

Title: Can Gamestop own Gamestop?

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This is a serious (dumb) question that I probably know the answer to, but I ran out of my cope wintergreen and my brain isn't firing on all cylinders at the moment.

The question is: Can Gamestop (the company) own Gamestop (the stock)?

I'm assuming that if Gamestop were to buy shares that would just be like a stock buy back and just removing those from the float.

But in the same way that someone can be long and short a stock at the same time, can Gamestop be long on itself, i.e. considering itself an investment, and then capitalize when prices increase?

And then in terms of the whole dividend thing, if Gamestop is only on the hook to distribute dividends to the "real shares" (aka not shorted/naked shorted shares) - and if the stock is truly shorted over 100%, then would any shares they buy be getting their dividends paid by the shorters? And thus be getting paid by the shorts?