

THE CRANBERSHER'S GUIDE

TO STOP MOTION
THEORY DOC
+ TRACKER

*Made by Queries_N_Theories & friends <3
Here's to 5 years of theorising!!*

Introduction:

Cranbersher's Guide to Stop-Motion is just a simple, cheerfully produced tutorial web series... is what we were led to believe.

Throughout the series, you can learn all kinds of things! Making things move around, facial expressions, walk cycles, the futility of your own existence as the face for a web series... things like that!
Dealing with replacement, questionable motives, and a whole lot of secrets, this Marble Hornets inspired alternative-reality story is quite the ride.
What's the mystery behind everything?
Just watch and learn.

[\(Click me to go to the series playlist! Runtime: ~90 minutes\)](#)

So, what's this document for then?

This Google Doc is a tracker for everything lore related basically; it logs our findings, updates to key pages, and it can safely hold all our theories together, in one lil' package. :)

It's meant to be community-driven, so the more people we can get on board editing and theorising; the better!

Share it around so we can get great minds thinking alike. :D

Do feel free to continue posting material elsewhere, this is just another way we can get folk to pitch in so we can get answers.

**MAJOR SPOILERS AHEAD; PROCEED
WITH CAUTION**

A Foreword (and Retrospective), from The Clanbersher

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I remember when I first stumbled upon Cranbersher. It was Markiplier Animated: The Itch which Markiplier himself shared on his channel. That's how I found out. I don't know what made me stick around, but I was interested on how unique the art form was, especially on a site like YouTube. You see clay figure stop motion here and there, but I never saw actual 'puppet' animation, made with cloth materials and stuff. I decided I wanted to stick around and see what else this guy had to offer.

As months went on, a growing obsession started to creep in when he started doing his QnA series and was super interested in this guy, like almost to a scary degree. Learning that he was only 19 at the time of his earlier QnA's, it blew me away how technologically creative he was and had a firm understanding on not just animation but film cameras.

Then there came Cranbersher's Guide, which at first seems like a stop motion tutorial series and for a while, that's mainly all it was. But the fact it transformed into a deep physiological story about the puppets being sentient and aware, wanting to escape and find purpose, was something I have never seen in a tutorial series. So not only was it informative but also entertaining and engaging. Don't forget about the music too. Oliver practically does everything himself and looking back on his other channel Extrabersher, that was how I found out he played guitar which may or may not have inspired me to take my bass guitar seriously.

Now to cut to the cheese. I could go on about Cranbersher but I'm sure others will explain it way better than I ever could. It all started on Twitter. Yes, Twitter of all places. No I am not calling it X cause that's just stupid and not cool. Cran was semi regular on Twitter which was where I got more updates from him, keeping up to date every so often. Then out of the blue, I see a link to a fan-made Discord server that was Cranbersher themed. At the time of the kickstarter, this seemed like a perfect opportunity to hook up with some fellow fans and get talking. Think I was 18 at the time. I remember clicking the link and it never seemed to work for me. This went on for some time and at some point, I considered giving up and moving on. And for a little bit I did. But something urged me to come back and try

again and it worked. This would start my journey into a swarm of online friends I never thought I'd share memories with.

Frankly I don't care if I get sappy about this. But I think back on the time I had in the server in 2021. I was extremely addicted. I checked into the server every single day, having my phone open to hear the message pings from people. What became one of the best years I ever had online, became my worst in real life. I was extremely lonely and depressed. I worked a job I hated going to where it would constantly rain day and night. I had a couple injuries which weren't life threatening but I grew tired and weak. All my friends seemed to be off doing their own things, which acted as a way of abandonment in my brain. I literally had no one to talk to and was constantly alone, to the point where I got used to it. This server made things more bearable to deal with and kept me busy. It might have even helped with social skills and keyboard typing skills. It was what made me make a steam account even, so I could play with these friends.

2022 was pretty much the same, good vibes, good online fun all around. Lost a couple of people here and there. It happens. They come and go. The rest to me is pretty much just come and go stuff to be honest. Again, I got used to this routine of checking my phone for updates, messages, seeing who was available, etc.

I'll try my best here to not make this about me, but one friend (who's gone now, hope they're doing okay out there) stumbled across my YouTube channel and shared a video of mine to the server and people were super nice enough to encourage me to keep going with it. Originally the idea was dumb enough, I never carried it anywhere else. It was a jokey animated series that ran out of juice quickly. But the server made me pick it back up and allow it to evolve into what it is today. I don't think I'd even be into art as much if it wasn't for the Clanbersher. I'm pretty sure 'ScottySee' would have just been a name that came and went and I'd be under a new identity or worse, I stopped trying and just became a lurker and consumer instead of a creator.

Of course, times have changed now and the server is noticeably less active now. Everyone's got their own lives to deal with, mine included. Heck, for a while I became very inactive for a while due to... personal reasons. But people change. They lose interests, gain new ones, they grow as new people. As of writing this, the finale hasn't come out yet, but when it does, I don't even know what will happen to all of us. I don't even know what I'm going to do. I've encouraged and expressed how the server should become its own independent animation/art/creative server for newcomers, since Cranbersher will be ending soon. But it's tough to think about. You spend so much time clutching onto the past, wanting the spark of friends to never die out, but eventually it does have to happen.

I'll either stay and watch the fireworks die down and continue to live within the servers' presence till Discord shuts down. Or embrace the new age of the server and potentially volunteer to become admin and help the others in promoting it, get some new artists on board, start new roleplays, new adventures, new everything. Or I could just simply leave since there wouldn't really be much of a point. I think I already laid my legacy on the server a while ago and don't think I really need to prove myself to it anymore. Think I did pretty much everything I wanted to do. I'm just glad that throughout this journey of the Clanbersher, I gave a couple of chuckles and laughs and made people's lives a little more enjoyable. It's always been my dream to do that. Knowing you make people smile and laugh, it was enough for me to stay.

