

Trapped! Narritave of Kaos by Moussa Gueye

I watched as the skylanders approached me. Just by looking at the skylanders faces I could tell they were nervous. "prepare to meet your honorable doom!" I yelled as I charged at the skylanders.

Before I knew it I had low health. But, the skylanders health was low to. The skylanders got the last hit, and to my surprise, I was down. The portal master put a trap into the portal of power. I tried to get free from the trap, but it didn't work. Once a villain is put into a trap they turn good.

Since I was good now, I had to help the skylanders. I knew I would never forget the day I was defeated by the skylanders



Pikachu's Autobiography by Boone Gross

Hi, my name is Pikachu. You might think of me as the main character of Pokemon or a tiny electric mouse. Nothing more nothing less, but there's so much more to me. First off, I'm not the first Pokemon that ever came out! I was the 25th Pokemon that ever came out. And not only that, but my creator made me a first evolution (Boone will talk more about evolution in another article) instead of a second evolution or more, so when I first started out, I was a tiny first evolution, so basically my creator didn't make me a second evolution until another version of Pokemon the video game came out, so I was a humiliating first evolution for ten years. Kind of strange for the main character of Pokemon. Also I am not the only main character the Pokémon Clefairy was also another main character. And this is really amazing you want to know why my color is mainly yellow because at the time the only other main character who was yellow was Winnie the Pooh, so basically I'm yellow because of Winnie the Pooh and if you don't believe me go home right now look it up on Wikipedia under Pikachu's history.

My favorite food is berries but if I am with a trainer my favorite food is still berries but I do eat civil food from time to time, okay not from time to time if I'm

¹ Super Smash Bros. is a game where you play as any Nintendo character and battle others.

with a trainer I will eat nothing but civilized food in fact every single episode of Pokémon has shown me eating Pokémon food Still I much prefer berries.

I'm not known to be cooperative as a matter of fact when I first appeared in the Pokémon TV show I shocked my own trainer! Well hey don't blame me it's just in a Pikachus nature. When I was out in the wild all my Pikachu friends thought it funny if when a little boy went through a bush they would give them a little static shock. Or when a man went down the sidewalk when they touched him it was to give him a big shock, literally, in one or two comic books they called Pikachu's pests!

What it wasn't like they called other small Pokémon anything else but I'm not getting get into that. If you think about it you feel little sorry for me, I mean how many main characters in video games or comic books get called pests everyday, not many. So basically if you're a wild Pikachu you're going to thank your stars if your caught by a trainer. I remember what it was like to be a wild Pikachu it was horrid. Sure it was fun playing jokes but you were chased around all day everybody wanted you to be disposed of back into the forest boy was I glad when the day came that I was caught by a trainer I was treated like a king or at least that's how I saw it. Well I am afraid that's all the time I have I hope you enjoyed my autobiography.





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Cores of Skylands

By Moussa Gueye

WONDER CREATIVITY BEAUTY Three main CORES of SKYLANDS

WONDER

Something You need In BATTLE To think of PLANS And ENJOY Every second of it

CREATIVITY

Another thing you must Have Creating abilities to POWER yourself To be able to INCOURAGE yourself

BEAUTY

All around Skylands LONG green grassy fields Deep blue oceans And PALACES

But there is one more Main core of Skylands The...

