

Love letter to an Archived Element

(3 memories)

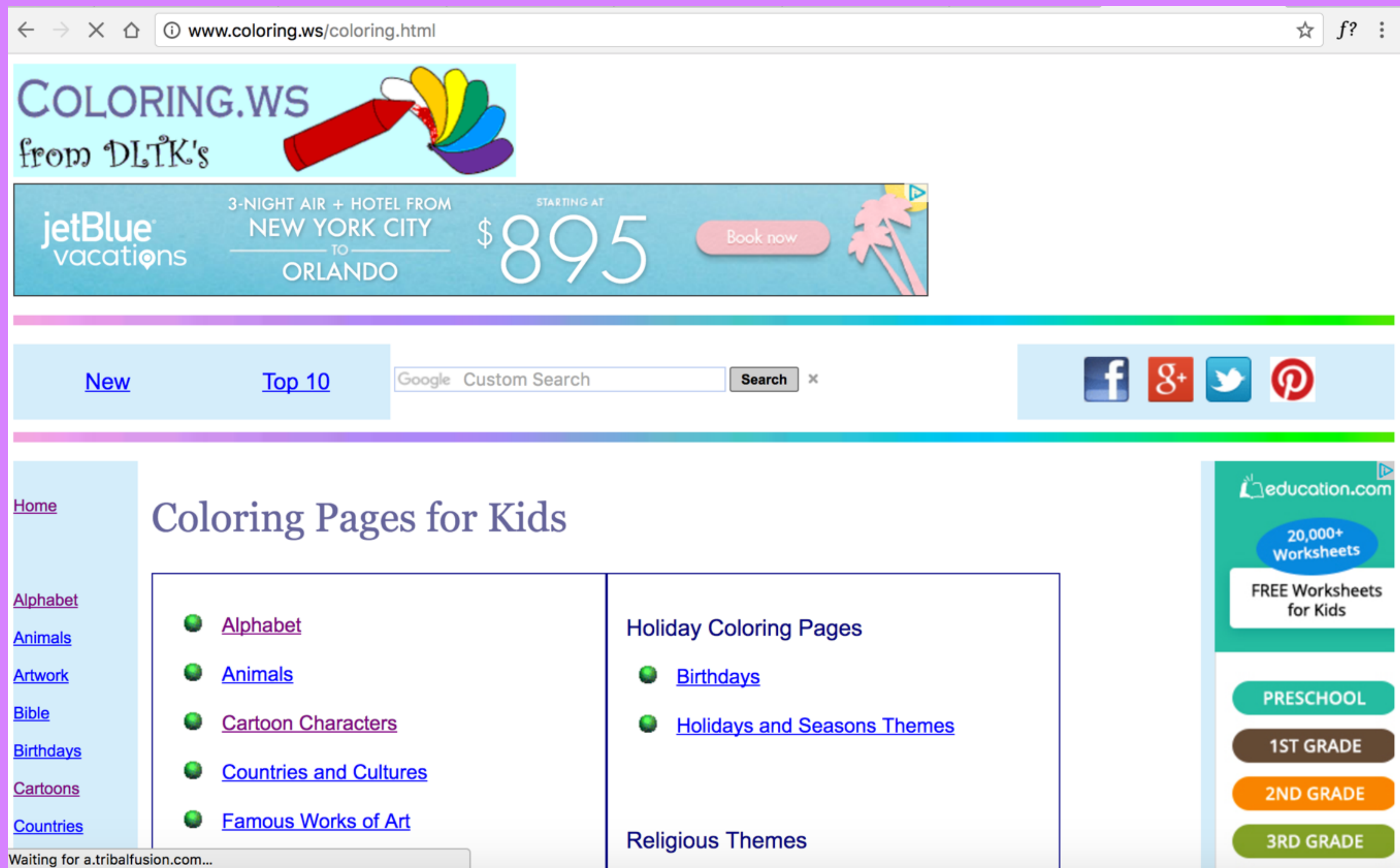
Memory 1: Searching for
printable colouring pages

Memory:

- This is probably my first memory of the internet. I was about 4 or 5 years old and I went to my fathers office. I was cranky, sad and had nothing to do while I was there.
- At the time, I loved colouring in colouring/activity books and so my dad went on to the internet and searched for printable colouring pages and printed them for me. I remember being super fascinated by this and was really excited.
- I spent the rest of the time there drawing and colouring on those pages.



