

THE STORY SO FAR

This document is intended to help new readers catch up with the *Proxymorons'* lore. It will be updated regularly as the story progresses. Readers/participants may send me comments and suggestions for details they believe I missed that should be incorporated. Just send your feedback to the following email: Pr0xymor0nz@gmail.com. I may or may not choose to add them. If I trust anyone to behave appropriately, they may be given direct commenting privileges.

May 2020

5/20/2020 - Reddit user Proxymorons (me) posts to the ARG subreddit about starting a comedic ARG. Linked is the <u>Proxymorons subreddit</u> and an unlisted video posted by youtube user <u>AlertN Afrayed</u>, wherein he incessantly panics about his "doppelgänger" terrorizing him, and threatening to steal his identity; he describes a <u>puzzle</u> sent to him by this doppelgänger, and pleads to his friend (whom the video was originally meant for) to help him solve it. Others are quick to respond, some offer to help AlertN_Afrayed solve the puzzle, who is confused to find random users viewing his unlisted video.

5/21/2020 - AlertN_Afrayed learns of the Proxymorons subreddit through an anonymous email, and discovers to his horror that I am claiming his predicament to be a part of this ARG. He is quick to make a <u>video</u> publicly stating that his predicament is NOT in fact an ARG, calling me out in the process, daring me to "prove it." Afrayed is, however, relieved to find others determined to solve this puzzle for him, but warns them of the possible dangers they put themselves in by engaging. Shortly thereafter, I posted Afrayeds video on the subreddit. Infuriated, he comes to the subreddit to <u>tell me off.</u> I tell him to calm down, and that I'm fully capable of proving his videos are part of this ARG. Afrayed scoffs at this, but says he will await my proof.

5/22/2020 - I upload a <u>video</u> to my own channel featuring the same man seen in Afrayeds videos, thus proving it an ARG. I briefly discuss the meta nature of *Proxymorons* and link to the new <u>official discord</u>. Afrayed sees the video I posted, and realizes I was the doppelgänger this whole time. He <u>claims</u> the ARG shtick is a ruse to cover my ass, and pleads to everyone on the subreddit to take his word for it. (not a chance lol).

5/23/2020 - Afrayed uploads a <u>video</u> responding to my "proof" that *Proxymorons* is an ARG. He appears visibly distressed. He also links to what is the <u>second piece</u> of the puzzle he had previously been trying to solve, wondering if perhaps a poster on reddit was right: that the image file names themselves held the answers.

5/25/2020 - Afrayed comes onto discord, completely wasted, and <u>rants</u> about having "VIDOE PROOF" of me threatening him. I urged him to get off of discord and come back sober, but not before I changed his nickname to "Yellow Worm" (lol) much to his frustration.

5/27/2020 - Afrayed uploads a <u>video</u> (shot in portrait mode, EUGH) explaining why he was so anxious in his previous video. He films the room around him, revealing it to be the same room where I shot my video proving that this **IS** an ARG. This resulted in constant paranoia for him that I had broken into his home (my home). He also shows a clip I had sent him privately (the "VIDOE PROOF") threatening to destroy him and his "reality." (I was trying to add to the intrigue of the story, naturally). He doesn't know what to make of my use of the term "reality."

5/28/2020 - Afrayed demands to know why I haven't posted his latest video onto the subreddit, accusing me of being a coward, because the video shows me in a "bad light." I explain to him how such choices can add to the intrigue of an ARG. He of course doesn't buy it, so I offer him permission to post on the subreddit, so he may post the video himself, and whatever else his wormy heart desires. Later that day, he read through the "story-so-far" channel on discord (at the time where the text of this document was initially posted) and questioned why I hadn't added some recent events. I had my own reasons, but he was once again quick to assume that I was trying to preserve my image. Nonetheless, I agreed to add the recent events and began typing them up: *Afrayed comes onto discord, completely wasted, and rants about having "VIDOE PROOF" of me...* etc etc (you are here.)