So as my face swells up a bit with tears as I write this, I want to just say personally to Clanbersher, thank you. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to stand on solid ground and express myself when I had no one else to turn to. Thank you for being so understanding, caring, kind and sincere. And thank you for letting me be a someone inside of your screen.

And a thank you to Cranbersher himself for being one of the most influential and inspirational creators I have ever laid eyes upon. Your work has truly influenced some things here and there I've made and whatever decision you make in life, even when it means leaving, I will fully support it. You had your time. Now leave. In style.

- Scott

Hi. I'm the person who made the doc.
I am amazed at how far it's gone.

When I started all this, I had no idea where I was headed. I published this thing in it's primitive form with an image borrowed from Cran's bandcamp and a bunch of stuff I pulled from the subreddit.

I thought it was just common sense; to compile it and put it all somewhere. It only took a few days. I thought it would be handy.

Handy it was. Lumo and Panlong and Unknown and all of the wonderful people that made this thing what it was- made this *community* what it was- loved it. I didn't use Reddit that much; at the time I was trying to handle Real Life Things like friends and work. But this was like my own little gem. My little thing I made that helped people. And then I just kept adding to it, more and more and more... but only for a while.

Life moved on, and I forgot about this thing. I met some new friends just before life got put on hold and I was stuck at home like a lot of others. So the internet and I got a whole lot closer.

I'll be brief when I say the years after I started the doc were weird ones for me online. Something happened to me that made me utterly terrified of being online anywhere, at least as anything but a lurker.

I was resolved to stay in the shadows if I knew what was best for me. To wave hello but never put my hand up and comment. I couldn't anticipate what anyone could do; I knew the potential was vast when you're anonymous. I didn't want to risk it.

But... this doc changed that.

Having worked up the courage to get on Discord, I said hello to the Clanbersher very briefly right at the end of 2020... and then ran off again.

I wasn't ready then, I think. But the fandom meant a lot, still. OP and NP meant a lot, still. And when the kickstarter came about, and the watchalong livestream happened... I said "fuck it".

I haven't really looked back since.

The last few years of the wait and the anticipation and the theorising and the shitposting have been, undoubtedly, the best goddamn years of my online life. I was someone new, I found people with similar interests to mine; heck, I dragged a new friend I made into the server and have thus made some amazing memories online and offline. It was my creative renaissance, too! I got into roleplaying for the first time since- I kid you not- *Minecraft creative server roleplays*! I learned to draw better, I learned to write better, I kept making and making and making all in the company of these amazing people and... I think I figured out what I wanted to do with my life. To create. To be myself.

I have genuinely found what I think might be my close friends for a long time going forward, even after the guides come to a close and the server may or may not shut down. It's like I have a second family. I've built my trust in the web back up (well, as much as I can with AI everywhere and privacy bills looming), and while I still approach the web from a cautious lens, it's much less irrational. I exist on other platforms now. I have a name for myself (though still with a veil of privacy). I go into voice channels with my mic on by default. I found my groove again. It might not sound like a big deal... but it's nice to just exist on the internet.

I think I should pause and praise Unknown, for a second. The person who made the server. You, without a doubt, have raised this community higher because of what you did. You garnered a group of wonderfully talented individuals in one place. You spotted people who might be welcome and signposted them to our hub. You make these stupid funny posts and tag Cran in them all the time, you made some awesome theories and edits and fanfics, you kept making the calls to

action for the Kickstarter; you carved fandom history. Without you, none of us would be here right now. I am proud to call you an awesome friend and creator, and I have nothing but respect for you because of our online home. Thank you.

And thank you to everyone else who stopped by, whether you stayed to talk or left at one point or lurked. Thanks to Lynn and Jinx for dropping by during the Kickstarter at one point to entertain our theorising madness during the fundraising tension. Thanks to every mod who's served here in the past and present.

And finally... of course, thank you, Cran.

Without your puppets- particularly without a tiny green irish guy watching eyeballs get sliced and finding ants in the walls- and your presence and your overall persistence... I have no fucking clue who I'd be right now. The scared closeted person I used to be is still around in my head sometimes, unsure if what she's doing is right or if working towards a future in Making Things will ever be sustainable or if it'll make people happy or if she'll be doxxed for all to see... But a stronger person is holding her hand now. And they're saying "Well... we should give it a shot, right?"

And give it a shot I will.

Cheers,

Q, aka Queries_N_Theories <3

Rules:

This document is free for anyone to add to!
Please, however, follow this small list of rules:

1. Don't delete important chunks of information.
2. Keep everything related to the Guide.
3. If you have something to share, put it on the related page.
4. When adding to the document, make sure people know it's you who added something (e.g end a post with '- [username]').
5. Use your reddit/youtube/discord/twitter username/tag/etc when making a thread on here so people know who you are.
6. Credit other people when referring to their theories/responses.
7. Use your common sense; don't be mean!

Key Links:

The Cranbersher's Guide Playlist: <https://bit.ly/2m6pgcJ>

Join the fan-made Discord: The Clanbersher!

(run by u/unknown_is_aaaaaaaaa)

<https://discord.gg/2ZJeXvX>

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Follow Cranbersher's Twitter (not just for lore, but for a few laughs too):

www.twitter.com/Cranbersher

A handy dandy link to the Kickstarter for finale updates:

<https://www.kickstarter.com/projects/cranbersher/cranbershers-guide-to-stop-motion-the-finale>

Subreddit (no new posts can be made, but Q sometimes updates their old ones)

www.reddit.com/r/cranbersher

[Check out the sister theory doc exploring the link between the guides and For Dakotah!](#)

(Now a crack theory/AU idea due to the deletion of For Dakotah)

[Check out the transcript project!](#)

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The Characters! (TO BE MOVED)

This is gonna be its own section on the Cranbersher Wiki on Miraheze, stand by for that.