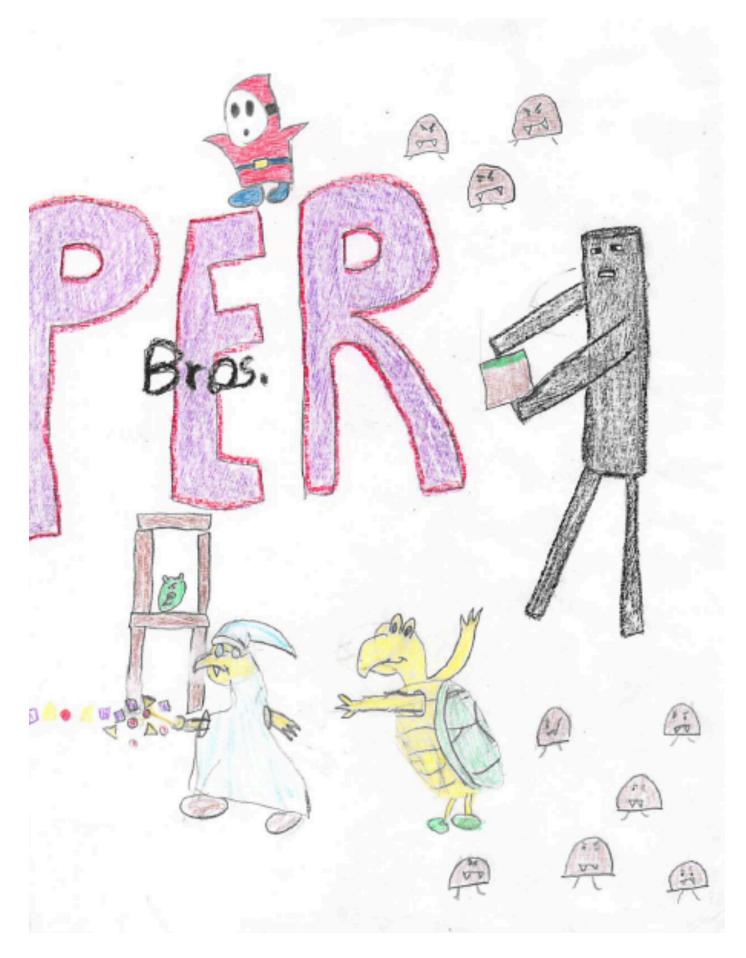
SKYLANDERS

The HEROS of Skylands You must have HONOR, CREATIVITY And WONDER. If you have all 3 of those qualities... You are a Skylander.





Gamer's Guide to Gaming



One day in Cloud Cracker Prison sat the villain, Kaos. Kaos had spent a very long time trying to escape. Finally, he had an idea. He decided that he could go into different worlds and find the villains there. But first he needed a plan to escape.

The Skylander named Snapshot was taking a walk. Then he noticed something very strange happening in Cloud Cracker Prison. Kaos and his army were escaping. Not only that, but little green pipes appeared in the ground. What are they called, warp pipes? Definitely something from a different world.

Mario was sitting around doing nothing. Suddenly he saw several goombas. They leaped into warp pipes. Mario had a feeling that they were up to something. Mario followed them into the warp pipes. When he came out, he was in a place with much better graphics than the graphics in his home! Mario's friends followed him. So many people were there from so many different worlds. There were characters there like Angry Birds, Pac Man, Sonic, plus a few Temple Run Zombie Monkeys. Mario was overwhelmed by all of these characters from different worlds all in one place. He thought to himself, "It's good that all the good guys are here, but it's bad that all the bad guys are here too!"

Kaos was having the time of his life. He had gotten a new ride, a.k.a. Bowser! He had difficulty riding Bowser at first, but he got used to riding with the spikes on his back. Out of nowhere, Pikachu attempted to blast lightning at Kaos. Kaos dodged it but was surprised when the Skylander Foodfight jumped out from behind the bush. "Eat my veggies!" Foodfight screamed, as he always does. Giant tomatoes blasted out of Foodfight's tomato gun and hit Bowser, who fell down as if he were cardboard.

The good guys have all united. Same with the bad guys.

Steve had built a base for all the good guys. When Steve showed Snapshot what he had built, Snapshot was delighted. He called all the good characters to the base to create a strategy to defeat all the villains of all of the Nintendo games and beyond. In no time at all, everyone was at the base, and they had established a way to defeat the enemy. Their strategy is that they would pick one character from each game to go against the villain, and the rest could stay back at the base and guard. All of the people who were chosen by Snapshot stepped out of the base and walked toward the enemy base. These characters were Mario. Pac Man. Steve. the Red Angry Bird, Pikachu, Om Nom, and many more, including Snapshot himself.

The villains had a somewhat similar strategy. In fact, their strategy was exactly the same. Bowser chose the King Pig from Angry Birds, a candyeating spider from Cut-the-Rope, Blinky, Endermen from Minecraft, Kaos, and the Team Rocket Leader. Bowser screamed a battle cry, and the battle resumed. ***

The first villain to attack was Bowser. He rolled toward Mario, who dodged and grabbed a fire flower. Instead of Mario's outfit being red, it was now white, the sign that he is in Fire Mario form. Mario rapidly threw balls of flame everywhere. But he turned

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back to 'normal Mario' when Snapshot ran forward to attack. After all, Snapshot's element is water!