5/30/2020 - Afrayed uploads a video where he is seen reading some papers whilst a stock image of an arm holding a gun aims at his head. He "admits" that his videos are part of my ARG, and that he's breaking character to give a few hints to solving the puzzle. He adds "I' thought it would be funny to make it seem like AlertN_Afrayed was being held hostage to deliver this information." He also "claims" the stock photo of the arm is "definitely NOT an interdimensional hitman who appears two-dimensional from every angle due to 'dimensional lensing,' or some other bullshit that 'I'd' make up." (which I did).

5/31/2020 - Afrayed uploads a brief video <u>playing *Minecraft*</u>. Shortly into the video, a high pitched voice is heard calling in the background. Afrayed is audibly distressed as they converse, while an ominous tune plays. After the unknown voice leaves, Afrayed proceeds to write out "AM I REAL" in cobblestone.

June 2020

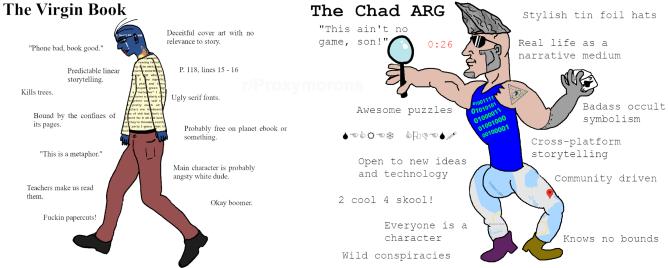
6/6/2020 - I upload, without Afrayed's knowledge, a <u>video</u> of him attempting to find new recruits on Omegle to help him solve the puzzle.

6/7/2020 - The puzzle is solved on discord, the answer reveals coordinates to Deadhorse, Alaska.

6/8/2020 - Afrayed uploads a <u>video</u>, absolutely livid at me for recording him on Omegle. He demands to know who I really am. Several hours later, I post a <u>video</u> myself, discussing the slight significance of Deadhorse, Alaska in my life. I also admit that I'm not 100% sure where to go with the story from here, but reassure the audience that I do have plans. I also address Afrayeds video from earlier, insisting that we **are** the same person, regardless of if this is an ARG or not.

6/9/2020 - Afrayed uploads another Minecraft video where he recalls a suggestion he received on discord to try killing a horse in the game. He comes to a small herd, and expresses his bewilderment at their presence, since horses do not naturally spawn in the biome his world is in. He also walks to the coordinates in Minecraft corresponding to the coordinates of Deadhorse, where he finds more horses tied to a fence post. He discerns that if he's meant to kill any horses, it must be them. After killing them, he turns to see a jack-o'-lantern suddenly perched at the top of the fence post. The voice from the previous Minecraft video, as well as the eerie music, returns, and Afrayed quickly ends the video. Later on discord, Afrayed accuses me of deleting his discord post, where he followed his video submission with "can't talk now, barely made it out." I explain that I'm trying to create a sense of distrust in my character for the purpose of intrigue. He proceeds to leak information about the story, worried I would delete his post again, but I don't want to overdo it. We proceed to argue for some time. Later still, Afrayed hilariously and mistakenly posts a grocery list to the discord. I post 026 in the announcements channel with no context whatsoever.

6/10/2020 - I post a <u>sick fresh meme</u>.



6/12/2020 - I finally get around to moving the walls of text in the "story-so-far" channel to <u>this doc.</u> A fake <u>screenshot</u> was posted of another screenshot that was **not** posted by Afrayed, showing a PM from me to him telling him when he could play Minecraft again.

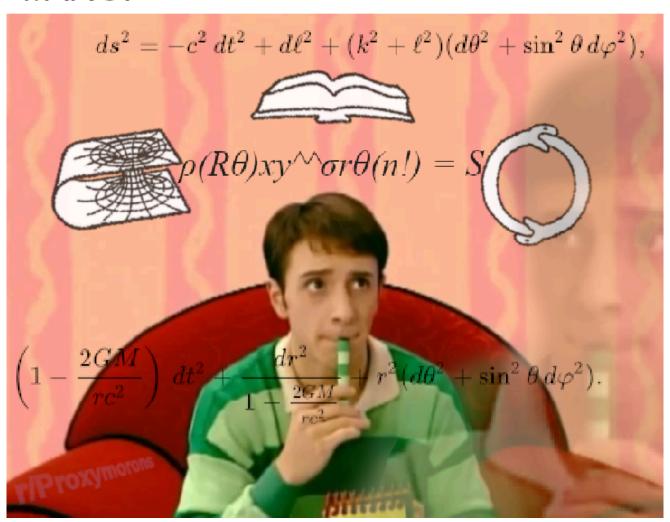
6/14/2020 - A troll spams the official discord with obscene messages and pings, forcing me to create the @trusted role.