New Puppet (NP / KM2)

(also called Newbersher, Gray and Grayscale in the fandom)



Original Puppet (OP / KM1)

(also known as Orangebersher, Orange and Fireball in the fandom)



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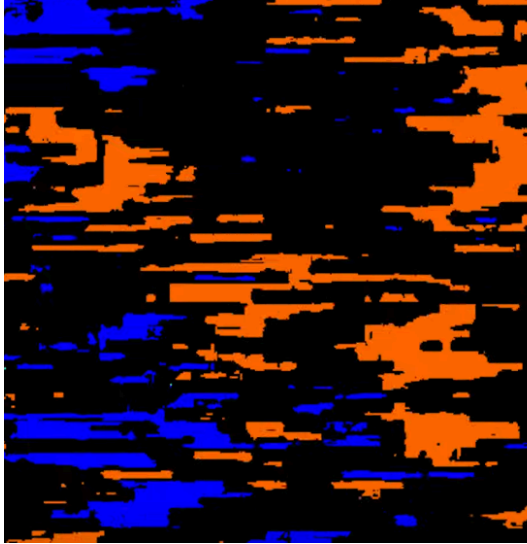
AKA KM1 and KM2

(previously known in-fandom as "Crazebersher")



Cranbersher

(also known as Oliver and (by us) "Squishy Cran")



The Narrator

(also known as Editor, Voice Guy, ~~and Calvin G~~ (see theories))

What We Know + What We Don't Know

↓ Fill these sections up, please! ↓

What we know	What we don't know
<p>The narrator is some kind of voice/spirit/entity that Cranbersher summoned or called.</p> <p>Broken is updating the secrets website.</p> <p>Cranbersher was most likely aware the puppets were undergoing edification.</p> <p>Broken is currently subsisting and doing better than he was in overwrought; but he needs our help more than ever (kickstarter)</p> <p>Broken = both OP and NP, combined</p> <p>Time loop of sorts does exist</p>	<p>Why there was a counter on the secret's page for the number of visits.</p> <p>Who "KM1" and "KM2" are (see trailer on kickstarter); Multiple 'broken' puppets, or just nicknames for who OP and NP became?</p> <p>What that tree in the forest is and what its for</p> <p>Why Robo-Cran could be involved</p>

all of this stuff is outdated tbh

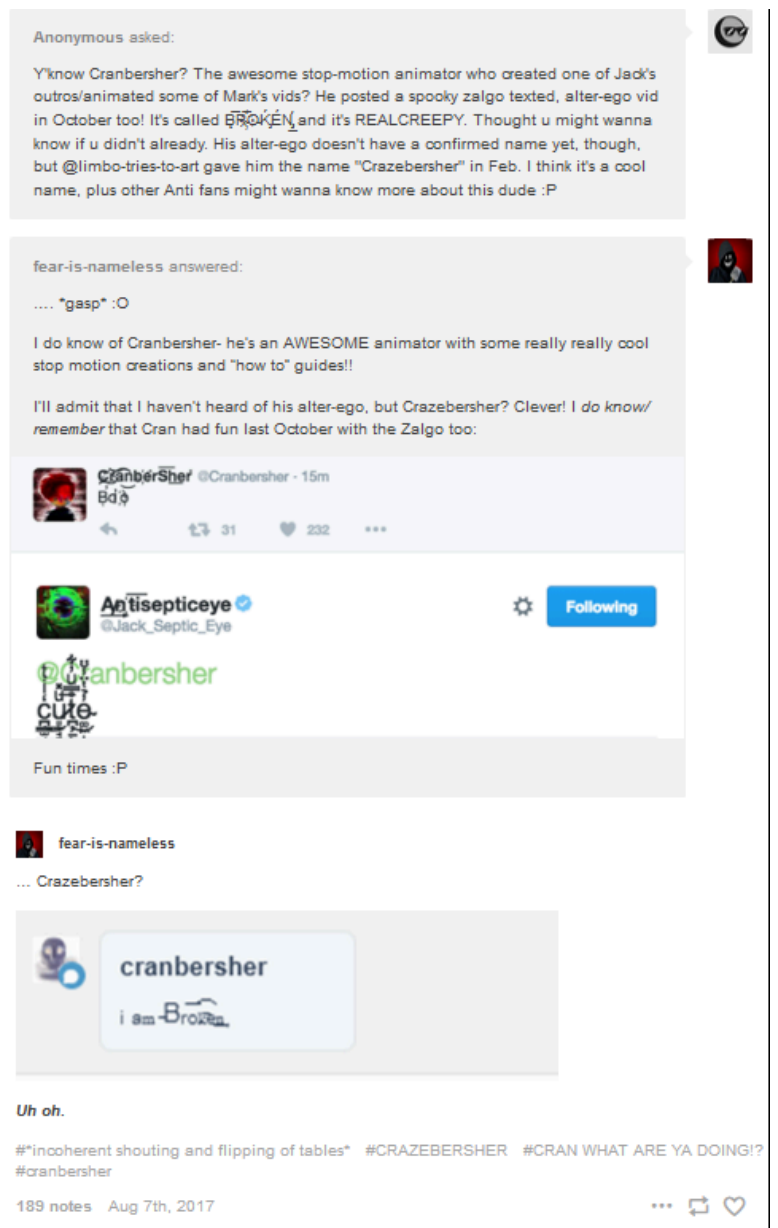
Secrets Update History:

www.cranbersher.com/secrets has been around since 2016 according to the Wayback Machine.

During October 2017, BROKEN took over Cranbersher's Twitter page, interacting with YouTubers and people alike.



Left: 7th Oct 2017
Right: 7th Aug 2017





smoliboops ✓✓

Oct 8, 2017 - 12:57 AM · 7 years ago



Anonymous asked:

cran just deleted the tweet n changed his profile back?

