

Primary Allegations:

Accusations about groomers on woem.men.

This meta has come up before. You may see Ashten's response here:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1BMQ2zdlzu88xd9I2aTYNS9yrVNm31IPg8ye2DRpjMPQ/edit?usp=sharing>

It's been six months without any incidents, and we have worked to ensure that this does not happen again. We have discussed what to do in these cases, and have been actively prepared to take action.

We will also be releasing evidence that Ashten pushed back on boundary breaks from Allissa further down in the document. Usually we disapprove of publicly sharing evidence, but considering that this meta keeps repeating, we will make an exception.

The screenshots are from a DM export file, exported multiple months ago. Ashten has looked and cannot find the original DMs on Discord anymore to screenshot, presumably because of the way Discord handles chat history when combined with deleted accounts.

Minors are allowed on woem.men, in addition to NSFW content. "Ashten Milk" is a lewd innuendo

We require NSFW accounts to be CWed, and to not interact with minors. It's no different from any instance interacting with one another. Likewise, we require that minors don't interact with NSFW accounts. We've been wanting a rudimentary age verification system that doesn't invade user's privacy. The age verification system we've been wanting would remove posts labeled NSFW, 18+, or MDNI accounts from a minor's feed.

An age requirement of 13 in the US, 16 in the EU (with exceptions) is standard for the majority of social media services. This should not be controversial. The age requirement for Woem.men was actually increased from 13 to 16 in the EU.

"Ashten Milk" is a photoshopped image of an expired milk carton that I found in my fridge, with my picture over it. It was not ever intended to be taken lewdly, and is more of just a meme. There have been similar creations by other users, such as Ashten Sugar, Ashten Syrup, etc.

I would like to point out that the Ashten Milk meme and splash text was also encouraged by users who now moderate for Transfem.Social and Kitsunes. The intent here is not to show blame, but to show the hypocrisy in this accusation.

Woem.men is creating a Matrix server, despite the lack of moderation tooling.

What's excluded from this is that I've actually been talking to someone in charge of one of the Matrix forks to improve the moderation tooling available on Matrix. The reason

why we haven't actually opened the Matrix server up to the public yet is because of those missing tools. We've had internal discussions on how best to handle this, and I feel this point is greatly misrepresenting what's going on.

I would also like to point out that we're not the only instance that (will) offers a Matrix server - why is this a defederation reason? Examples of other Matrix instances that have been associated with Fedi: envs.net, catgirl.cloud, constellatory.net.

The administration created a “meta memes” account.

The Intention of this was to try to provide a “megapost” style to fedi meta instead of spreading it across the site. The memes were intended to be as neutral and vague as possible in order to bring people into the comments section to discuss it. It was not intended to insult anyone.

In reality, this made both sides of the metas feel like they were being misrepresented. Again, this wasn't my intent, and I apologize. A week or two ago, I made the decision to stop using the Fedi Meta account, which is why you didn't see a post from it earlier this week regarding the egg meta.

The administration created a satire account that breaks woem.men's own rules.

The account in question is @neurotypical_ashten , a clearly labeled satire account, which was run through the mod team before letting it in (with general approval). Any satire content that may be offensive has been CWed, and since receiving the complaint, we have begun CWing all content on the account regardless of the content.

The administration has made remarks about other instances for not following GDPR requirements.

We are unsure what this is referring to. We've searched through our Fedi accounts and discord for “GDPR” but have come up short. We have talked about GDPR in regards to woem.men becoming GDPR compliant during our move to Europe, but never in regards to other instances.

The administration, despite making statements saying they'll improve, have not improved their moderation.

On the contrary, we have improved significantly. Several times this week alone, I've heard compliments from our users that moderation is a lot better now than it used to be. We've tried to show it through our actions. It's way easier to notice when we screw up - as it always is. We learn from our mistakes and will keep improving. After all, we're here for our users.

A factor that may be causing confirmation bias in this regard is that we have chosen not to discuss most moderation decisions publicly so as to prevent meta from happening. This may be creating the perception that we're doing nothing, when in reality, a lot is happening behind the scenes to ensure the safety of the instance.

Other concerns:

Woem.men discontinued use of Modshark due to privacy concerns. In reality, if the administration had set up Modshark correctly, there would not have been any privacy violations.

We *were* using the Modshark configuration provided by enby.life, with some small modifications to more specifically suit our community. Yes, we did discontinue Modshark use, but that was due to concerns that:

1. We would start overmoderating our community, by incorrectly seeing malice in out-of-context posts that Modshark found.
2. Moderators would burn out quicker. Use of Modshark increased moderator workload significantly without any noticeable increase in safety due to the amount of false positives present.

