

COMPREHENSIVE DOCUMENT

Note: These are wild guesses, estimates, and faded memories. The following information might not be completely accurate. This is just what I remember and my guesses as to where it may have come from. I ask that you do not harass anyone.

What is it?

This is a short animation that I vaguely remember seeing when I was a child, but I can see it in my head so vividly that I'm sure it may have been real.

It starts with a boy sitting on his bed, the wall in front of him is blue. He picks up a flashlight and points it at the wall, turning it orange with a yellow spot where the flashlight is shining. The boy begins to make shadow puppets. They were simple at first, starting with animals, but they begin to get more complex to where the boy is recreating an entire pirate fighting scene, ship and all, with just his hands. The battle gets more and more intense until there's a huge explosion and the boy falls off of his bed. He then reaches up and forms the words "The End" as a shadow with his hands.

The ending in particular is what I remember the clearest, I can see it replaying in my head with no trouble at all.

The animation was most likely hand drawn.

Where did it come from?

I was maybe 8-10 years of age when I first saw this, and I think I only saw it once.

Since I was 8-10 years old, I put this sighting at around 2003-2005. However, it's possible that the animation could have been created earlier than that.

I lived in Michigan at the time, specifically in New Haven. But I only lived there from when I was five to a few months before I turned 11, and I've forgotten most of my time living there.

I watched a lot of pbs and other local channels and would frequently channel surf sometimes for no reason. If it helps at all I can give the titles or a short description of some of the programs I've seen on these local channels, just in case someone who grew up in New Haven recognizes them and can give out which channels they were on.

Some of the programs I remember seeing while channel surfing:

1. Paz the Penguin
2. My Pet Alien (But I don't remember the show looking so ugly!)
3. Disney's Doug

4. A religious tv show set in a treehouse or possibly a jungle, I remember they told a story of a monkey who couldn't get his hand out of a coconut because he didn't want to let go of a fruit.
5. A show that could have possibly been Sonic X, I do remember there being humanoid animal characters and one of them being blue, but I only caught a glimpse of it because I wasn't allowed to watch anime as a kid and quickly changed it before I got into trouble.
6. A show similar to Paw Patrol but with different looking characters, they could have been children but they were definitely human. This also could have been in spanish, I remember that the signal wasn't completely clear and had bits of colored static and fuzzy audio. (I think this might have been the Save-Ums?)

We would also go to visit my uncle and grandmother at their house in a different town, and they got a few channels that we didn't get back at home, one of them being Noggin/The N, back before it became a 24/7 Nick Jr. channel. This was also around the time where Nicktoons Network became a thing, and the Nicktoons Film Festival started in 2004.

So as far as television goes here are my guesses:

1. It could have been an interstitial on PBS, Noggin, or any of the random channels I watched.
2. It could have aired in the Nicktoons Film Festival, the series did start in 2004 and there are partially completed archives of the series readily available. So I might double check those archives. It also could have just been a separate short on Nicktoons in general, much like the *Schoolyard Safari* shorts.
3. This might be a stretch but it could have been a Wedgie on Cartoon Network, though I don't ever remember seeing Wedgies, so I'm not entirely sure.
4. Maybe it could have been on Ka-Blam? I think you can watch the full series, so this is a very wild guess. I think I read somewhere that some of the less popular and one off segments of Ka-Blam are lost media since Nickelodeon lost the rights to them, but I don't know how accurate that information is.
5. I know people hate hearing this but there's a small possibility that it was part of a Sesame Street episode, but this seems really far fetched in my opinion since I didn't watch Sesame Street on the regular, so don't go diving into Sesame Street archives until it becomes a last resort.
 - a. I did describe this to my mother, who grew up in the 70's, and she said that she remembers it, so maybe it could be a Sesame Street segment. Which, in that case, I guess it won't get found within my lifetime. (Or at least not until I'm in my 60's.)

Now, to be clear, I have searched for this numerous times with different search terms, and have brought up nothing like how I remember.

Is it possible that this could be a false memory?

In short, probably.

It's very weird how vividly yet vaguely I remember this, especially the ending. But, as you can see, my memory is not the best. It never has been, to be honest. The only issue is that if it is a false memory, then I don't know what could have caused it, if anything.

My biggest concern is that this will become a false memory for other people. As I mentioned earlier, I did describe it to my mom, and she said that she remembers it, but I'm a little doubtful that she actually does. And I'd hate for this to become another Evil Farming Game scenario.

Then again, I rediscovered *Welcome to My Life*, a short film about a family of monsters living among humans presented like a documentary, through archives of the Nicktoons Film Festival, and I thought that I had misremembered or dreamt up that one.

False or not, this has been eating me alive for quite a few years now. If I can get confirmation that this never existed, then I wouldn't mind. I don't want to be on my deathbed years into the future still wondering.