Out of nowhere, goombas start attacking. Then, Mario has a plan. He tells Snapshot, who tells the rest of the team, and everyone approves of the plan. All the heroes of Nintendo and beyond start picking up the enemies and stuffing them through warp pipes. The only enemies they didn't stuff in warp pipes were the villains from Skylanders. They took them back to Cloud Cracker Prison. And sure enough, all of the heroes from Nintendo and beyond went back to their worlds, except for the Skylanders, who were already in theirs.

Kaos was not pleased. He had learned a lesson: Don't get involve in other people's business.



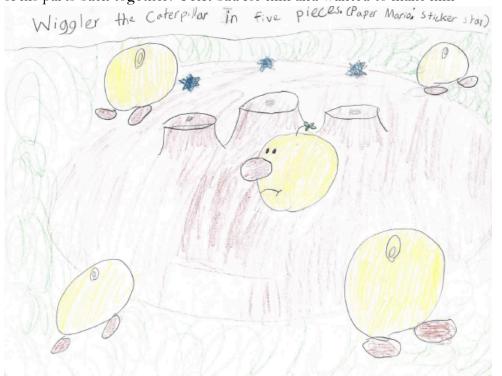
Video Games vs. Life by Jack Bram

Video games relate to life a lot. When people and video game characters face tough times, they grow up a little as a result. For example, in one video game I played there is a caterpillar character that was split into five different parts. He was all alone, and he was hurt and in pain for a long period of time. Not only that, the leaves he liked to eat were covered in poison. He was ready to give up and thought that no one would ever come by to help him.

Then my character, Mario, came by. I had to find out how to get rid of the poison and get all of his parts back together. I felt bad for him and wanted to make him

feel better. Once my character got rid of the source of the poison and got his parts back together, the caterpillar was overjoyed.

At the end, the caterpillar looked back at what had happened and realized that he had grown up after facing that hard time. At first he had



doubts that anyone would help him, but this restored his belief in people.

So I think that video games teach kids patience, perseverance, and how to keep things like losing in perspective.

Video Games Related to Life By Boone Gross

Video games relate to life in ways such as:

What is the object of the game? As in, what is the object of life? Or doing well in multiple games? As in doing well in multiple things in real life is a sign of success. So if you think about it, video games connect to the real world in many different ways. They can also teach you important life lessons like who to hang out with. Or wwho would you want to hang out with? So in a way, video games can be very important.

Strategizing in the Real World by Moussa Gueye

Strategizing relates to the video game world and the real world because...

In video games you have to find different strategies to...

- find different areas
- find mechanisms
- find ways to defeat enemies

You also need strategies in real life like ...

- to figure out hard problems
- to build things
- to clean things

You use strategies all the time! In conclusion, whenever you play vide games think of strategies and how they relate to life!

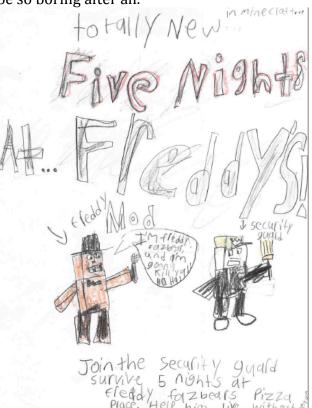
Invitation to Skylands

By: Moussa Gueye

On the most boring day of the year I was trapped in my room as if it were a dungeon because it was raining cats and dogs and I could not go out to play. I would have played my video games but the power was out. What was I supposed to do now? When I thought that things would never get better I heard a mysterious voice from somewhere in my playroom ask, "Why don't you try playing with us?" It seemed to be coming from my Skylanders collection. Who could it possibly be? I thought that maybe this day would not be so boring after all.