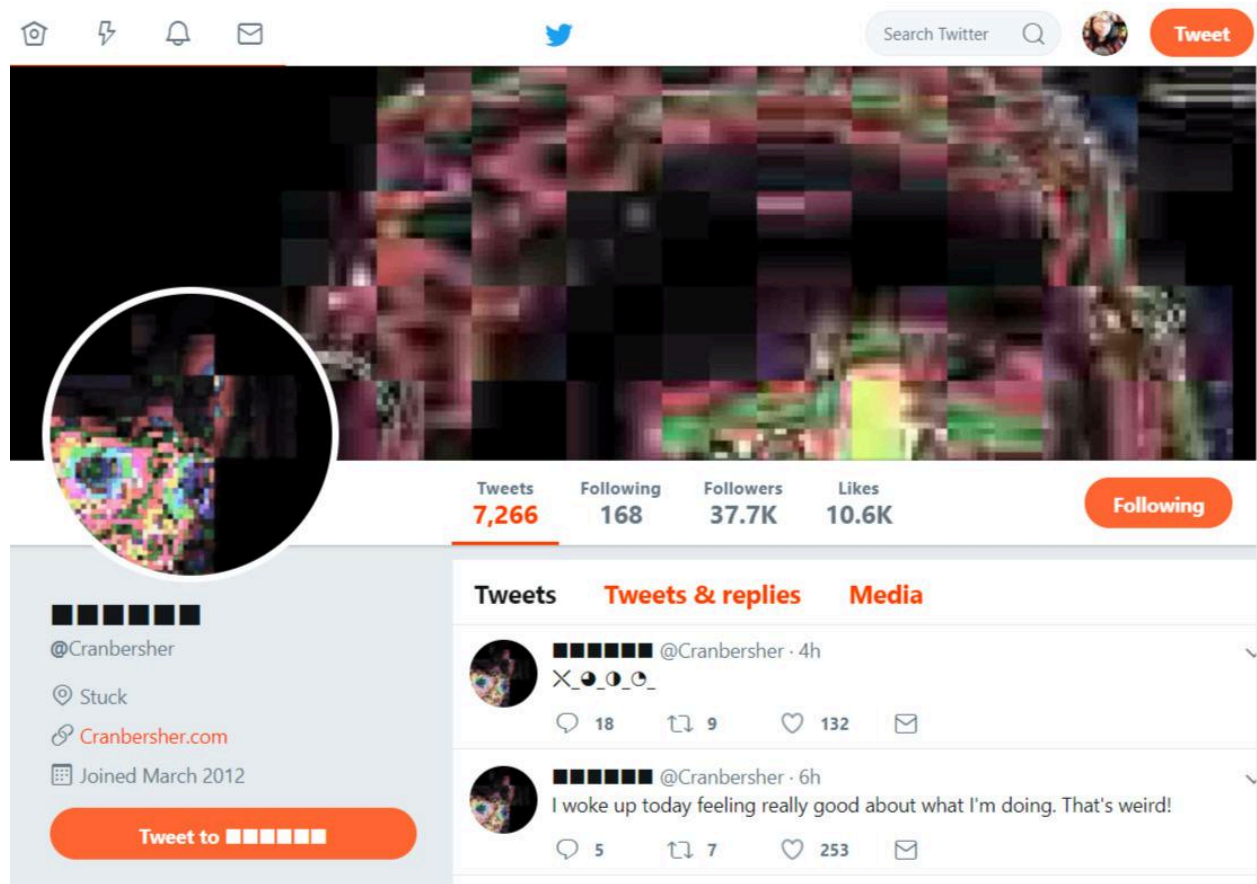


I SAW :')

With regard to the October 7th audio; it's probably lost media now :(



(Oct 13th 2017, image via [@smoliboops on tumblr](#))



(Oct 22nd 2017. image via [this tumblr post from @smoliboops](#))

THIS is the first instance of the secrets page appearing, as well as in derelict. The password-protected element was present, and hints were supposedly being given in a Twitch stream, an audio file, and on the website.

It's unknown if there was a different password used between then and the present day.

The page was also presented in the corners of the BROKEN video "Derelict." It's unknown what content would have been on the page as we cannot find any instance of people documenting/noticing it as such :(

Note the location being changed from "Stuck" to "Stuck in the shed", and then later to "Stuck in the well". This could imply or emphasise Broken's location and current condition and how it changed as the years went by maybe...

A submission form was presented to people in Halloween 2017; they could ask questions to Broken this way.

The link was shown again in Character Animation, in a much more obvious manner..

The password is 'ofunknownorigin'.

We found bits and pieces of the password all around the website when Facial Animation was uploaded.

Since we found it, the page has been updating almost every guide-related upload, and occasionally in between videos as well. Thanks to u/Jamie_Hart for some of these messages!

These are all the messages we've found so far:

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"Hello. Thank you for the pleasant time. Please stand by."

- When "Facial Animation" was uploaded.

"Hello again." - Character Animation.

A form to submit questions to 'Broken' (see below) was also found with this message. When a message was sent, the text "I see." was displayed.

"So close. How unfortunate."

- At the time "Restraint" was uploaded.

August 9th: Found by u/Noonecareslmao:  
(two days after Restraint)

"We must  
Assist  
Just this once."

August 11th:

"..."

"They've gone now."

- At the time "Edification" was uploaded.

September 5th:  
"See you soon."

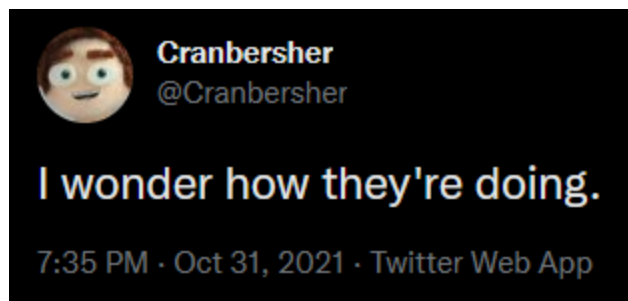
The page recently hit 1000 visits woohoo! (October 20th)

Halloween 2019:  
Nothing was written.

