

## **Staff Meeting**

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### *Members Not Present:*

Dino\_Yamaguchi: Administrator of GameSpaz Forums

### *Members Present:*

John\_Dory: Chief Moderator

Flarah: A Moderator

Klowwney: A Moderator

Wandering\_Lurker: New Moderator, from another  
forum

### *Meeting Location:*

A chat room, somewhere on the Internet

### *Purpose of Meeting:*

To discuss changes implemented by Dino\_Yamaguchi  
that have upset the Moderators and the forum's regular  
members.

### *Meeting Notes:*

[John\_Dory, Flarah, Klowwney and Wandering\_Lurker have entered the room.]

**<John\_Dory>**hear ye, hear ye, let's bring this meeting to order. :)

**<Flarah>**Did Dino talk about the changes with everyone?

**<Klowwney>**they're stupid.

**<John\_Dory>**that's why we're meeting to discuss them. dino can't be here, but he told us to meet anyway. he's in AZ visiting family, but i'll give him our feedback, that's for sure.

**<Klowwney>**[[points to Wandering\_Lurker's screen name]]

**<John\_Dory>**thanks for the reminder, Klowwney. we have a new staff member—mind if we call you lurk?

**<Wandering\_Lurker>**Nope.

**<John\_Dory>**lurk comes to us from another forum. what was the name?

**<Wandering\_Lurker>**No matter, it's swimming in the dead pool now.

**<John\_Dory>**care to say anything?

**<Wandering\_Lurker>**Glad to be here. I'll make sure to keep the conversations clean and free from trolls, spammers, and general idiots.

**<Klowwney>**[[applause]]

**<Flarah>**It sounds like you have a GREAT understanding of our forums. :)

**<Wandering\_Lurker>**Yep.

**<John\_Dory>**ok. let's start. first change: all threads, regardless of topic or popularity, must be edited by moderators.

**<John\_Dory>**typos must be corrected.

**<John\_Dory>**any post not related to the thread must be deleted immediately.

**<Klowwney>**[[sigh]]

**<Wandering\_Lurker>**What are we, English teachers?

**<Flarah>**No, but tangents are becoming a problem. The other day, a sensible discussion about World of Warcraft turned into a flaming war about cheeseburgers vs. zombie hot dogs. A lot of feelings were hurt.

**<Klowwney>**i loved that tangent. :(

**<Wandering\_Lurker>**Deleting people's posts for no reason really stifles the conversation. Let them say whatever they want. That's what forums are all about. Restricting people's right to speak is ridiculous.

**<Klowwney>**hey lurk, know what else is ridiculous? the bandwidth bill dino got last month. i bet his mom was

P-I-S-S-E-D!

**<Wandering\_Lurker>**Seriously, he lives with his mom?

**<Klownney>**hell if i know, but it sounds funnier when i put it that way, doesn't it?

**<John\_Dory>** . . . which leads to the next rule: no links, audio, or images allowed in posts. we're getting more members, and with that, more posts. every post with multimedia costs four times as much.

**<Wandering\_Lurker>**So he's a cheapskate, too. What does he do for a living?

**<John\_Dory>**wouldn't we all like to know. i'd KILL to see how he lives.

**<Klownney>**i heard he serves drinks.

**<John\_Dory>**where, at a day care? i heard he works for some tech company, in the mail room.

**<Flarah>**No, he's a programmer.

**<Wandering\_Lurker>**LMFAO. You guys are funny. Has anyone ever ASKED him?

**<John\_Dory>**he doesn't like to talk about himself.

**<Klownney>**he could be a convict, for all we know.

**<Flarah>**At least he pays the bills.

**<Wandering\_Lurker>**What kind of other stupid rules are there?

**<Flarah>**All Moderator avatars must be similar, like uniforms at work.

**<Klowwney>**before I became a mod, i made a bunch of avatars in photo shop to show off my artistic skills, but now i can't use them.

**<John\_Dory>**imnsho, we need to scrap all these new changes.

**<Wandering\_Lurker>**[[nods]] What'd I get myself into? This dino guy sounds like a prick

**<Wandering\_Lurker>**A prick—ly pear, I mean. I hit return too soon :)

**<Klowwney>**i like you already, lurk.

**<Wandering\_Lurker>**What kinda name is Dino\_Yamaguchi, anyway? Where is he from, Japitaly?

**<Flarah>**It's just a screen name. He's Italian, but he's really into anime.

**<Wandering\_Lurker>**OK, so he's one of those guys. So what exactly does he do on the forums? Sounds like you guys do all the work.

**<Klowwney>**not everything. dino programmed the entire forum from scratch. he maintains the servers, too.

**<John\_Dory>**oh, make no mistake, lurk. he's a genius.

**<Flarah>**He sometimes forgets that we have "lives," though.

**<Klowwney>**amen sister. i can barely mod this forum, keep up appearances with my other 3 screen names, AND maintain an active WOW account. it's asking too much. my cats are very neglected these days.

**<Wandering\_Lurker>**If he's so demanding, though, why don't you guys quit? There are plenty of forums out there. Where I'm from, we don't take any \*\*\$@ from people. At the first sign of bs, I'm outta here.

**<Klowwney>**if that's how you are, then i say: keep wandering, my lurky friend. keeeep wandering.

**<Flarah>**I love GS Forums though.

**<Klowwney>**me too. you'll find the best video game-related conversations here. they're almost philosophical. other forums are meh. all said, i'm kinda proud to be a part of this. in real life, i flip burgers and decorate tacos. modding is definitely more satisfying. when i'm tired of playing WOW, there's no place i'd rather be . . . :)

**<John\_Dory>** . . . i agree with all the above, but it's just that dino needs to step back. he's good at programming but he needs someone who can run the place. socially, i mean. someone to keep things intellectually stimulating, if you will.

