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Teenagers Gaming Transparency Report

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Forward

The decision to make it clear that I am responsible for the creation of this Transparency Report was made to prevent any form of witch-hunting on various members of the Teenagers Gaming Mod Team.

However, given the situation, I believe that members of the Teenagers Gaming community deserve the basic respect of knowing how this community came to end. Therefore, I felt that it was necessary that such a Transparency Report was produced. Enjoy.

Abstract

In a simplified sense, the complete and utter erasure of Teenagers Gaming was never the intention of a single member of the Teenagers Gaming Moderation Team. Though it may be true thoughts of a hiatus were being passed around, never once did the thought of deleting the community once and for all ever cross the minds of any members of the moderation team.

As far as I know, moderation teams, whether Gaming, Reddit, or Discord, made decisions as a group, with voting systems (utilizing the reaction feature on discord) in place to ensure that a majority would control the outcome of a proposition. Proposals were typed in a designated proposal channel, and the opinions of each member of a team would be valued.

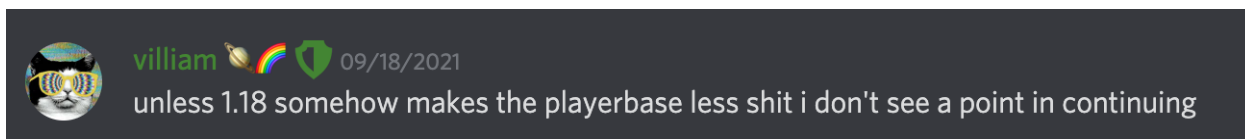
However, nearing the end of 2021, it became clear to me that the democratic nature of these mod teams was more fragile than I had assumed it to be, prompting my retirement.

The days that followed were filled with riveting discussions between members of the Teenagers Gaming mod team, as we did our best to argue against the closure of Teenagers Gaming. Substantial evidence was provided to suggest that such a closure was unnecessary, and there were other solutions to the supposed issue.

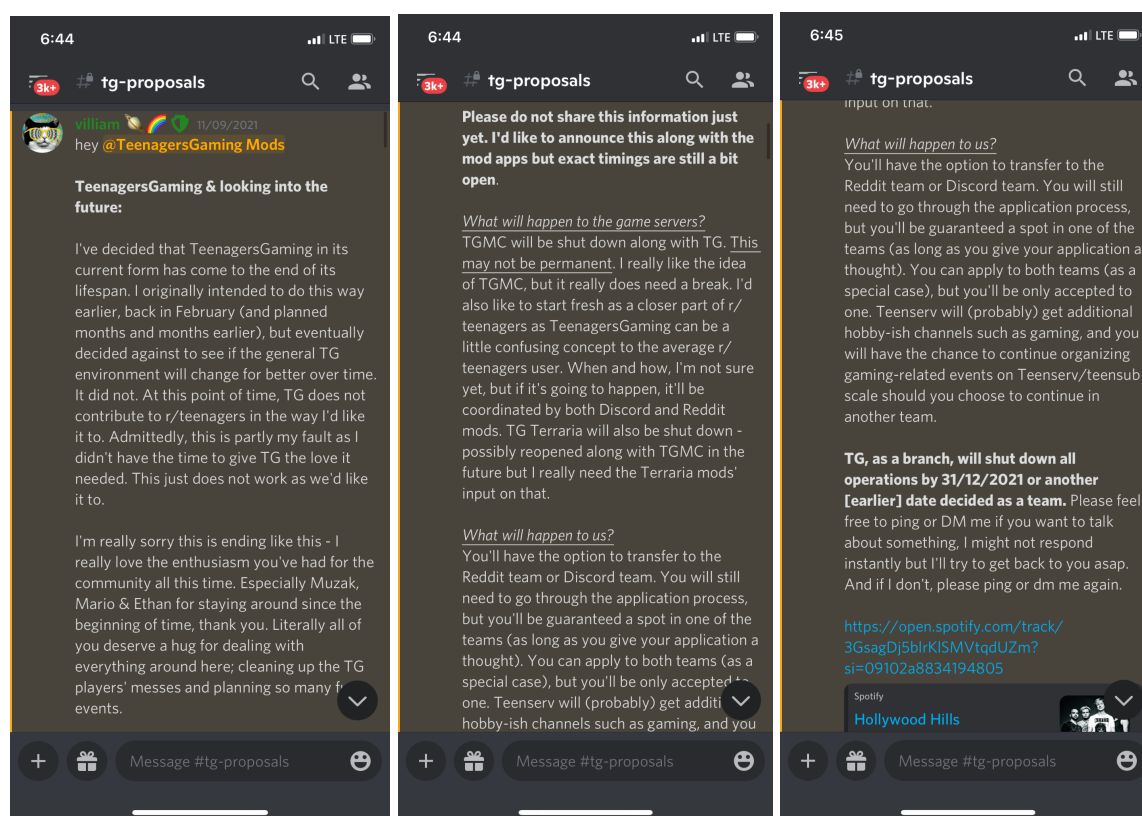
Unfortunately, considering you are reading this report at this point in time, our efforts proved futile, and we were unable to override the decisions of the person responsible.

Finally, please do not interpret this as a statement from any members of the Teenagers Gaming Moderation Team (past and present) but myself.

Part 1



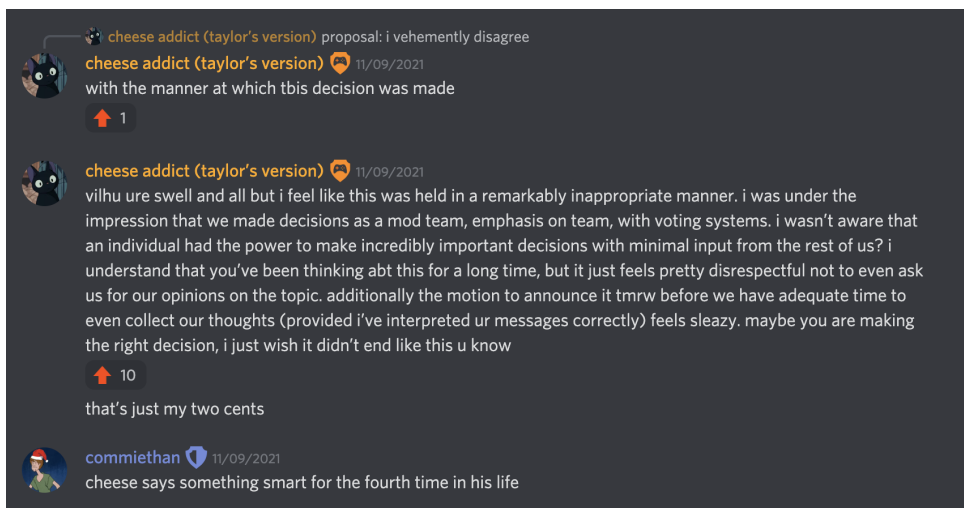
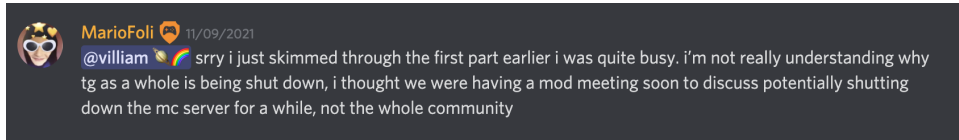
On the 18th of September, 2021, Vilhu, in the midst of a discussion regarding toxicity in the Teenagers Gaming community, made this statement. The statement wasn't taken seriously, and had no depth behind it, so at the time, it wasn't considered a genuine proposal. However, this has since proved to be nifty foreshadowing to later events.



As seen in the above images, on the 9th of November 2021, I woke up to a "proposal" from Vilhu to us, where he stated his position on the future of Teenagers Gaming. The message was not phrased in a manner that suggested it was up for debate, and prior to this proposal, there was no discussion of any sort involving anyone on the topic of closing Teenagers Gaming.

