

The
World of
Whiff

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About The World of Whiff

Scott Wheffzall is like your average ordinary 12-year-old. He likes video games, movies and sports. He's really good at video games, not so good at sports. Scott has played for the Joseph City Lions baseball team for 4 years, with 0 hits. That's why they call him Whiff.

The thing that makes Whiff unlike your average ordinary 12-year-old is...he's a secret agent. Well, he's kind of a secret agent; he thinks he's a secret agent? It's complicated. You see, Whiff gets anxious a lot. So, becoming an agent helps him get through different missions during the day. Along with his boss at the "Commission", Whiff's goal is to rid the world of evil, and get through his mission each day. In doing so, he hopes to help other kids know they can get through their missions, too.

How to use this book:

Each file is a different mission agent Whiff has been a part of. He usually uses, "The Handbook" to figure out how to successfully complete his missions. He includes the regulations that helped him in each mission report. Hopefully you'll find them helpful in completing your missions. At the end of each file is a page for Agent Notes. Here is where you as an agent can record your thoughts and hopefully talk with someone you trust about what you wrote down.

Good Luck, Agent!

Agent File: 11271090499

Name: Scott Wheffzall

Code: Whiff (a.k.a. The Anxious Agent)

Skills: Elementary school, Imaginative projection, Relocation adjustment, NOT baseball

Whiff was born in Joseph City, and his parents divorced when he was young. He lived most of his young life sometimes with his mom, sometimes with his grandparents, and sometimes with his dad. With all this moving around, he didn't seem to have a lot of friends. Whiff didn't seem to mind too much because he would create his own world with his imagination. This is where it all begins. He would imagine himself as an astronaut, a police officer or a fireman. If it could be imagined, Whiff lived it.

Where did Whiff get his name? It's not because of stinky socks, although we shouldn't totally rule that out. It all goes back to his days on the baseball diamond. Whiff played baseball for the Joseph City Lions. For most of his life, from T-ball to baseball, he really never hit the ball. You know, he'd "whiff" it almost every time! You see, Whiff loved sports and he tried his very hardest, but he just wasn't as good as everybody else. As he struck out time after time after time, the name just kinda stuck.

So now you know how Scott Wheffzall became "Whiff". But why do we call him the anxious agent? That is a great question! We're not sure how and we're not sure why, but as Whiff got older, he became more and more anxious about things. Maybe it was the uncertainty he had experienced when he was younger. Maybe it's just who he is. Whiff is one of those people that like to know what was going to happen next. He liked to have things normal and comfortable - whatever that is!

Creating other worlds helped Whiff feel like he fit in; it calmed him down and gave him purpose. He had a clubhouse set up in his basement. One day, this clubhouse would become an incredible robotic Trojan horse, while the next day it might be a spaceship. At one point it was even a train station. The clubhouse was anything Whiff wanted it to be. The coolest thing was to pretend to be a spy and his clubhouse became his HQ. As a spy Whiff could look at his life from the outside and pretend that everything that was going on was important, that it somehow mattered to the whole world, that he wasn't just there by himself.

Wherever he went, Whiff looked around and wanted to be a part of what was going on, but he was almost always the new kid. Just as he would seem to make friends, he would move again. You know what? That sounds like the life of a spy. Whiff knew he was on his own, but he wanted to be a part of something bigger than himself. He decided to become a part of THE COMMISSION.

Agent Notes:

Who or what would be your agent code name?

Do you know what anxiety is? Describe it here.

What do you do to get through situations where you feel anxious?

What makes you feel anxious?

Official-looking notes:

About the Author Brendon Ramseier

Brendon is married to his beautiful and awesome (yup both) wife Lora and has two daughters. He has been working with elementary-age kids and families for almost 30 years, where he has been honored to meet so many great people!

Originally from St. Joseph, Missouri, Brendon had a little bit of Whiff in him from the beginning. New situations would cause some anxieties to well up and sometimes his imagination helped him through.

A talk with his youngest daughter one night helped him realize that kids may benefit from knowing that some anxieties are normal in life and that they are not alone.

He hopes Whiff will help you complete your mission every day and maybe even have some fun doing it.

