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## # Preface

I'm not a blockchain/web3 engineer (though I am looking to be one soon). I am just a website developer with moderate amount of experience. I can read and write JavaScript and Python. Solidity, the programming language used by Ethereum smart contracts, was heavily inspired by JavaScript, C++ and Python, so reading a Solidity contract should be somewhat familiar for me.

## # TL;DR

Loopring's Contract Creator, one that they've been using since 2019, created Contracts containing "GameStop ecosystem" references.

**\*\*What this means?\*\*** The partnership is 100% real! The NFT marketplace will inevitably launch soon, **\*\*WE JUST DON'T KNOW WHEN\*\***. Please don't miss the rocket by selling your LRCs or GMEs. Can't you hold a few more days, weeks or months for life-changing money?

## # Intro

Let's walk through what we've seen so far. I'll try to explain it with as less technical terms as possible.

## # The Windatang leak

Late October, Windatang, a [legit Loopring developer](https://github.com/windatang), pushed some code up to Github, and people discovered a couple of interesting things within it: the usages of the term "gameStopMeta" and references to "[ipfs.nft.gstop-sandbox.com](https://ipfs.nft.gstop-sandbox.com)".

<https://preview.redd.it/dwbpkl38rcc81.png?width=1498&format=png&auto=webp&s=219a2a4483eca813ab7465bc8ab9f6e8cf737c2a>

Source: [https://gmedd.com/blockchain/loopring-code-confirms-gamestop-nft-marketplace-is-underway/](https://gmedd.com/blockchain/loopring-code-confirms-gamestop-nft-marketplace-is-underway/)

Some have debunked this because:

- \* They didn't thought that Winda was a real Loopring dev (she is).
- \* The code was pushed to Winda's own public copy of Loopring's [loopring-web-v2](https://github.com/Loopring/loopring-web-v2) repository and not to the official one.
- \* Her copy of the repository was immediately made private or deleted after it started gathering Reddit attention (but not before it got [archived](https://web.archive.org/web/20211028000950/https://github.com/Loopring/loopring-web-v2/commit/de1601d253991fd4c493a8d5629c02c7d38b5e23)).

A few days later, Winda committed [a very similar algorithm](https://np.reddit.com/r/Superstonk/comments/r6mibr/why\_i\_was\_negative\_on\_that\_loopring\_gamestop\_code/) (but without the GameStop references) to a different but official Loopring repository ([loopring\_sdk](https://github.com/Loopring/loopring\_sdk)).

Even though it wasn't clear cut, this tells me she probably tested the code first in her own copy as to not mess up the official one. Since it's her own copy, she added some static references to make it easier to test, but she forgot that it was publicly visible. After it went trending, she made her repo copy private, continued working on the code and removed the references. Later on, when it turns out she needs a very

similar functionality in another project, she copies the now-clean code over to that one. This is actually fairly common in a typical programming scenario.

#### # The IPFS subdomains

As for the "ipfs.nft.gstop-sandbox.com" part: in web development, it's common to have a "sandbox" where devs can test out functionalities in a private, production-like environment.

We have [proof](https://np.reddit.com/r/Superstonk/comments/qyww8m/an\_update\_on\_gamestops\_nft\_related\_domains\_new/) that gstop-sandbox.com is owned by GameStop, and another [proof](https://crt.sh/?id=5538535675) showing SSL certificate information tying gstop-sandbox.com and others such as gstop-preprod.com to multiple \*.gamestop.com domains.

Seeing gstop-sandbox.com being used within Loopring's codebase definitely means Loopring's code is interacting with GameStop's servers.