- I don't remember the exact website he used to use to print these pages but they were something like this:

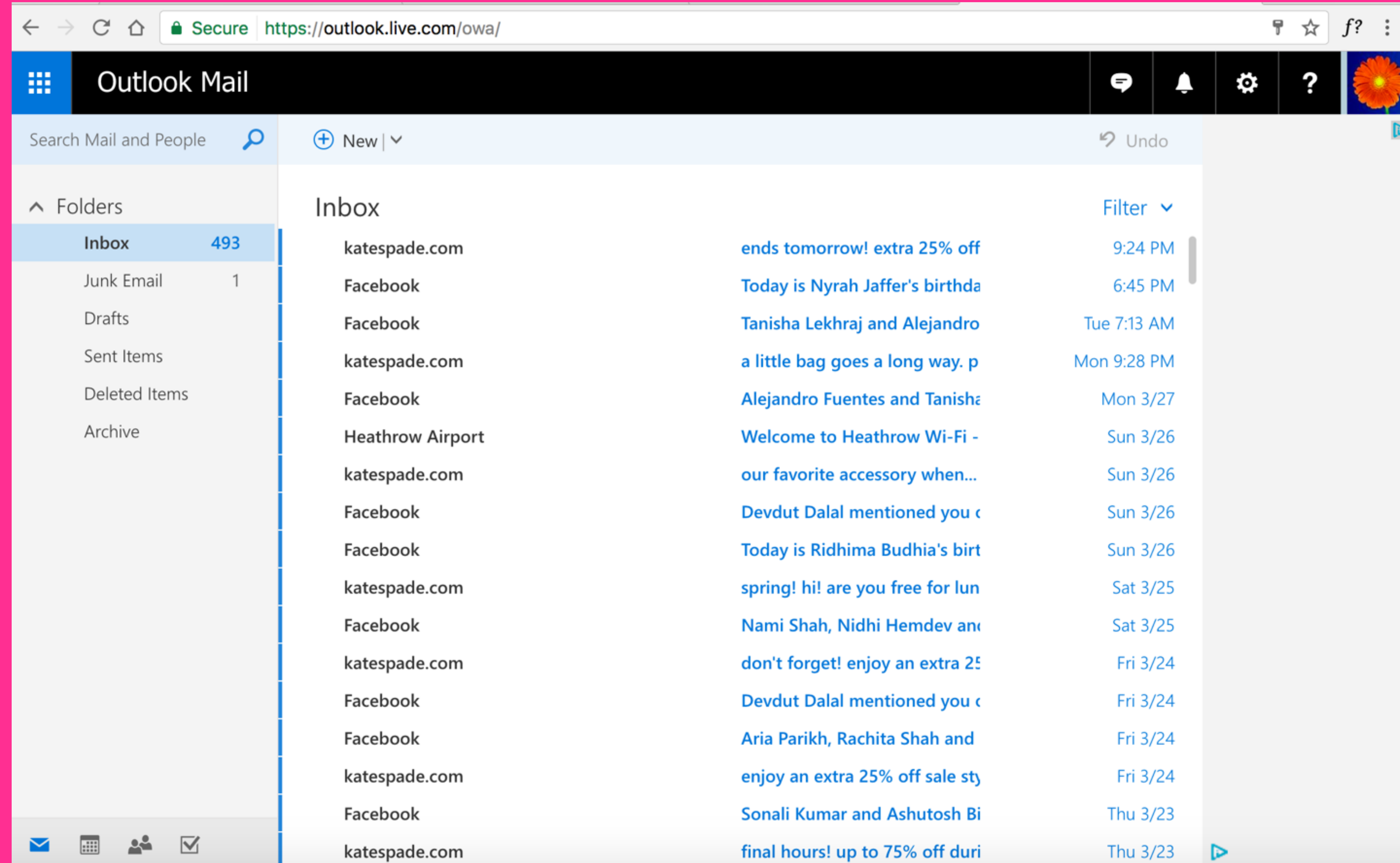


Memory 2: Hotmail email id

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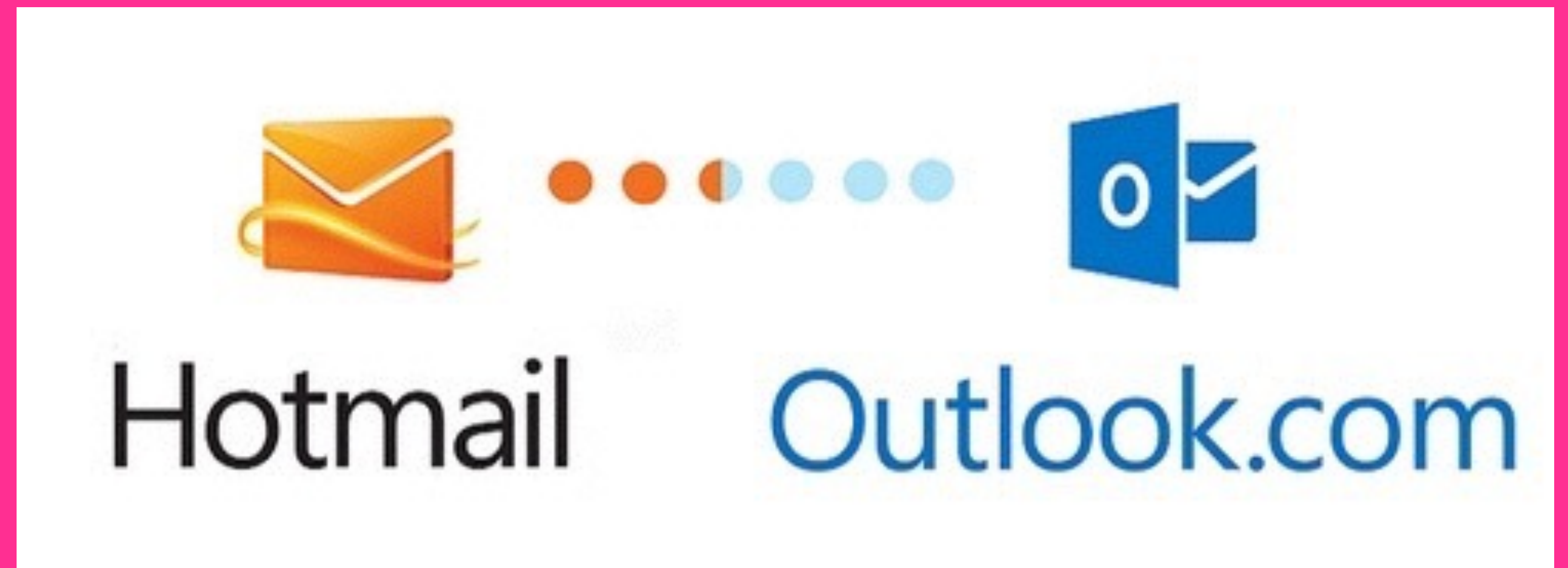
- Another early memory I have with the internet is creating an email id. My brother helped me make one when I was fairly young (probably 8-9 years old) but I only actually began to use it when I was 11 years old. I would write emails to my friends when I was on vacation and sometimes use MSN messenger to chat with them.
- My id was gaurikarocks@hotmail.com which is super embarrassing to think about it now. This id still exists but it only has loads of random/junk email that I haven't opened in years.

This is what it looks like now:



About Hotmail

- Hotmail was one of the first web-based email services. Founded by Sabeer Bhatia and Jack Smith it was launched on July 4 1996 as "HoTMaiL". Microsoft bought the web email service in 1997 for an estimated \$400 million, and it was rebranded as "MSN Hotmail".