6/16/2020 - I post a video addressing the changes to the discord. Afrayed posts a guestion to reddit.

6/17/2020 - Afrayed posts a <u>video</u> where he logs back into Minecraft and discovers a sign, seemingly reading gibberish. The code is quickly revealed to be "add zero at the end." Afrayed is teased for not recognizing <u>ROT13</u> (what an idiot lol).

6/20/2020 - I post another sicknasty fresh meme.

weird or creepy content: exists r/ARG:



6/23/2020 - Afrayed posts a <u>video</u> wherein he goes to the Deadhorse coordinates in Minecraft, but with a zero added as the sign instructed. Upon arrival, he finds a sign in morse code, a village with a sign reading Deadhorse, Alaska, several undead horse skeletons, and a chest containing a journal. The journal reads "Find the plothole before it thickens," followed by coordinates to upstate, NY, near where Afrayed apparently plans to visit soon. The journal goes on to instruct him to speak a phrase, and mentions a file name: <u>eleventh.png</u> which he later finds on his computer and links in the video description. The image was revealed to have a hidden message: "OUROBOROS."

6/24/2020 - I post a video in which Afrayed is heard speaking with someone on the phone.

6/27/2020 - I post another bodaciously dank meme.

Me trying to run an alternate reality game while actual reality is in turmoil:



6/29/2020 - Afrayed tries to go to the NY coordinates in <u>Minecraft</u>, using the same conversion technique as with Deadhorse. He finds nothing, and the eerie voice is heard in the distance proclaiming "not yet."

6/30/2020 - Afrayed decides he will go to the coordinates in NY while on his trip.

July 2020

7/2/2020 - Afrayed leaves for and arrives in upstate, NY.

7/6/2020 - Afrayed uploads a <u>video</u>--filmed the <u>day before</u>--in which he visits the specific coordinates and proclaims the code word: OUROBOROS. Nothing appears to happen, and he trips over a rock. What a letdown...

7/9/2020 - I upload a <u>video</u> of my own, at the same location. The first half is identical to AlertN_Afrayed's video, until he trips. At this point, the camera points up to a <u>gaping plothole</u> in the sky, produced via god-awful editing, (because it's fake). Afrayed's soul rises into the plothole--into the parallel reality where he would complete his <u>video</u>--while my own soul returns to this reality. I point up triumphantly at the plothole, having claimed it for myself alone, as it shrinks and turns purple. I then triumphantly high five the gun-wielding stock photo, which morphs into an open hand. Next, I produce a story crystal with a secret message for anyone who finds it, and hide it behind a stop sign.

Intermission

Disclaimer - Proxymorons is currently on hiatus. However, some content has been released since. While related, this content is not directly connected and should be considered supplementary to the lore, not mandatory. I'm including this disclaimer in the document as it has been brought to my attention by certain individual(s) that lack of any explanation could be construed as misleading. So yeah, there has been more content since July, including a puzzle which remains as of yet unsolved. I won't be linking it here though as I don't feel it's important enough. If you're interested, you'll have to scour the channels and social media for recent content yourself.

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January 2021

1/10/2021 - Afrayed posts a <u>video</u> travelling to the apparent coordinates hidden in Proxymorons' <u>Inktober Sketches</u> from last year. He finds an observatory, and discovers what appears to be a yellow story crystal. He gasps at this revelation and the video cuts off abruptly. About an hour later, he posts another <u>video</u> returning home and speculating on the power of the story crystal. He believes he is safe from me for having it (we'll see how that works out for him lol) and boldly declares that he's starting a <u>new recap doc</u> (which is as of writing this sentence a near duplicate of this one) where he will archive

the events of the story "more accurately." (Or in other words archive every single meticulous detail, and all Proxymorons content regardless of how relevant it actually is to the lore. Yawn).