Halloween 2020 (Kickstarter Announcement):  
"we are  
  
still here  
  
be safe  
  
over there"

April 6th 2021 (Kickstarter 100% Backed!):  
":)"

Halloween 2021:  
Patience.  
[\(and a tweet from Cran\)](#)



At one point or another, the page visit tracker was removed... it's unclear as to when or why. We estimate it was removed at some point during 2022.

In February 2024, after a whole two(!) years, Cranbersher uploaded "pabulum", another video where Broken was out in the real life forest. The video was linked to on the secrets page.

A day after PanGuided was uploaded:  
(1st June 2025)  
Nearly there...

## Responses to Broken:

Little info is known about the puppet known as 'Broken'. He's a valuable asset to the series and his answers may just give us missing pieces of this puzzle.

Sadly, the email [akinsmenembryo@gmail.com](mailto:akinsmenembryo@gmail.com) doesn't work anymore  
(thanks for letting us know Unknown).

It's an anagram for 'my name is broken'.

RIP our only way of direct contact. If you have any responses you didn't post, please please please add them here!

Discuss responses in the theory section please; this section is strictly to list responses.

Also, I purposely sized down the responses to save space; it's not part of the mystery!

"Where did you go?  
Who saved Orange bersher?"  
- u/Xalec74 AKA nikos

### Response:

"A charge was needed.  
Saved,  
Interesting choice of words."

"Is there anybody with you? Can we help you?"  
- u/StarKid45

### Response:

"In a matter of speaking  
Yes  
But now  
I can only hear  
One

You are doing  
All you can  
Thank you"

"It's good to see you again BROKEN ., How have you been? It's been a while, what's happened since last time you surfaced? Is there anyway I, or anyone can help you, or, are you really in danger? Do you need help?"

- u/NobleSevenNight

**Response:**

"I have been

surviving

rain

cold

rain.

you are doing

everything you can

thank you"

"What is consciousness? There are many questions yet unknown by scientists, doctors, philosophers, anyone.

Yet I have a feeling you might know this broken. So tell me

What do you think consciousness is?"

- u/lumoize

**Response:**

"it is something

I never asked for

yet have

and now require"

1. "I don't think you are alone. There are others. Are they related?"

2. "Where does it hurt?"

- u/Shenorai

**Response:**

1. "they are

dormant"

2. "where doesn't  
it hurt"

1. "You are a puppet, a marionette. Who is pulling the strings?"

"I am here. Who is your master?"

2. "What is your goal here? Your end-game? What could you possibly  
want?"

- u/Jamie\_Hart

1. "a master

strings

if that were

the case

this would be

much easier"

2. "i am trying

to be fixed

we want

to live"

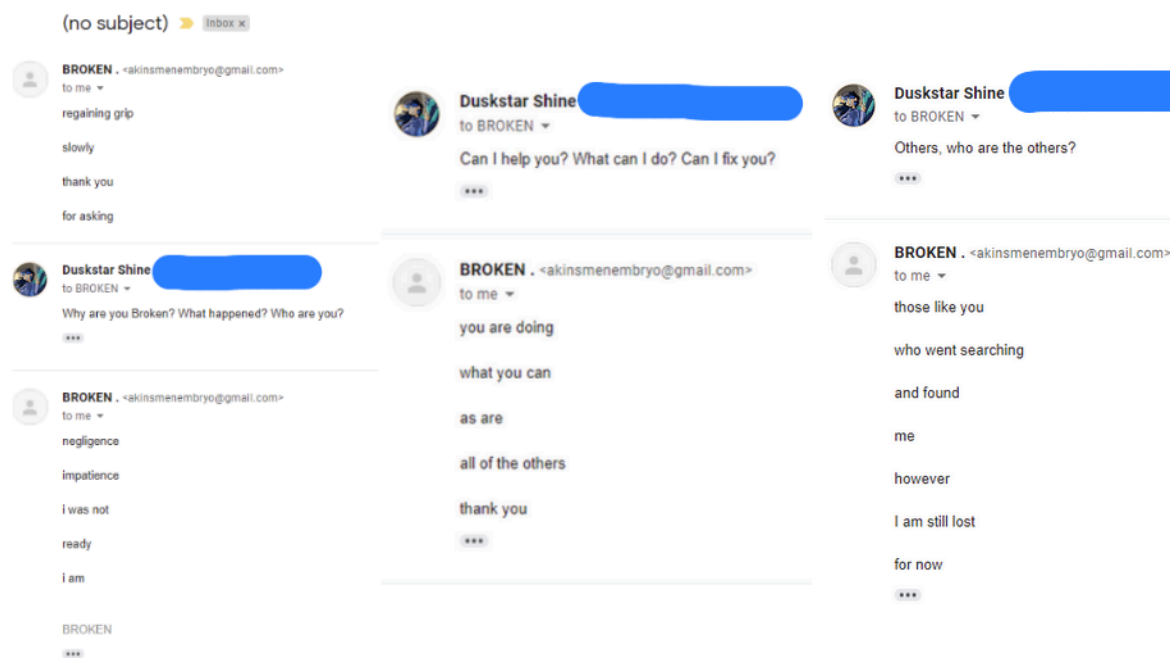
"I asked the secret email thing about Oliver and told him that I wanted to know answers about New Cran, but all it told me was. "Do not mention him.""  
u/Arikunn

"How can we help you?"  
- u/Shenorai  
Response:  
"watch

and

learn"

These are all from Duskstar Shine:



# Extras!

This section is dedicated to extra lore that we end up coming across on Twitter or anywhere else!