The IPFS from Windatang's leak opened up [another can of worms](https://np.reddit.com/r/Superstonk/comments/qwn8ct/nft\_storage\_deployed\_to\_official\_gamestopcom/) when it was discovered that the contents that [gstop-sandbox.com](https://ipfs.nft.gstop-sandbox.com/ipfs/QmPBvug4pYykdWosLUC7ReQo4vv1F9knd5fkTJr3bzPURp) is showing also shows up when you replace it with [gamestop.com](https://ipfs.nft.gamestop.com/ipfs/QmPBvug4pYykdWosLUC7ReQo4vv1F9knd5fkTJr3bzPURp). This was actually debunked. People have [proven](https://np.reddit.com/r/Superstonk/comments/qwwyel/important\_read\_about\_the\_current\_top\_post/) that it's possible for any incorrectly-configured IPFS server to show any IPFS contents (hosted elsewhere) under their domain. See this [example IPFS content](https://ipfs.nft.gamestop.com/ipfs/QmYA2fn8cMbVWo4v95RwcwJVyQsNtnEwHerfWR8UNtEwoE) being hosted "under" gamestop dot com.

#### # The smart contract leak

<https://preview.redd.it/1ploy3t9rcc81.png?width=1674&format=png&auto=webp&s=d72e36f1830564c08719b205ff003e89bdcd5949>

This one is circulating again just recently

([original](https://np.reddit.com/r/Superstonk/comments/qm71bg/ill\_just\_leave\_this\_here\_new\_lrc\_leak/)), but people are saying it's debunked or FUD because if you look at the [original Contract](https://etherscan.io/address/0xb170dd1352b9928bd1dd1f11d25f5a1d617baeb2#code), you can see it no longer shows the source code of the smart contracts tied to it under the Contracts tab ([probably because GameStop owns this, not Loopring](https://np.reddit.com/r/Superstonk/comments/qm71bg/ill\_just\_leave\_this\_here\_new\_lrc\_leak/hj8b7an/?utm\_source=share&utm\_medium=web2x&context=3)), only some gibberish-looking text which is actually called ByteCode, a compiled version of the source code.

<https://preview.redd.it/vm1wlj4brcc81.png?width=1650&format=png&auto=webp&s=3bcb0a5c602030f05c87c5365233c9aeffa229a1>

However...

#### # What I've discovered

I was re-reading through [this post](https://np.reddit.com/r/Superstonk/comments/qwwyel/important\_read\_about\_the\_current\_top\_post/) which has something to do with debunking the IPFS leak.

Near the bottom, OP wrote that someone had been scrubbing the Contracts and removing the smart contract source codes which include the "GameStop ecosystem" references, which makes sense why it now only shows the compiled code.

OP then linked to two other contracts in existence that have NOT BEEN SCRUBBED that still contain the "GameStop ecosystem" reference (not sure where he got this from, but that's fine as you'll see below):

1. [<https://goerli.etherscan.io/address/0x795ff725640F9f8B43BF230298854c8FB8F97b6E#code>](<https://goerli.etherscan.io/address/0x795ff725640F9f8B43BF230298854c8FB8F97b6E#code>) (file 3, line 112)
2. [<https://goerli.etherscan.io/address/0x9dD7262b5bfE68b59329644dcce49CC9Ec653F2c#code>](<https://goerli.etherscan.io/address/0x9dD7262b5bfE68b59329644dcce49CC9Ec653F2c#code>) (file 1, line 112)

However, these are on a different network (on Goerli, an Ethereum test network) than the ones from before (those were on the Ethereum main network), but to prove that these two are still Loopring's and that there's still a link to GameStop, I grabbed these contracts' creator's address: [0xe20cf871f1646d8651ee9dc95aab1d93160b3467](<https://goerli.etherscan.io/address/0xe20cf871f1646d8651ee9dc95aab1d93160b3467>).

I cloned the loopring-protocols and loopring\\_sdk repositories and did a deep search for file changes containing the creator address, and guess what I found?

There are **3** search results in the loopring\\_sdk (all recently by Windatang)!

<https://preview.redd.it/vis9vqfcrcc81.png?width=1750&format=png&auto=webp&s=459884cc731f2ffe934054316fd9a97a056223ff>

There are **15** search results in the loopring-protocols spanning all the way back to March 2019!