I walked over to my Skylanders table and quietly asked, "Who said that?" Suddenly, my Skylander Fryno character replied, "Don't you recognize my voice? Bushwhack, Jawbreaker, Snapshot and I have been noticing that you seem bored and unhappy. We thought we could cheer you up by teleporting you to Skylands with us. You could not possibly be bored there. You can even bring Laurel, your ventriloguist friend with you." My whole body froze for a second. Before I knew it, I was running around my room shouting with glee, "Yes! Yes! Let's do this thing!"

They used their powers to shrink me and Laurel down to the size of a



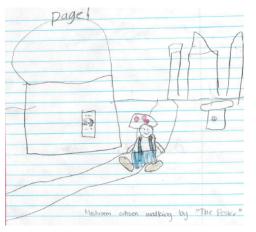
toy. We all climbed onto the portal of power and before we knew it we were in Skylands, a land of villains, little bear creatures called Mabu and the Skylanders who are the heroes of Skylands. Fryno and the crew gave Laurel and me a tour of Skylander Academy, the Battle Arenas, and Flynn's flying ship. Suddenly, a big shadow darkened Skylands and a booming voice thundered, "Well, lookee here! The Skylanders have returned to try to defeat the evil power of Wolfgang."

Fryno informed Laurel and me that we both need special powers to survive this war between the Skylanders and the Doomraiders. I have to admit that I was nervous but excited to become a Skylander and join the Skylanders in battle. I was a trap master and I had giant traptanium horns. Laurel was my super stealthy sidekick and could turn into a shadow. We made a great team and we followed the lead of Fryno and crew. We were finally Skylanders!

After spending three amazing days in Skyland, we are happy to report that the Skylanders, Laurel, and I were victorious against Wolfgang and the Doomraiders. We had a great celebration before being teleported back to earth. What an incredible adventure!

As I settled back in to my house and prepared for rest, I was startled by the sound of an unknown voice near my Lego table... " We need your help!"

Mario and Luigi Enemies By Boone Gross



One day an innocent citizen of the Mushroom Kingdom was walking along when he came across a poster saying, "Mario and Luigi versus Bowser to settle things once and for all." Now this citizen was not very smart, but he was very excited about this showdown.

So he called up a friend who was rooting for Bowser. This friend (who was very cunning) had an idea. He printed up a new poster that said, "Mario and Luigi versus Bowser. And P.S. Mario stinks from Luigi." When Mario saw the poster, he was furious. So he wrote on the poster "So do you!

From Mario."

The bros were at each other's throats. They refused to train for the fight with

each other. Then Luigi got a superior idea. He wrote a note in Mario's handwriting and sent it to Princess Peach. The note said, "We're through together. From Mario." Luigi was very proud of himself.

You can probably imagine, Mario got Luigi back by switching out all of Luigi's clothes with a shirt that said, "I love Bowser." After a string of a lot of pranks, it was time for the fight. In the locker room, the boys were crowing their heads off. And when they got in



the ring, things turned from bad to horribly wrong.

Mario threw a fireball, but Bowser dodged and the fireball hit Luigi, and chaos broke loose. Luigi jumped up and hit Mario. Then they both went down, kicking, punching, grabbing, and insulting. So the bros lost the fight. They were very upset. They hadn't lost a fight to Bowser in years!

Three weeks later, the friend who started the whole mess confessed, and was caught. So they marched him to the bros house and told him if he didn't

apologize he would go to jail. So he apologized and the fight was redone. And the bros won. But only because they figured out Bowser's strategy, and they weren't fighting.

The moral of the story is: A misunderstanding can make everything go wrong. Because the person who made the bros fight started it with one tiny misunderstanding.

The End *By Jack Bram* I was flying through the air as always. I look down below. There was a floating island made of endstone. Endstone is similar to sandstone, but endstone is only found in the dimension I live in, which is called The End. Every once in awhile, a person would come to The End to challenge me, for I am the ruler of Minecraft.

Tall pillars of obsidian

were scattered across the island. At the top of the pillars, there were crystals. If I got close to them, they would completely heal me if I ever got hurt. The crystals are called end crystals.

Tall, thin, black figures walked around on the island. These are Endermen. I have a whole army of Endermen in The End.

Perhaps I should introduce myself. I am the Ender Dragon, ruler of Minecraft.