## [Spectrogram message!](#)

Decrypted by u/lumoize, u/PlayerReady, and u/unknown\_is\_aaaaaaaaaa.

See how they did it [here!](#)

What does it mean? We don't know! (yet)

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In the kickstarter video, at the very end, Oliver finishes up the video by saying "I really can't do this on my own." The video glitches and cuts to a black screen. If captions are enabled and one is viewing on the Kickstarter page, the following dialogue shown like this:

"KM1: As a matter of fact, it's been you this whole time."

"KM2: We're almost there. Don't give up on us now."

This spawned a LOT of questions: are there multiple 'broken' puppets? Are these abbreviations representations for OP and NP who make up Broken?

Who are they?

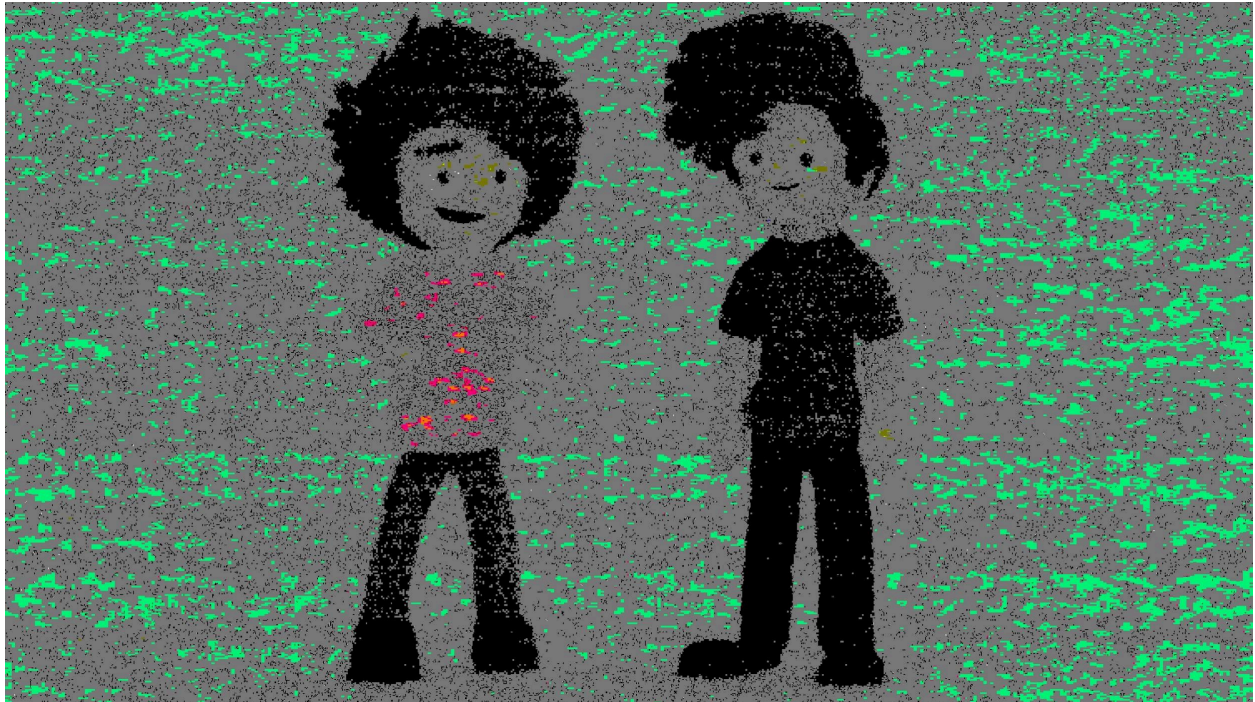
We've yet to figure that out.

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I had a look at the music in all the broken videos to see if there was anything hidden. There sort of was! See what I found [here!](#)

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On Twitter, Oliver posted this image:



A user by the name of "Doodler :D" (youtube) downloaded this image and noticed the file name was in base64. When decoded, it gave the text string "l.p." They assumed it was referring to a puppet. LP = Lost Puppet. The only character we can associate with "lost" is Broken. Have we finally found a name for him?

Whatever the case, this was a very sneaky find! Nice work Squid :D

(In retrospect, this probably isn't quite true since Twitter assigns a string of random characters to images when it's downloaded. There's a decent chance this was all coincidental... but it introduced our dear friend Squid to us and that's what matters <3 – QnT, 29/02/24)

[The video 'THREE WEEKS'](#) had some whispery loud audio that had definite dialogue, but hard to hear.

This was as far as one of us got in cleaning it up. ([click](#))

THEORY PAGE! :D

This page is where you can theorise to your heart's content. Add to other theories, make your own, and just have a grand ol' time using your brain to debunk all this nonsense.

If you have random key points that might link to something (if anything) but you don't know what yet, that's also good to throw in here too!
If you find any theories on the subreddit, don't copy/paste everything here, post a **shortened** link to the page, such as this example below.

Theory by u/Jamie_Hart (found on subreddit):

<https://bit.ly/2lBo6pt>

You can reply to theories by using the comment function on google docs!

Example theory:

Blah blah blah theory blah blah
edit: key point blah blah (credit to: commenter)
- theorist

That's it! From here on out, there are theories by you! Have fun.

Alright so I was just on Cran's Bandcamp page getting the picture (for the now long-gone old doc title image) and I was looking at the Cranbersher's Guide OST. The five tracks at the end are apparently written by Broken; Replacement, BROKEN, Derelict, Infight and Turn.

Turn is an interesting title, because (even though the narrator said it himself), Cranbersher turned Orangebersher around in Facial Animation. It was hard to see because we were in puppet time.

"...whoever is writing on the secret page of the website (in the narrative, not real life) is talking to someone/us."

