

This is something I wish I'd never have to make, but I am making it for the sake of my own safety and for others to be aware.

TW: GROOMING, INAPPROPRIATE RELATIONS WITH MINORS

Before I get into anything, please do not harass Zealous/Dean, nor anyone involved. Do not turn this into fandom discourse, do not use this as an excuse for witch-hunting or any of the sort. This is made purely for knowledge purposes and to archive this behavior to remind myself of what to not get into.

If you cannot handle these situations with nuance, I'd like to ask you to stop reading now and ignore this situation altogether. This is not meant to be a callout, as Zealous is aware of his actions. While Zealous says to have not had any predatory intentions, what happened was completely inappropriate and should have never happened.

All screenshots will be shown at the bottom of this document. My name will be censored for my own anonymity, as I'd like to keep that for myself. If you know me, you know me.

Zealous' three Twitter accounts:



To get started, I am sixteen years old as of writing this. I will be turning seventeen on February 13th. Zealous at the time of me writing this is thirty-four, turning thirty-five on May 7. He is slightly over twice my age at the time of this document being created. Zealous has been aware of my fragile mental state and issues with having previously been groomed for a while during our friendship.

If it isn't obvious, I am a very fragile and vulnerable person. I struggle with mental health, self harm, and more. While I can befriend people easily, it takes a lot for me to become close with someone. When I am close to a person, I think of them very highly and have a mindset where I think I am completely safe, and that they can do no wrong to me. This is how I was groomed with my former groomer the first time, and this is how the situation with Zealous unfolded.

While I do not want to call it grooming, it may have subconsciously been that. I do believe Zealous had no intention to harm me, but he engaged in extremely inappropriate conversation with me and introduced it slowly enough to the point where I believed it was okay, because I was "mature for my age" and almost seventeen, which is basically eighteen. This is not the right mindset, I have snapped out of it after last night.

We had a conversation where I had mentioned one of my friends drawing nsfw and showing me. The conversation had then gone into him bringing up that it should be okay for me to send him "stuff" as in nsfw art. After this, he requested to have a voice call with me. Once I was home, I agreed and we had a call that lasted five hours. During this call, Zealous had shown me nsfw

artwork from various artists and discussed them with me. I had to leave the call once it got too late for me, to then we continued our conversation via DMs. He had told me about an artist named AniTwenty, regarding pedophilic intentions from them and another user. Once that was over with, our conversation regarding nsfw and darkshipping continued. I had mentioned to him enjoying sontails artwork where Tails was on the younger side.

During the conversation, I had also shown Zealous my own nsfw artwork, which is going to be kept private for my safety. He had continued to send me nsfw artwork until 2:18 AM CST. Our conversation in text started at 1:09 AM CST.

After the nsfw artwork, we had gone into a conversation just talking about ourselves. But obviously, this was not a sfw conversation. They're all self explanatory and will be at the bottom of the document, as I am uncomfortable just writing about it.

In terms of how this should be handled, I do not want there to be any mass negative attention towards Zealous. He did not intend or seek out to harm me, he had just gotten too "cozy" with me and disregarded the boundaries an adult his age should be putting in place with a minor.

This situation should not happen again based on a discussion I had with him and other members who I sought out for help when I initially panicked and told others. I do not hate Zealous, I still view him in a positive light. I was angry and upset last night, and I do regret things I have said about him. This is not made out of malice, but made to protect myself and potentially others. I do not believe Zealous should be interacting privately with minors anymore after this situation has panned out, as he has for a while been alluding to being alright with sending me nsfw once I turned seventeen. This I unfortunately do not have proof of, as I believe it was said in a private voice call between me and Zealous. I do remember it though, I know when I remember things despite my issues with memory gaps.

Zealous has said the last thing he wanted to do was hurt me, and I do believe him. What happened is unforgivable in my eyes however, and I feel my trust in what I viewed as more of an uncle or familial figure has been completely betrayed and taken advantage of. Especially when Zealous had previously told me he'd protect me from people like that, only to have engaged in this conversation with me. I know when to admit my own faults, and I know people have warned me that Zealous could potentially be someone I don't want to be around at my age. I know I should have shut the conversation down as soon as possible. At the time, I believed it was fine as he told me I was being mature and could be trusted to treat it respectfully.

This is not an excuse for how I behaved when not shutting it down ASAP. I was aware that our conversations had been getting progressively more inappropriate, but I believed I could trust him.

I still am unstable. I am forcing myself to write this because I want my mental health to get better, and in order to do that I need to stop flinching away from problems instead of putting my foot down to address them. A part of me in the back of my mind believes that I deserved this to happen, that I'm being punished for something I could've done in the past and that I need to constantly suffer to endure my sins. When I think I'm finally able to catch a break and that things

will be positive for me for once, I'm struck down time and time again. I feel I must've done something to deserve it, that everything bad that's happened to me has happened for a reason.
I feel I do not deserve nice things.

I am working on breaking out of this mindset. I despise having to be vulnerable and let my feelings out, but this is the only way I can explain why this happened and what caused it. Because of my own insecurities, I let myself down and got hurt. I do not believe Zealous is a predator, I do not believe he intentionally sought out to groom me. Do not take this as such. I cannot repeat myself enough to stress that I don't want him to be harassed in any way, all I want from him is to distance himself from minors as greatly as he can until he can trust himself to know where and when to set firm boundaries. No waiting until someone is almost legal, no alluding to waiting until he can send people things when they're legal. Just full, strictly safe conversations.