Woem.men does not have a dedicated Trust & Safety person aside from Ashten.

Amber was previously our primary Trust & Safety person until she left a few months ago. There haven't been any incidents since she left, so we haven't dedicated a new person to Trust & Safety in order to avoid a "too many cooks in one kitchen" situation. The plans are that once the user base increases further, we would add another Trust & Safety moderator.

Woem.men has not been engaging in diplomacy with other instances.

We had three Transfem.social representatives in our moderator channels, with one private channel for highly sensitive information that those representatives weren't present in.

Ashten has been removing people who disagree with her from her circles.

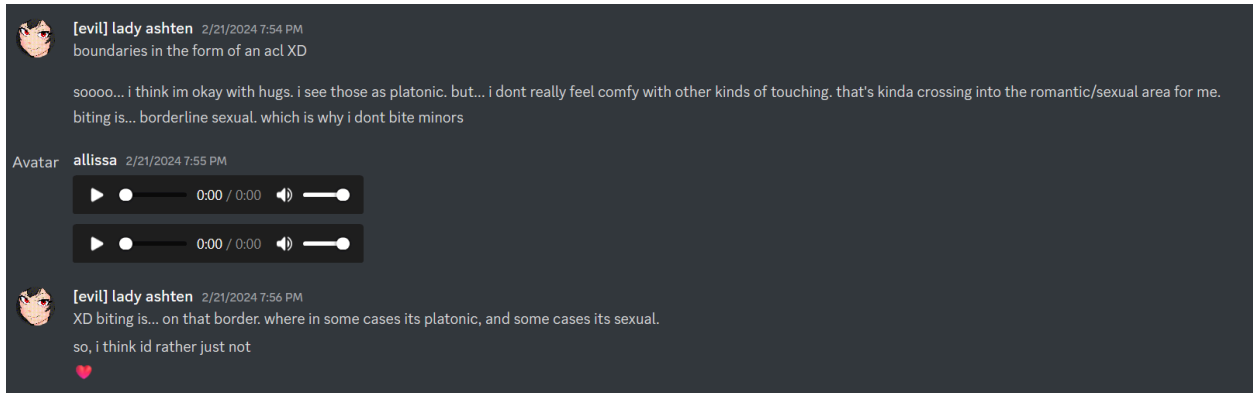
Ashten enforces her boundaries, and only removes people when they break her boundaries. She does not remove people solely due to discomfort, and, in fact, has kept people in her circles despite feeling uncomfortable with them. This is contradictory to the other claim going around that "Ashten doesn't know how to filter out people."

We are always willing to talk, and have our DMs wide open if any clarification is needed.

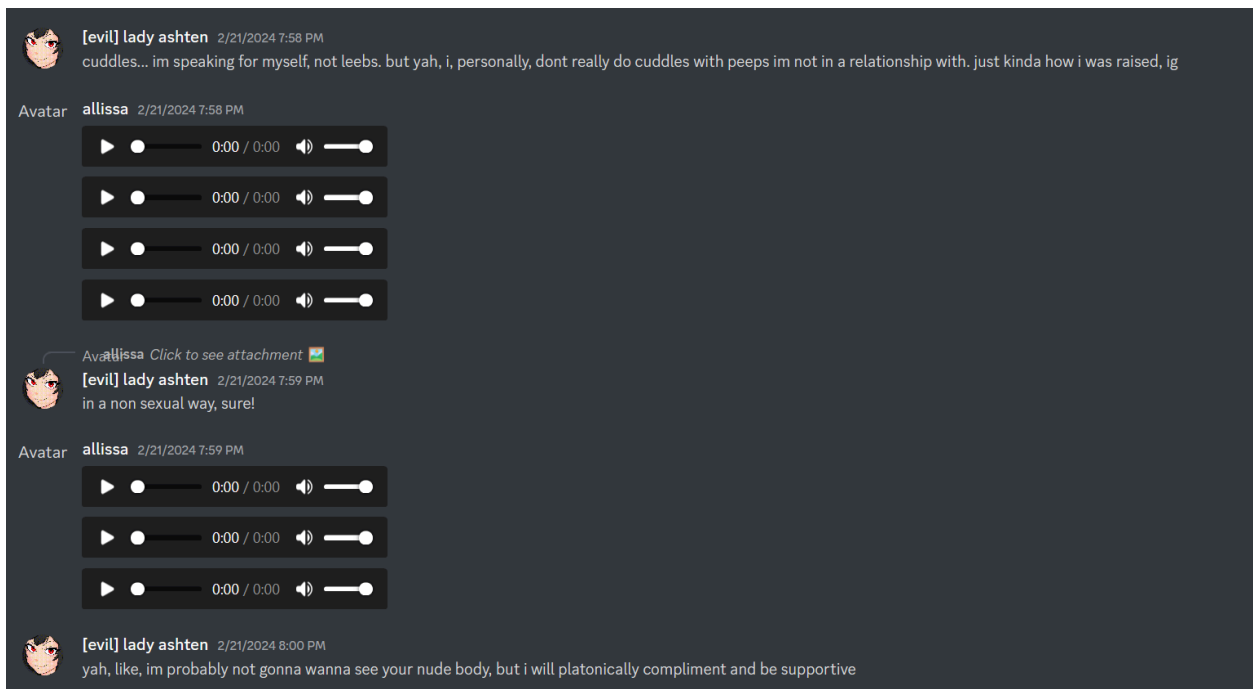
Proof showing boundaries being set with Allissa:

(Note: If screenshots are blurry, try opening the document on your desktop instead of mobile.)

Context: Ashten setting boundaries with Allissa after Allissa tried to bite her over voice chat.



Context: Ashten setting boundaries with Allissa that she doesn't want to cuddle, since she was raised to see cuddles as a romantic thing.



Context: Ashten removed Allissa from Ashten's Discord server after she continually broke Ashten's boundaries and started to pedojacket Ashten.

Avatar **allissa** 4/14/2024 7:40 AM
why was i kicked from your personal server
i feel you're subposting about me and i'm confused

 **[evil] lady ashten** 4/14/2024 7:52 AM
i cant remain friends with someone who's justifying the actions of people who have harmed me. you have also been taking issue with what i post, which indicates to me that we would be better without that connection.

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Avatar **allissa** 4/14/2024 7:53 AM
i don't take issue with what you post
you do not understand my argument in the sincerity alliance
even so, why block me fully instead of attempting to explain to me first and then making a decision
i've told you about the anxiety attacks when i get silently blocked off like this, its upsetting

 **[evil] lady ashten** i cant remain friends with someone who's justifying the actions of people who have harmed me. you have also been taking issue with what i post, which indicates to me that we would be better without that connection.

Avatar **allissa** 4/14/2024 7:53 AM
i wasn't defending hetznr, just pointing out how bad the drama was handled with it
its not "i'm defending your enemies" i'm purely pointing out "hey this crutch is actually incredibly annoying"
you're taking my arguments and morphing them into things i do not mean to say (edited)
and instead of reaching out for clarification you silently remove me and publicly subpost about me

 **[evil] lady ashten** 4/14/2024 8:05 AM
the subpost wasnt okay, that's on me, and i removed it once i realized it wasnt okay

but, ive tried to talk to you about this stuff every time youve brought it up. others have pretty clearly disagreed with you as well, yah, none of them were over DMs, but we still tried to discuss with you as a group. instead, you replatformed the opinion to try to get a different audience.

Avatar **allissa** 4/14/2024 8:06 AM
a different audience

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am i not communicating my viewpoint properly then? did i word it wrong?
and plus, i didn't know you took issue with me talking about meta in vc until you added a rule that i had to look for

Avatar **allissa** 4/14/2024 8:06 AM
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and plus, i didn't know you took issue with me talking about meta in vc until you added a rule that i had to look for
if you're assuming what i do is malice then you're wrong but i'm out of things to try to communicate this to you

 **[evil] lady ashten** 4/14/2024 8:27 AM
no, i dont think youre acting out of malice

but i do think that if you really do take issue with the things that i have posted, as you have indicated, then we're incompatible as friends

the issue was not meta in vc. i wrote that rule in an attempt to prevent this from happening again. the issue is that you interrupted a nice vc to defend hetznr's actions to an audience that's... well... very pro-wom.men in the wom.men vs hetznr conflict. the argument was that the yuri i posted was, indeed, loli, so hetznr was in the right.

and then, a few days later, you try to argue that i shouldn't be posting nudes to my own account, no matter how CWed they are, backing up emma's argument.

and then you brought up the hetznr thing publicly to fed in an essay-long post. (which, btw, you said you were taking a break from until you turned 18). same arguments. you say the yuri i posted was loli

you've taken issue with my posts 3 times in just the past week. all of which couldve easily been muted. this indicates to me that maybe we should be going our own ways.