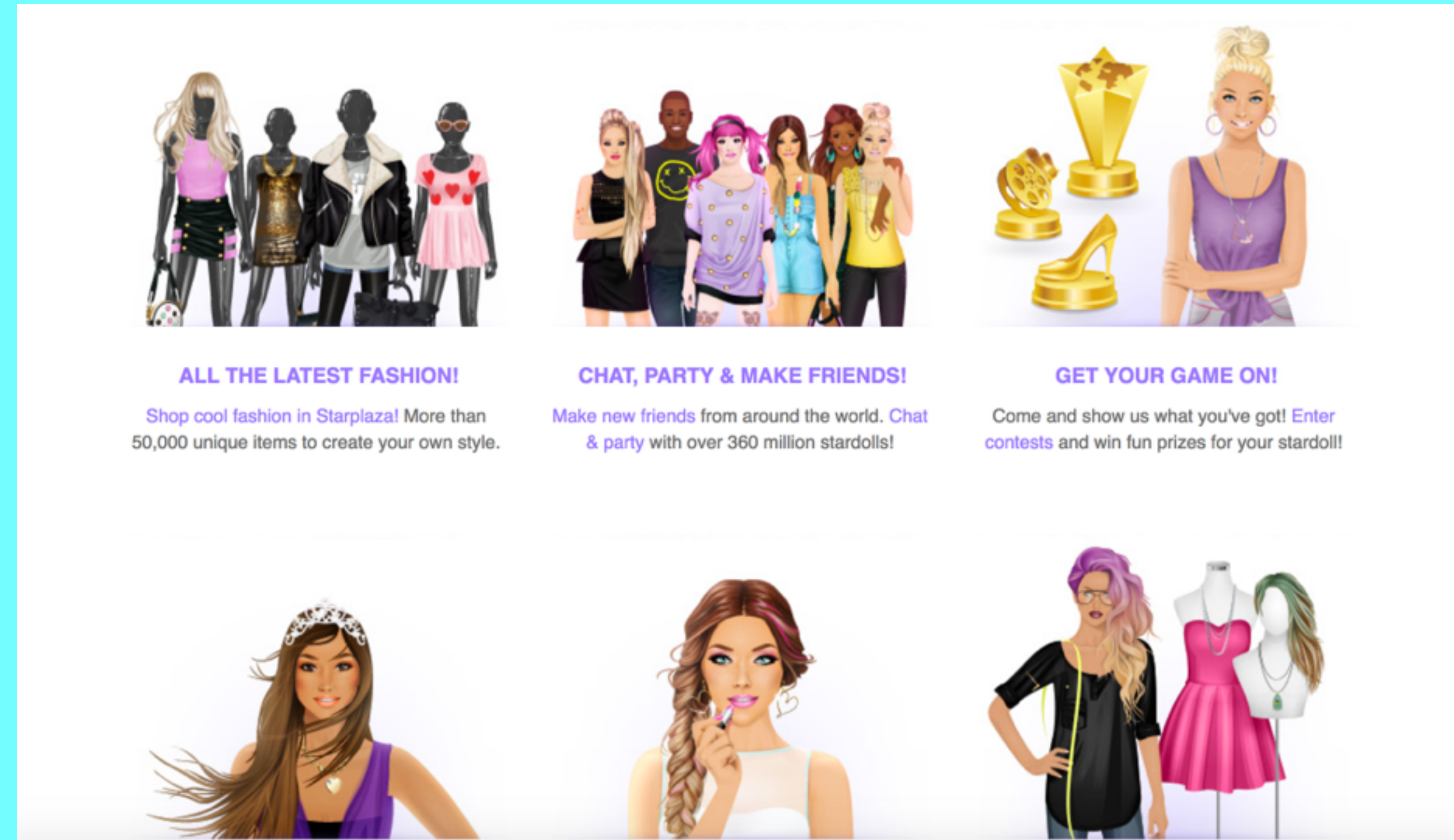
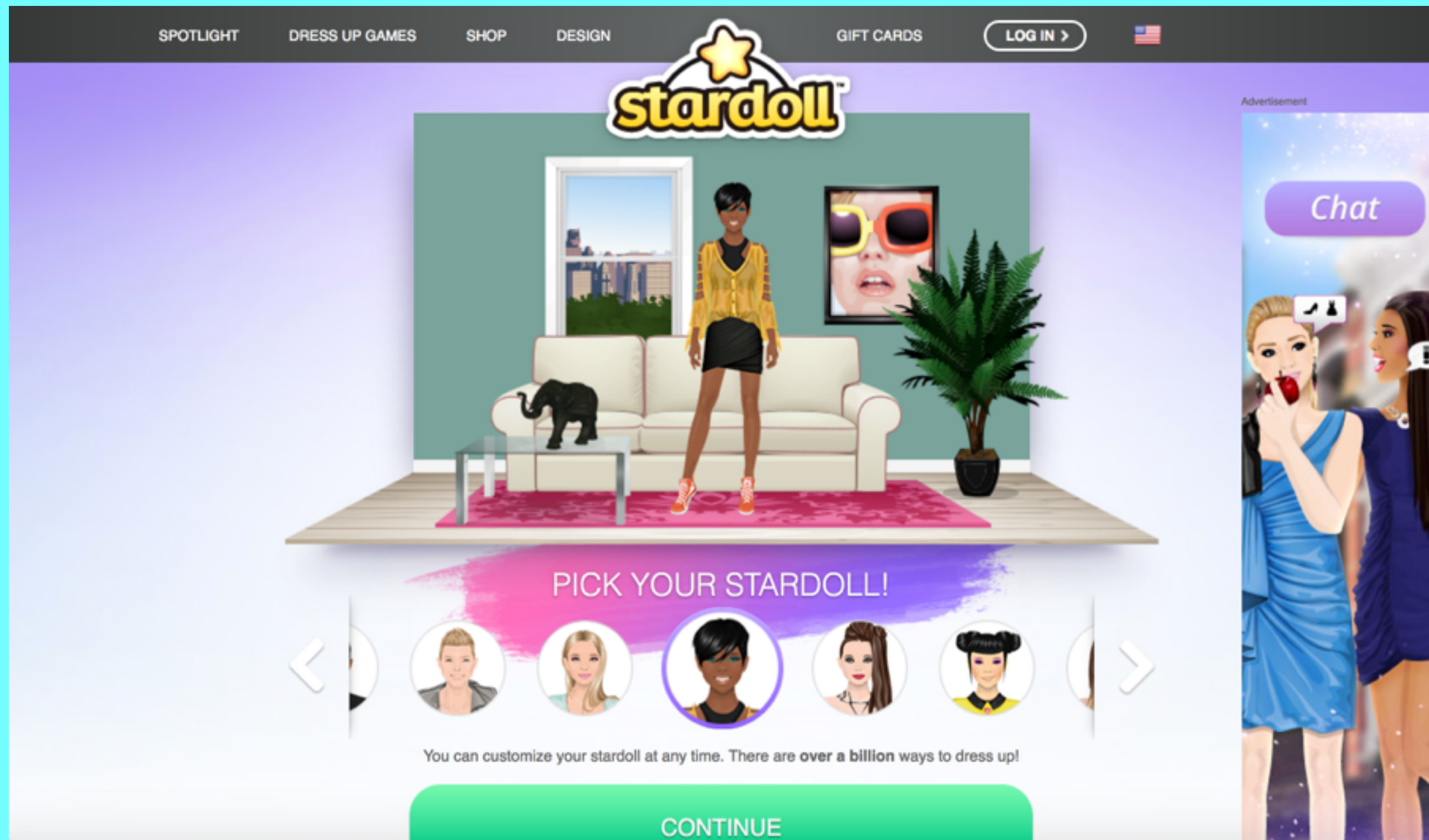


Memory 3: Playing with online dress
up games

Memory:

- I was introduced to these kind of online games by my best friend. We were probably 11 years old when I first played this game at her house.
- If I'm not mistaken the website was called star dolls. It allowed you to customise your own dolls by choosing it's features and clothes. There were also different games that you could then play using the doll. I remember loving the website and visiting it often.

Screenshots from the website:



Customisation:

