

You know what? I know no one wants to read a long rant and just wants to know the end so here it is. I quit posing. I quit trying to socialize. I quit trying to be part of that community. All the rest of this will be my experience on this side of the FFXIV community and my feelings leading me to this.

I first started to pose for fun, doing silly and cute things to share with my friends. Learning to mess with anamnesis and all. I've started to post them on Twitter 2 years ago, starting to post actively and trying to improve myself. Testing things and that I see from others. To grow and improve, I decided that I shouldn't stay alone and started to join different communities. It was good, I was always discovering new sides of that game; trying RP, talking with people, being silly and have fun with other people that does the same things as you.

After some times testing what I could, I've found that RP and parties were not really my things and here's why. In game as well as in real life, I'm very introvert and when someone doesn't talk to me, I'm rarely talkative. Yet, this time I was trying to meet people and make friends. I'm not saying people are not, they are all very kind and all but to them you are just one person among thousands. If you don't talk with them, they just have to find someone else to talk to. So in the end I went to parties, to sit somewhere, not being talked to, just there like a plant.

In the mean time, I was posting like a pic a day. My account grew pretty much and it made me happy to see the people inspiring me starting to notice me even in that ocean of people way more talented than me.

Little by little, I was meeting people, small circle of friends forming. But everytime I log in, I check what I missed and it seems like I missed a whole day of gatherings, of fun and activities. Day after day I had that feeling of "is everyone around me unemployed so that can spend all day and night playing?". Everytime I come back, everyone was already busy doing their things together and that always made me feel out of the circle. Not invited nor wanted to be part of that all, I burned out and stopped doing anything related to all of that (posing, talking with people, going to parties) and got back to my normal playing in my side.

Still I love posing and doing screenshots. I missed having that little rare interactions whenever I posted a pic. Even with a account full of 90% of silent lurkers/bots/people who have thousand posts flood, I still had that 10% of people who actually notices and we're there to appreciate my small work.

I decided to give it another try after almost half a year of doing nothing. Of course my posts were absolutely invisible, Twitter being shitty and never showing things from dead accounts. But that didn't matter cuz when I restarted, I decided to not post that often than before and to only do things I like and not the lewds and alluring things that generates likes.

Slowly I started again to follow a few people and joined another community. All things were going good, and I found my pace. Doing small pics whenever I want, don't caring about the reach of my pics and just doing what made me happy.

This time, faster than before I had that feeling again of being out of the bubble and left aside. The same one that made me give up the first time. I was always the annoying person trying to go to others, trying to talk to them, trying to get a collab that would make both sides happy. Being totally invisible when I don't post a thing, barely noticed when something

happens. Making a step just to see that the others are having fun without you and that you better back off before annoying anyone.

I'm tired of all of this. In the end I didn't make any new friend, I only met people who were being polite toward my annoying pokes. I am nobody and I'll stay nobody to them. Just someone passing by in their life.

I know not many people won't reach that far so... Thank you. Thank you to you who have taken the time to read this all; I'm very grateful for what this experience gave me. I met plenty wonderful people who taught me a different way to play ffxiv and a different way to appreciate the game. But all good things got an end and mine is now.