<https://preview.redd.it/o52qjfhdrcc81.png?width=1446&format=png&auto=webp&s=da2a3603fec80a6b3d064c517224c1cd221561f8>

This tells me that Loopring has been using this creator address for development for a long time. They own this address, and now this address had created Contracts containing "GameStop ecosystem" references in it. **There's just no more deniability that Loopring and GameStop are working together!**

Even though it's in the Goerli network, it's fine because the created Contracts are meant to be for testing anyway. [GameStop most likely owns the ContractCreator on the main network]([https://np.reddit.com/r/Superstunk/comments/qm71bg/ill\\_just\\_leave\\_this\\_here\\_new\\_lrc\\_leak/hj8b7an/?utm\\_source=share&utm\\_medium=web2x&context=3](https://np.reddit.com/r/Superstunk/comments/qm71bg/ill_just_leave_this_here_new_lrc_leak/hj8b7an/?utm_source=share&utm_medium=web2x&context=3)) and they most likely don't have the "GameStop ecosystem" references in their own implementation.

# Convinced yet? No? Here's one last pitch.

This creator address is actually still in the official Loopring code right now: [[https://github.com/Loopring/loopring\\_sdk/blob/master/src/tests/nft.test.ts#L190](https://github.com/Loopring/loopring_sdk/blob/master/src/tests/nft.test.ts#L190)]([https://github.com/Loopring/loopring\\_sdk/blob/master/src/tests/nft.test.ts#L190](https://github.com/Loopring/loopring_sdk/blob/master/src/tests/nft.test.ts#L190))

Why would this address being legitimately used by Loopring for 3 years now be creating Contracts containing GameStop references?

# Outro

LRC price is dipping, so what? It's actually a very good time to average down by buying more.

**Did you sell because there was no announcement back in Q4 of 2021?** As a developer, I know this type of delays are pretty common. Maybe a simple feature turns out to be difficult to implement, or maybe some critical bugs popped up and needs to be fixed first, or maybe a much better way to do X or Y has been discovered, etc. It's entirely possible that Loopring missed the deadline and due to NDA restrictions (which *probably* definitely got stricter after the whole "Q4 2021" public conversations), they simply cannot talk more about it, so they didn't.

**Do you want to sell because you bought at or near the top, now you're seeing red and panicking about it?** The sure-fire way to make sure your loss becomes permanent is to sell. However, if you wait until the price goes up again (and it will), all you would've lost is time.

**\*\*Do you (still) believe in Loopring's fundamentals?\*\*** Vitalik, the freaking whiz kid who created Ethereum, has praised Loopring multiple times (no sources right now, just trust me bro). We have working proofs (the Loopring DEX and wallet) that Layer-2 is the future because of how much it enhances Ethereum and how it basically makes up for Ethereum's weakness. As Mark Cuban said before: *\*If you still believe in the reason you bought the stock \[or token, or coin\], and that hasn't changed, why sell?\**

**\*\*Do you want to sell because you want to invest your funds in other coins first?\*\*** It's a legit reason, I don't blame you when I see other coins surging up, but imagine how you would feel when the marketplace is suddenly announced and LRC suddenly moons to high heavens? You'd probably be wishing you never sold.

You guys know what's even better? If GameStop skips the announcement and just straight-up launch/open the marketplace, like what Ryan Cohen did with Chewy Pharmacy ([Source](https://gmedd.com/blockchain/loopring-code-confirms-gamestop-nft-marketplace-is-underway/)), scroll down to STEALTH PROJECTS STARTED AT CHEWY). RC has a history for doing that, and he also said to *\*judge GameStop by their actions not their words\**, and that they're *\*intentionally being silent as to not telegraph their moves to competitions\**.

One last thing: remember when you've been kicking yourself for skipping on Bitcoin at \$200? We're at that exact price point right now (relatively), but with LRC.

**\*\*Anyway, buckle up, everyone!\*\***