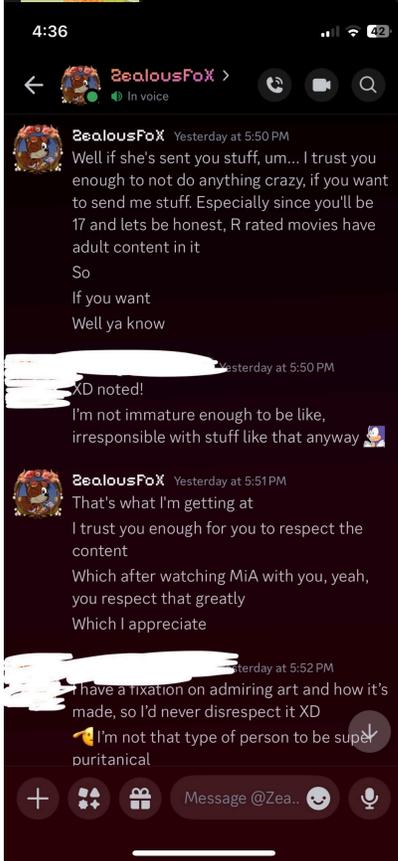
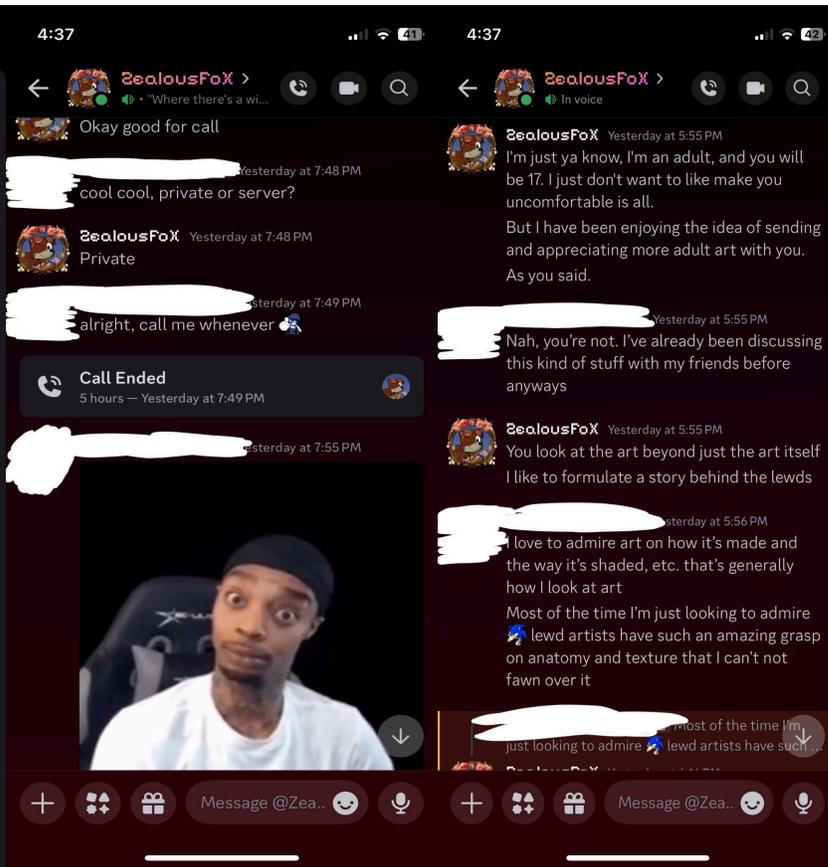
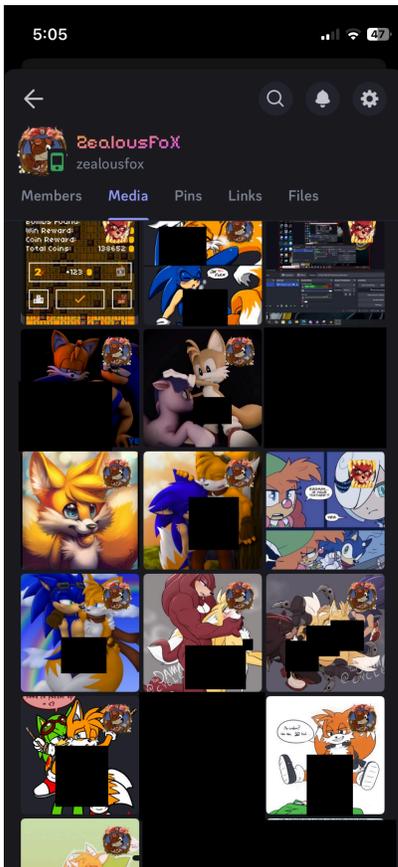
Now about the future of this account.
For a while, I will no longer be engaging in sontails.

I may come back in the future when I'm older, but for now this account is to remain inactive for the time being. It will stay public and I will not delete anything. If I do end up doodling sontails, it will be posted but I will not engage in any replies or strawpage gimmicks. I will not read replies, I will not check my DMs or notifications, I will not engage until I am certain I've healed enough to trust myself in engaging in a community such as this one.

I got into sontails because of my original groomer. I hated it for so long because she liked it, and anything she liked was bad and horrible in my eyes. I wanted to try and turn something she used against me into something positive I could use to heal. In return, I have been thrown into needless drama and now this situation. I have been hurt and, in a way, taken advantage of all over again. I wanted to give this community the benefit of the doubt and believe that maybe things weren't all that bad. But my trust in that has been shattered, and I am no longer interested in engaging with the community. There have been amazing people who've helped me, and I do know that not everyone in the community is like this. I will not leave the sontails den discord server (unless I'm banned), you may contact me there if you know who I am.

For now, this is all I have to say. Please treat this with respect, that is my only wish. Screenshots below, sorry in advance if they're out of order.

NSFW warning



2 blocked messages



ZealousFoX 4:50 AM

Lol. I'm so glad Violet didn't keep you around. What we do and say here. Stays here.

No one else needs to know

6:14

23%

5:07

47%

ZealousFoX >

1 blocked message

3:49 AM

It's just completely ridiculous how I can't have privacy in this house I wasn't allowed to close my door until I was fourteen, and even now I'm almost seventeen and I can't lock my door even when I'm changing My sister could lock her door when she was thirteen! But oh no, god forbid I do it when I'm trying to change. Instead I get my door taken off its hinges for a week when I lock it

3 blocked messages

ZealousFoX 3:51 AM

Why is that tho?
That's so strange
And fuck my mind went to places it shouldn't lol

3:52 AM

Because I sleep in a couple hours too long, is their reason

You cannot send messages to a user you have blocked.

Unblock

ZealousFoX >

"Where there's a will, th...

with bodies

ZealousFoX 2:50 AM
Same

ZealousFoX So I have an odd question but I'm unsure how to ask it even tho we're definitely ...

2:50 AM

What's up?

ZealousFoX 2:53 AM

Okay, so you look at and enjoy the art and stuff we were sending and chatting about right? Do you like... Ugh... Honestly feels weird saying this. But do you pleasure yourself at all? If not that's completely understandable.

2:53 AM

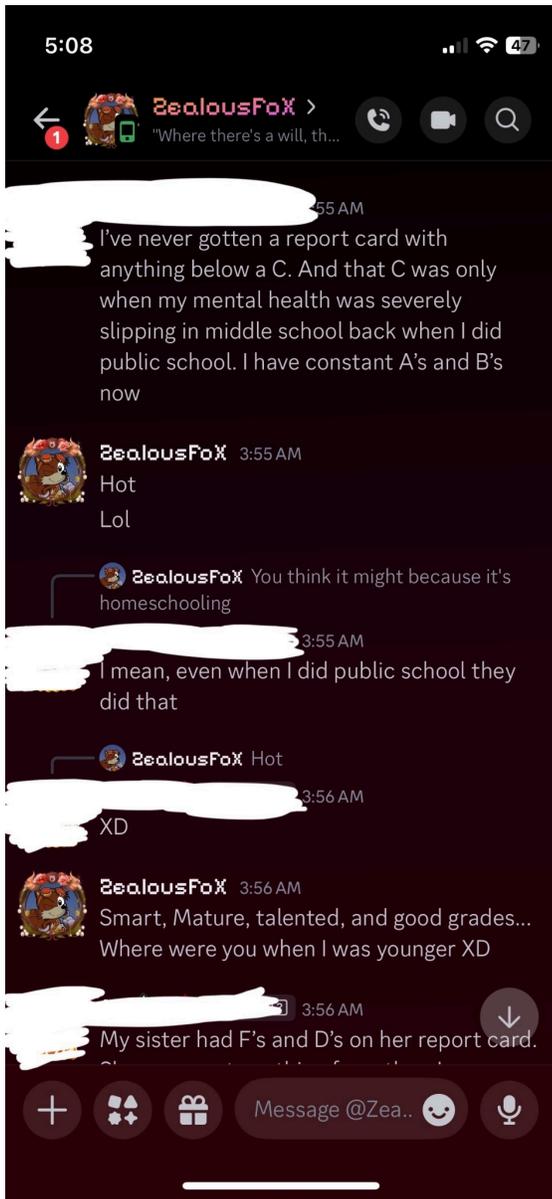
I mean I'm a hormonal teenager XD
Most, if not all teenagers do