**<John\_Dory>**i have someone in mind.

**<Flarah>**Who?

**<Klowwney>**h00t?

**<John\_Dory>**i bought a domain name last night. i'm building my own forum. anyone wanna mod with me?

**<Klowwney>**hallelooyah. sign me up.

**<Flarah>**Wow, that's a big surprise, John. I had no idea.

**<Wandering\_Lurker>**John, what exactly would your forum involve?

**<John\_Dory>**free speech for all.

**<John\_Dory>**threads with as many tangents as people want.

**<John\_Dory>**no pussies allowed in management.

**<John\_Dory>**should I keep going? :)

**<Klowwney>**[[wags finger]] John\_Dory, you're as wet as a fish.

**<John\_Dory>**[wikipedia/John\\_dory](http://wikipedia/John_dory) LOL

**<Klowwney>**my God, you ARE a fish! that explains EVERYTHING.

**<Wandering\_Lurker>**John, what's the link to your forum?

**<John\_Dory>**i didn't really want to share it yet, but it's [johndoryforums\(dot\)net](http://johndoryforums(dot)net)

**<John\_Dory>**Flarah?

**<Flarah>**Pass. I'm too busy.

**<Wandering\_Lurker>**I don't know enough about your forum to join, John. Sounds like you'll have some good help. But hey—I gotta go. Dinner time. Mom made turkey pesto tonight. C Ya!

[Wandering\_Lurker has left the room.]

**<Klowwney>**nice guy.

**<John\_Dory>**we can definitely use someone with his ideas.

**<Flarah>**Weren't we supposed to be talking about the new changes?

**<John\_Dory>**[[shakes head]] what else is there to discuss? i think we pretty much covered how everyone feels.

[Dino\_Yamaguchi has entered the room.]

**<Dino\_Yamaguchi>**Hey guys.

**<Flarah>**Hi Dino. I thought you were on vacation.

**<Dino\_Yamaguchi>**Had some spare time. What's up?

**<John\_Dory>**we were discussing the new changes.

**<Dino\_Yamaguchi>**John, may I?

[John\_Dory has given control of the meeting to Dino\_Yamaguchi.]

**<Dino\_Yamaguchi>**Thx. So, you were talking about the new changes. Was that all . . . ?

**<John\_Dory>**yep why



**<Dino\_Yamaguchi>** Funny. BTW, I'm  
Wandering\_Lurker.

**<Klowwney>** [[eyes bulge out of head]]

**<Flarah>** Yikes.

**<John\_Dory>** .....

**<Klowwney>** oh, what tangled world wide web we  
weave ...

**<Klowwney>** where's a time machine when you need  
one? LOL

**<Dino\_Yamaguchi>** I don't know, Klowwney, but  
good luck finding one.

[KLOWWNEY HAS BEEN BANNED.]

**<Flarah>** Dino, you should listen to what we have to  
say.

**<Dino\_Yamaguchi>** Already did. :)

**<Dino\_Yamaguchi>** John, you're a @\$\$hat. I  
wouldn't put you on if it was raining.

**<John\_Dory>** GS Forums suck. I can do it better.

**<Dino\_Yamaguchi>** [[rolls eyes]]

**<John\_Dory>** farewell.

[JOHN\_DORY HAS BANNED HIMSELF]

**<Flarah>** [[gasp]]

[DINO\_YAMAGUCHI HAS UN-BANNED  
JOHN\_DORY.]

**<John\_Dory>**Why did you un-ban me?

**<Dino\_Yamaguchi>**There's something I want you to see.

**<Dino\_Yamaguchi>**[johndoryforums\(dot\)net](http://johndoryforums(dot)net)

**<John\_Dory>**WTF

**<John\_Dory>**dino, you SOB. give me my website back!

**<Dino\_Yamaguchi>**What? You don't like the re-design? Oh, wait—there's nothing there anymore. :)

**<John\_Dory>**i'll hack GS forums to hell.

**<Dino\_Yamaguchi>**Good luck with that.

**<Dino\_Yamaguchi>**Congratulations. You've been hax0red.

**<Dino\_Yamaguchi>**LMAO

**<Dino\_Yamaguchi>**xD

**<Dino\_Yamaguchi>**ROFL

**<Dino\_Yamaguchi>**[[slaps the floor repeatedly]]

**<Dino\_Yamaguchi>**Oh, BTW, John. One more thing—

[JOHN\_DORY HAS BEEN BANNED.]

**<Flarah>**Dino, that was really mean.

**<Dino\_Yamaguchi>**You're right.

**<Dino\_Yamaguchi>** . . .

**<Dino\_Yamaguchi>**Hey, wanna be chief mod?

**<Flarah>**Well, OK.

**<Dino\_Yamaguchi>**Knew I could count on you. You know that I have rules for a reason, right?

**<Flarah>**Yes.

**<Dino\_Yamaguchi>**Remember what I said?

**<Flarah>**[[stands at attention]]“There are a lot of stupid people on the Internet, and it’s our job to keep them off GS Forums.”

**<Dino\_Yamaguchi>**Exactamente.

**<Dino\_Yamaguchi>**I knew John was trouble. It’s so hard to find good mods anymore. I wonder why.

**<Dino\_Yamaguchi>**If anyone else doesn’t like the rules, you know what to do. K thx.

[Dino\_Yamaguchi has left the room.]

**<Flarah>**OK everyone, let’s get back to our agenda.  
All in favor of the new changes?

**<Flarah>**Anyone?

**<Flarah>**LOL, looks like I’m the only one left.

**<Flarah>** . . .

**<Flarah>**Aye!

[Flarah has left the room.]

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