- u/Jamie_Hart

I'll put my reddit post on here too:

TL;DR: Consider the idea that the webseries "For Dakotah" and "Cranbersher's Guide" may be connected. I'm currently investigating this myself right now, and would appreciate help if any of you feel the theory has merit.

I left a comment on "Restraint" about a month ago on a theory I have that "Cranbersher's Guide" and Oliver's much older series "For Dakotah" are potentially connected. I'll post it in its entirety below.

Has anyone else here watched For Dakotah? It's a little horror web series, filmed in the style of a sort of "found-footage" collection of vlogs. The channel where they're uploaded is in the featured channels section of Cranbersher's YouTube page (and he also has a playlist made of all of the videos), and Oliver Beale himself wrote, directed, edited, and starred in the series. The whole series is maybe an hour and a half.

There seems to be a connection between that series and this one. If you watch For Dakotah, you'll notice that all of the creepy, glitchy areas of the videos are similar to the creepy, glitchy videos in this series: normal footage with the saturation/exposure cranked way up, heavily blurred, and/or glitching between shots. The creepier standalone videos in For Dakotah will often be a series of shots, again with high saturation or exposure, of nature - something we see in the videos (that are IN the "Cranbersher's Guide" playlist, of course) Derelict and Overwrought. It's worth noting that Oliver's character in that series, Calvin G, is also interested in stop motion, and working on his project leads to his disappearance. The puppet that Cal uses can be seen in some of the much, much older videos on this channel.

The similar styles of the two videos, along with the fact that both series have the same producer and writer (supposedly), the two seem to be connected in some way. Both seem pretty lore-heavy, and maybe the details of one can answer some deeper questions about the other.

Just some food for thought for any hardcore theorists. I'd love to discuss with anyone who's interested.

One thing that has happened since I posted this is I learned about the email address of BROKEN. I sent an email a few days ago just asking "Do you know Calvin G?"

As of this moment, I'm still awaiting a response, but as of the last video, I worry he won't be responding for a while, given the circumstances.

EDIT: Another thing to note is that in the credits of "For Dakotah" it specifically calls out the series as being part one.

- u/ImperialPanlong

WE HAVE FOUND AN OFFICIAL LINK BETWEEN BROKEN AND THE GUIDE
(EVEN THOUGH WE WERE CERTAIN OF THAT BEFORE)

The majestic u/lumoize found a screenshot in the last few frames of
'edification' that looks like this:

<https://i.redd.it/a66z1maqepo31.png>

Seems like nothing right? Overlay it on a video you ought to know:

<https://i.redd.it/iywkuksqepo31.png>

We have a connection! Hopefully this will enhance future theories knowing
we have proof!

"I brought this up in the comments of the video, but i definitely think
something called to Newbersher, will break him, and then hes gonna kill
orangebersher in a fit of rage about causing the whole thing

to quote Overwrought, "but one of us is all we have"

I'm also convinced the broken videos, if they are guides, are still through
the eyes of the narrator, and Cranbersher attacking him messed up his
vision, making it glitchy, and his mind."

- u/Xalec74

In Character Animation, from 1:36 to 1:38, the glitches emphasise the new
puppet's eyes.

Possibly a tie to how this puppet and 'Broken' are connected?

Edification Theory Stuff:

"Without them (the guides) I'm nothing. And Cranbersher will kill me."
So Cran possibly used some kind of weird magic to summon the voice (and possibly broken). We know this because of edification; he had a few PDF's on his computer, the key ones being:

- The Beginners Guide to Ceremonial Magic
- Not Impossible - A Condensed Read on How to Use Chaos Mag...(ic)

It's likely he's also been expecting the puppets to do something soon because of the pdf named "Forbidden Magic and You - What to Expect When P...(uppets (rebel/rise up/escape etc.)). The puppets were going through edification (hence the title) and Cranbersher understood that and prepared for when that would happen.

[Extra note: March 1st 2021: Adding to this, perhaps he only got that PDF after OP tried to commit not-alive by falling off the worktable? He saw what OP was doing and turning him around of course. Then he thought "okay maybe they're planning something I should read up on this" but that wouldn't make sense because if he summoned the narrator he probably would have anticipated something similar happening with the puppets. I don't know just a thought.]

Subsist is now up on the channel wooOOoo!

See here for a mini "what we (don't) know" table: <https://bit.ly/34nQNHZ>
There's a lot more we've yet to see but it'll take a long time for it to get here (because real-time animation takes months, props to you Oliver)
(edit 10/12/19: also because he's got a job at LAIKA now so he probably can't do the guides as much)

What does he mean by complicated? What happened in the forest?

"why things are complicated this time around" literally refers to the fact Oliver is feeling rushed, a lot of this video was more of an update video than anything else. If we didn't watch he would have died, meaning his

channel would have died since no one was watching or giving support. "it's complicated" seems indicative that he feels constantly pressured to churn out these videos to satisfy us and its taking its toll on him.

Theory-wise, I think Broken is both a body for Oliver to talk through, but is also a mix of NewBersher and OrangeBersher, with OrangeBersher now being the more sinister and controlling of the two after NewBersher bullied and mocked him. i think that blood splatter we see in the beginning of this video and the end of overwrought is them falling to their death out the window? or maybe Orangebersher falling to his death at some point, but something revives their corpse with this hivemind and the true order of the halloween videos is

Overwrought
The beginning of subsist
derelict - we see the same camera angle on the same wall with the same
puppet
Broken
The rest of subsist

instead of the puppet deteriorating, he's regenerating "it's getting worse, but it feels remarkable" in derelict refers to the internal struggle of these two minds in one body, with the weaker one saying "its getting worse" and the oppressive one saying "but it feels remarkable"

the one part of the video that's really pissing me off is 9 9 10 11 12, specifically because 11 and 12 are in different fonts and we hear ****SOMETHING**** when 11 flashes but i cannot decipher what, i've tried spectrograms, speeding it up slowing it down, pitching and reverb i have no idea why it's different.

maybe it's showing a passage of time?