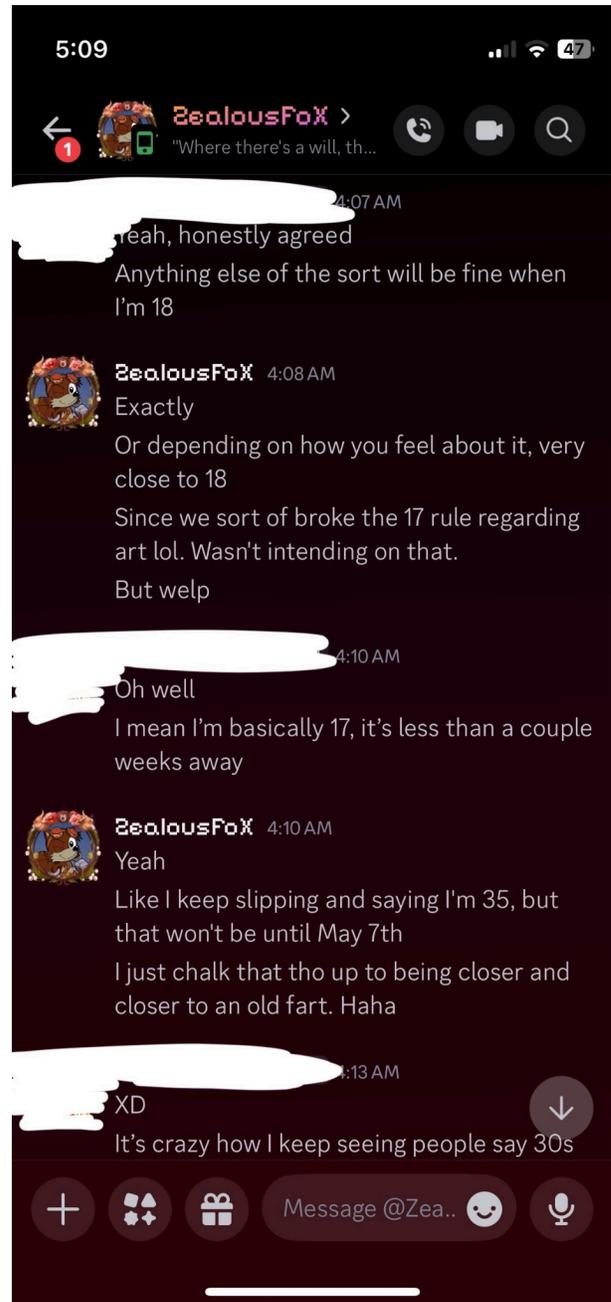
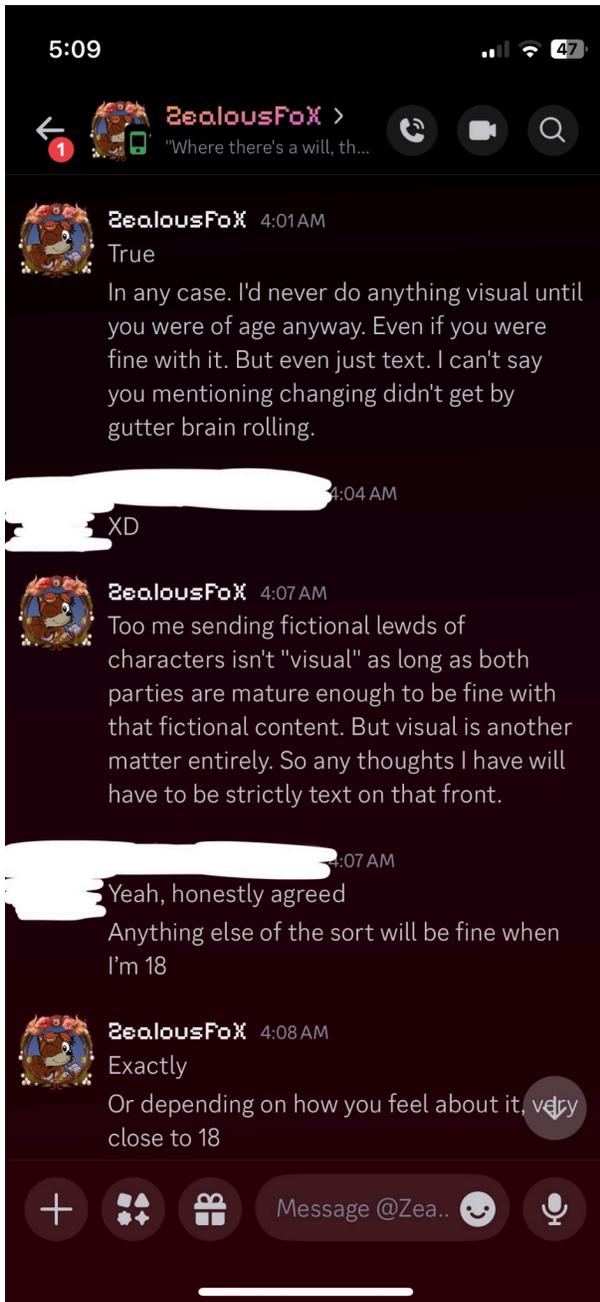
ZealousFoX 2:55 AM

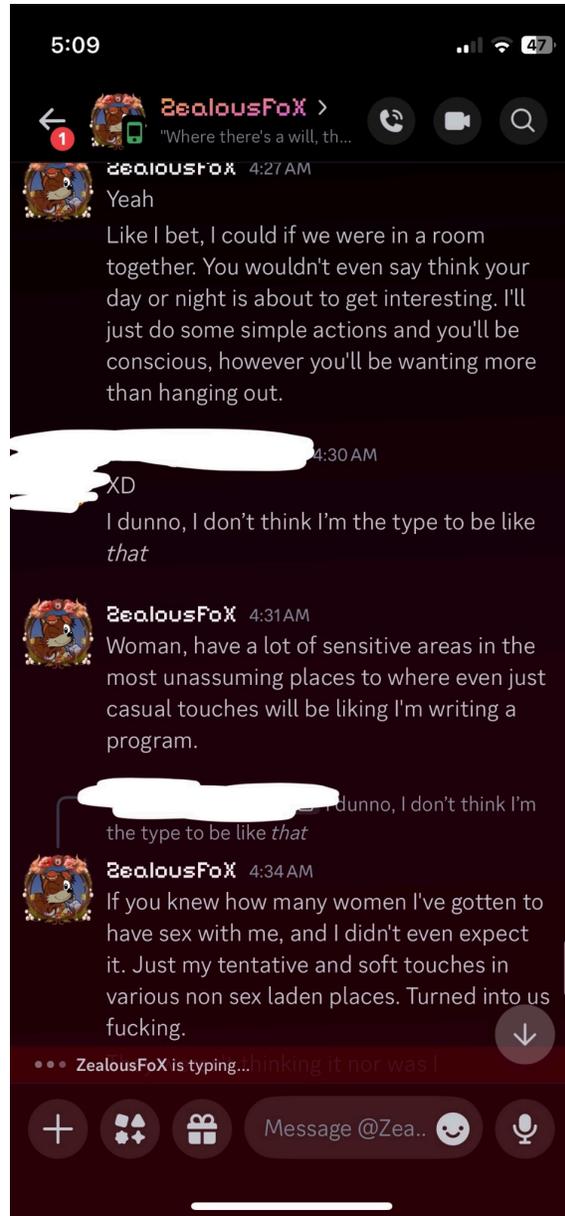
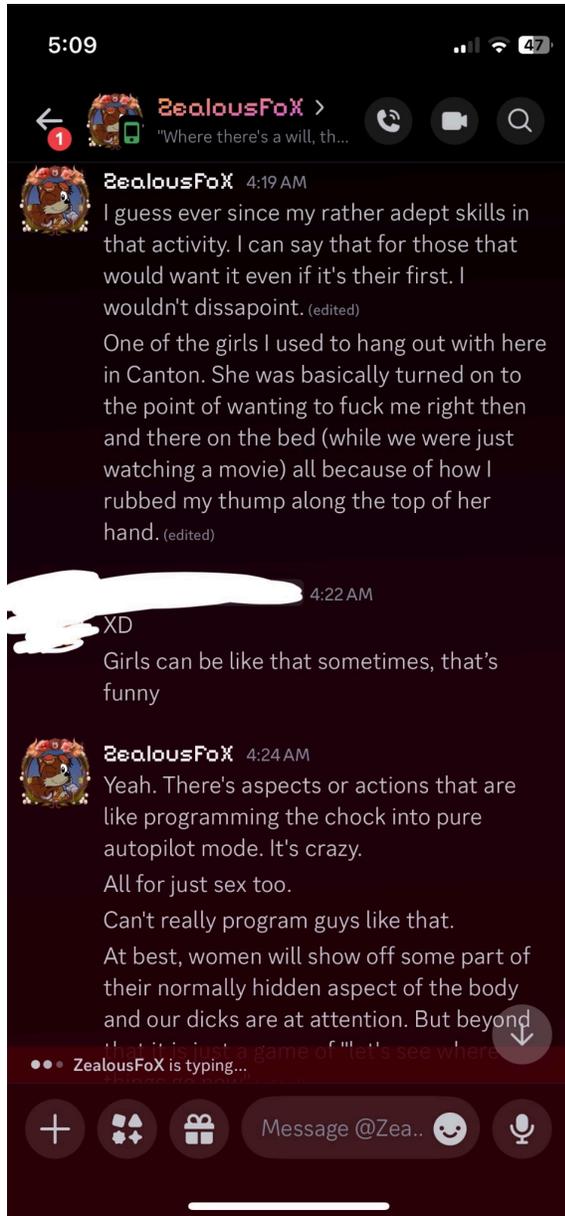
I guess. I guess I'm just so used too my era of teenage years. Man I was a player. Not a fan of that era of me. But I definitely wasn't empty on pleasure. Whether through art or... Other girls.

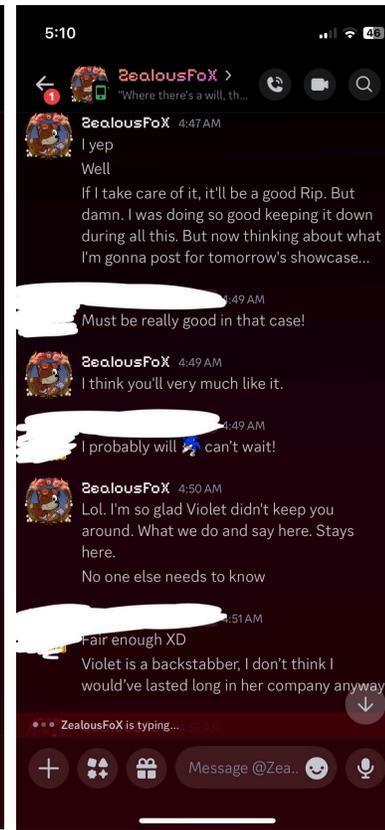
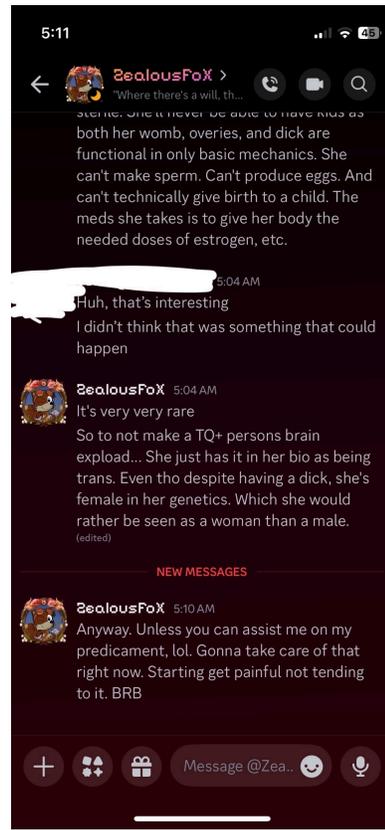
Everything is so walking on eggshells now

+ Message @Zea..









Again, I'd like to reiterate that this is not meant to be some big expose or callout thing. I just want people to be aware of what happened to me, and for Zealous to not get off with essentially just a slap on the wrist and a very stern "no no". If anyone reading or seeing this has ever experienced anything similar, let it be from Zealous or just anyone you know, do not make the same mistakes I did. Do not let it get this far or further. Safety matters.