I spot something on the island. The thing is blue, and the thing is none other than diamond armor, the best armor there is. *"Is that on an armor stand? Or is there another challenger."* I thought.

The thing moved. This was Steve, the one who was always challenging me. He took out his bow and arrow and attempted to hit me. I ducked as the arrow came towards me, but that was a mistake. It went straight past me and hit one of the End Crystals. The crystal exploded.

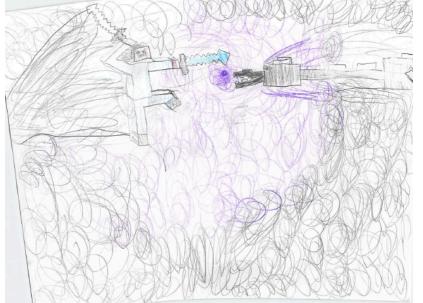
"That's one less crystal," I thought to myself. I knew he would eventually run out of arrows. He continued to hit more crystals, and every time they were hit, they exploded. After a while, he had no more arrows. *"There are only six more crystals left, but no more arrows. This is good."* I thought.

Steve took out his diamond pickaxe. The only material that can break

obsidian. He started digging a hole through an obsidian tower. *"What is he up to now?"* I wonder. Steve was digging a staircase through the tower.

"ROAR!" I said as I watched Steve destroy a crystal with his pickaxe. Steve then went down the hole. He slipped through a crowd of Endermen and dug a hole through another tower. He kept breaking crystals, and now there were none left.

Finally, Steve took out



his sword. It was on top of one of the towers. He leaped toward me. And then, I exploded. Orbs full of experience started raining down. 80 of them. For the first time, someone had defeated me.

I would come back. I would never lose again.

At least, that's what I hope...

Glossary

Angry Birds: a game where birds try to get their eggs back from evil pigs **Blinky**: one of the ghosts from Pac Man (the other ghosts are Inky, Pinky, and Clyde) **Boss enemy**: the most difficult enemy to defeat in all videogames

Bowser: an enemy in Mario who has spikes on his back

Bowser Jr: Bowser's son

Candy Eating Spider: spiders from the game Cut-the-Rope who try to steal candy from Om Nom

Cloud Cracker Prison: the prison where the enemies of Skylander's trap team are kept **Cut-the-Rope**: a game in which geometry and physics are used to deliver candy to a candy-eating monster named Om Nom

Enderdragon: the Boss enemy in Minecraft

Endermen: the hardest enemy to defeat that's not the Wither or the Enderdragon in Minecraft

Foodfight: a Skylander who has a gun that can shoot tomatoes

Goombas: small creatures in Mario that are Bowser's minions

Kamak: a Koopa Troopa who can cast spells and sometimes rides on a bromstick **Kaos**: the Boss enemy in Skylanders Trap Team

Koopa Troopa: another one of Bowser's minions; they can exist in different forms such as fire koopas, boomerang koopas, ice koopas, and even a Magikoopa whose name is Kamak

Luigi: Mario's brother

Mario: both a videogame and the main character of a series of videogames

Minecraft: a sandbox game where you can choose your path and there are many different ways to complete levels

Om Nom: a candy-eating monster in Cut-the-Rope

Pac Man: a game where the main character, called Pac Man, tries to earn points without getting eaten by ghosts

Para-: a prefix in Mario that means it has wings; for example, Paragoomba means "goomba with wings"

Pikachu: the 25th Pokemon character that came out and his element is electricity

Skylanders: a game where mysterious creatures protect others from doomraiders, the villains in

Skylander

Skylanders Trap Team: a game where Skylanders battle Bosses and trap them; once trapped, you play as the Bosses

Snapshot: a Skylander whose element is water

Sonic: a hedgehog who is very similar to Mario

Steve: the main character in Minecraft

Super Smash Bros.: a video game where all characters from Nintendo have a free-for-all battle

Team Rocket: the evil team that uses Pokemon for a bad cause

Temple Run Zombie Monkeys: the monkeys that chase you in Temple Run

Toads: multiple characters from Mario who help Mario



Picture by Supreme gamer, zoe Lachary

Warp pipes: Mario's form of transportation

Wiggler: a giant caterpillar that Mario sometimes rides