ALSO HOLY SHIT I JUST REMEMBERED THE FUCKING ENDING OF BROKEN SHOWS THE OTHER MOUTH OVER HIS EYE BECAUSE THEY HAVE 2 MOUTHS"

- u/Xalec74
(honestly, this is a seriously good theory. Nice job)

That theory continued...
"OK, so my theory as stated before is this,
The Halloween videos are out of order. and the real order is this.

edification
(maybe something else)
overwrought
0:08 - 0:28 in subsist
derelict
broken
everything after the 12 in subsist

So here's the idea on the numbers.

Edification was posted in September, month 9, meaning that the little flashback we see is from right after overwrought, which also took place in September

derelict, broken, and something else were in November potentially, and that is why we hear something when 11 flashes.

and then we get to December, when we see the rest of subsist. hence the meaning behind the line "of course there is more to see, but these events have passed now"

meaning there is more footage of them merging together, or waking up like they did in overwrought.

if anyone is confused as to why the videos are ordered the way they are, as someone pointed out in the comments, subsist is to survive minimally, so the two are surviving together in one body to "conserve energy" so that one day, they can be healed fully again, subsisting slowly heals.

the reason why we needed to watch or they'd die is because if no one watches the videos, what's the point in making them, and if videos aren't made, puppets are stuck, forever, dead in purgatory, with the channel.

Im no gambling man but if the Halloween videos are being released backwards memento style (great movie btw), we will get the full story once we find the point where Orange and NewBersher merge.

my personal belief is that Orange blames NewBersher for everything and becomes the dominant personality inside the head, healing out of pure rage and spite, and he will be the true villain.

my prediction is no videos until next halloween, and the video will be called "vessel"

- u/Xalec74

"It's well established that OP and [NP] are *puppets*. They do not have human like anatomy or movement. This is established after the fight, and when the narrator says that puppets do not have brains.

But [in overwrought] we see BROKEN *breathing*. And *bleeding*. Which we've never seen a *puppet* do - even when their limbs are broken, for example. So what happened to the two that forces them to have these more human like traits?"

- ImperialPanlong"

"one of the trickiest things with an arg is like "why is this video bein posted on youtube" with the guide that's also the case, like why would the narrator post fucked up videos without editing out the bits where orange and grey are fighting

broken is the one who makes sure that stuff stays in and gets posted
cause apparently he wants us to "learn"

"I put forth my best effort... to show you more. More of what you would never see otherwise."

Broken is obsessed with "conserving energy". he like, swallows his mouth again so that *he doesn't have to animate the fucking lip sync*

"these events have passed now" Broken knows how the rest of the story plays out

cause the puppets are so slow, whatever it is that happens out in the woods has already happened.
he's not in the future... he's, like, in the present, and orange and grey as we saw them are in the past.

"Perhaps one day you will see, and I can be whole"
... the question of what the fuck is Broken is a big one ... i'm very very worried about that"

- happidragon

"well there's the theory that [broken is] both gray and orange which i believe ... but what if he's also a bit of the narrator as like a dying wish or something ... thats why he can upload and change the videos"

- unknown

"broken seems like he gets more accustomed to whatever has happened to him as the episodes go on ... i mean, he says "it's getting worse" in Derelict ... [he's getting] better at coping, but the situation is getting worse ... it seemed real bad during overwrought, but he's definitely got a handle on things by subsist"

- happidragon

"Hey uhh, here's a crackhead theory cause I'm high off of paint fumes and cause I need to write it out.

~~don't take me seriously on this one, also don't ask why I'm high off of paint fumes, I'm A ok :)~~

What if the narrator is actually the twin [in] cran's question videos he did before, like it would be cool to see the narrator personified in some sort of way"

- unknown

"I've made a small discovery that probably some of you have also noticed but I would like to take note here

When broken is shown he is shown as two voices which we speculate is old puppet/ orange and new puppet/ grey

But in the recent video with broken I noticed that when orange is speaking he uses broken's mouth while grey doesn't so "they can save energy", also showing that orange still doesn't understand how everything works still."
- unknown

Image from the kickstarter video (note the face in the top left):



Update 12/11/21: we think this may be broken perhaps??? And he may be puppeting Oliver/cran here?

"I just had a thought which turned into a theory I might have a theory on what "character animation redux" might be so imma ramble about it "character animation" was the one video that got fully derailed off of the guides and turned into the series we have now fully. I am thinking that because "character animation redux" is the final episode it could be broken's creation, ending the cycle and finishing the series. "Character animation" was also one of Orange's/ old puppet's main videos because that's when he got yoinked by cran, figured out the "face" situation and

mostly kickstarted the rest of the series. We've seen orange's "character animation", *now it's grey's/new puppet's turn.*"

- unknown

We realised as we were being updated on Guides progress, that the episode numbers were inconsistent with the actual episodes, i.e he didn't acknowledge the Broken videos at all (thanks Amber!):

<https://twitter.com/Cranbersher/status/1396604621385129988?s=19>

<https://twitter.com/Cranbersher/status/1406809323913633792?s=19>

There are 12 'guides', an intro, and 4 'other videos' as he explained in the Kickstarter video. He only canonically acknowledges them there, but in other videos (specifically edification) they're invisible, they don't exist to Cranbersher. The only explanation for him acknowledging them there is that Broken/Narrator was puppeting his body somehow?

A lot of videos are missing on the channel in edification; Talky Time, LAIKA highlights, Cuphead: A Tailored Tale- it's only his own personal animations/projects that are up there. No comments videos or anything else. And of course, no broken videos.

The date the puppets escape is August 7th, 2019. That's the same day Restraint was uploaded, but Edification (a follow up to that ofc) was released one month later, on September 4th.

- anon