choose for myself...

<Lady Grey> It's helped me to understand some things.

<Steveo> that youre

<Steveo> im not sure what the proper word is sorry

<Lady Grey> I guess it's true what they say about girls on the internet.

<Steveo> ?

<Lady Grey> They always turn out to be men in real life.

<Lady Grey> I'm sorry, Steve.

<Steveo> well no actually fuck that

<Steveo> because as funny as that joke might have been TEN YEARS AGO ON 4CHAN

<Steveo> im not sure thats the situation im seeing here

<Lady Grey> Steve, it is literally the thing I just told you.

<Steveo> no

<Steveo> i think you might have just told me that you are a girl in real life who pretends to be a man when not on the internet

<Lady Grey> That's

<Lady Grey> It doesn't work that way

<Steveo> it can

<Lady Grey> I lied to you.

<Steveo> you didnt tell me everything

<Steveo> thats not the same as lying

<Lady Grey> You sound very sure about all this. And very quickly.

<Steveo> well okay what do you think

<Steveo> about being a lady i mean

<Steveo> thats probably the important part here, im just some random guy on another continent

<Lady Grey> ...

<Lady Grey> It feels right. I think.

<Steveo> well then

<Steveo> there you go

<Lady Grey> ...I'm not sure it's quite that simple.

<Steveo> possibly not

<Steveo> but look

<Steveo> i know you

<Steveo> and i have done for years

<Steveo> i dont know the boring stuff

<Steveo> not like

<Steveo> how you look or what house you live in

<Steveo> and actually i dont think i even know your real name

<Lady Grey> (That's becoming a complicated question all its own at this point)

<Steveo> yeah i can imagine that

<Steveo> but i know YOU

<Lady Grey> You only know me online. Not the stuff I've hidden from you.

<Steveo> psh

<Steveo> anyone can hide stuff about themselves

<Steveo> online or off

<Steveo> hell actually everyone does, thats just people

<Steveo> you spend enough time with a person youll still get to know something about them

<Steveo> and i know who you are as a person

<Steveo> and as a lady

<Steveo> which i guess is more privileged information than i realised so go me

<Steveo> so is this what blacklight knew?

<Lady Grey> Yeah.

<Lady Grey> He told me to leave you all or he'd tell you the truth.

<Lady Grey> I realised I didn't want to disappear without saying goodbye

<Lady Grey> But truth be told, I went into this conversation thinking it would be our last.

<Steveo> well then youre a dumbass

<Lady Grey> I still think you're taking this suspiciously well.

<Steveo> well look

<Steveo> i wont deny that this is on some level very deeply weird for me

<Steveo> i havent, you know, had this kind of conversation with someone before

<Steveo> but youre lg! that hasnt changed in the last five minutes

<Lady Grey> Has it changed how you feel about me, though?

<Steveo> i feel very strongly that it shouldn't

<Lady Grey> That's not quite what I asked, though.

<Steveo> well

<Steveo> i dont think ive ever talked about how i feel to start with

<Steveo> but put it this way

<Steveo> i will try very hard to make it not change how i feel

<Steveo> and no matter what, you are my friend

<Lady Grey> Thank you.

<Steveo> are you gonna tell the others?

<Lady Grey> I don't know how to.

<Lady Grey> I don't really want to either.

<Lady Grey> I guess this blacklight guy will tell them for me.

<Steveo> oh

<Steveo> you havent read the forums have you

<Steveo> hes gone

<Lady Grey> Gone?

<Steveo> as in dead gone

<Steveo> we think

<Lady Grey> Shit.

<Steveo> yep

<Steveo> and it gets weirder

<Lady Grey> Fill me in?

<Steveo> it could take a while

<Lady Grey> I'm in no rush to leave my room right now.

<Lady Grey> I look a bit like I've been crying.

<Steveo> okay then

<Steveo> while you powder your nose or whatever the proper lady etiquette is in such circumstances

<Steveo> let me tell you one fucked up as shit ghost story

Afterword

Thank you for reading! This story has been a terrifying experiment which took entirely too long to produce, but if anyone at all makes it this far, then it's been worth it. I hope you enjoyed it. I'd love to hear what you thought of the book, good or bad; if you'd like to get in touch, please do drop me a line at symuun@lorequestworld.com. If you'd like to know about my future books or other major releases, you can subscribe to my newsletter by visiting www.lorequestworld.com and providing your email address in the sidebar. I promise to use it for major announcements only, so I won't spam your inbox with emails just for the sake of it.

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Finally, I want to offer my thanks to all my fellow fan fiction writers, roleplayers and general internet friends out there. You know who you are. I would not be the person I am, and this book would not exist, without you. In particular, though, this book is dedicated to Sav and Richard, who showed me that great stories can be found in the unlikeliest of places, and that if you've got a story of your own to tell, it's best to get it out there while you still have the chance.

Thanks again for reading, and I hope you'll look out for whatever I do next.

- symuun