Part 2

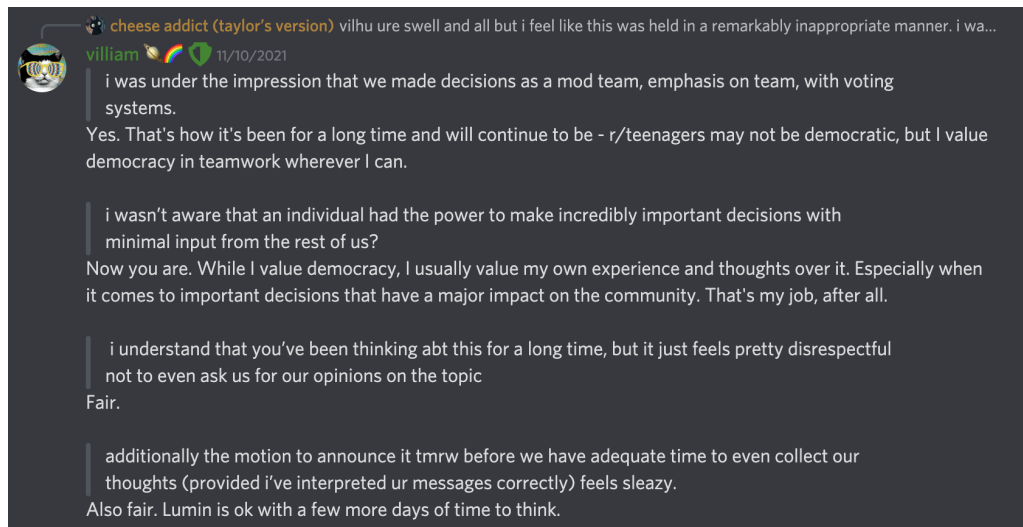
As soon as the message was sent, all online moderators were quick to respond to the “proposal” with their own opinions. As one would expect, most were not at all in favour of the motion to end Teenagers Gaming. A certain moderator, who’s name I am choosing to omit, was the first one to voice a contrasting opinion, and despite the result, I am grateful to them for this.



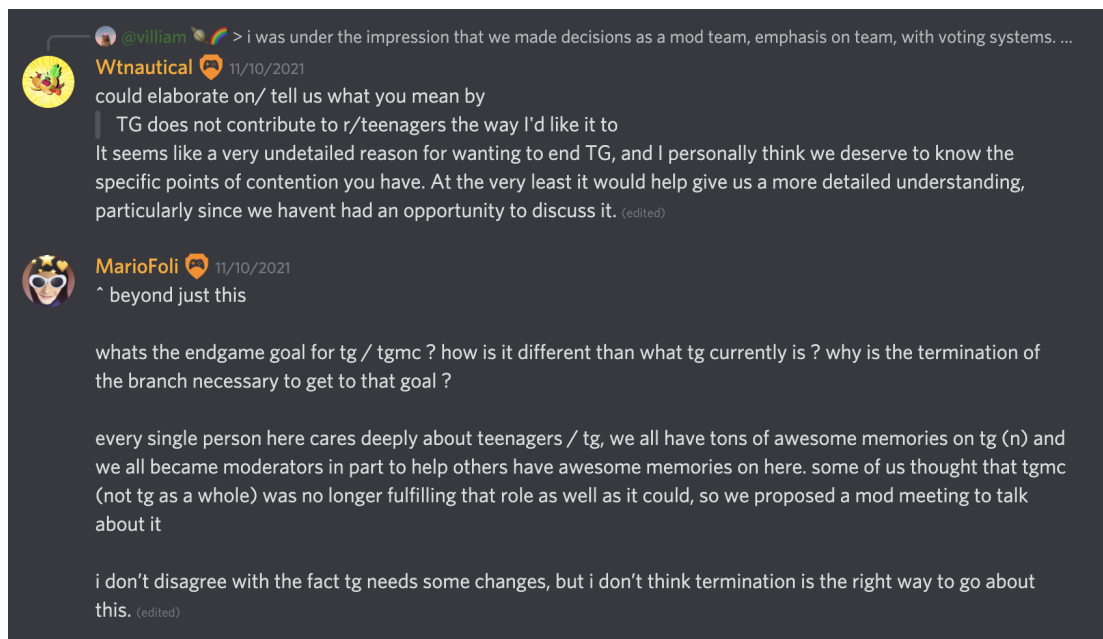
The above images depict a select number of opposing arguments, chosen solely because most arguments were difficult to encapsulate within one screenshot, as they are often found within conversations with other moderators.

I would like to highlight that I no longer believe Vilhu is “swell and all”

Part 3



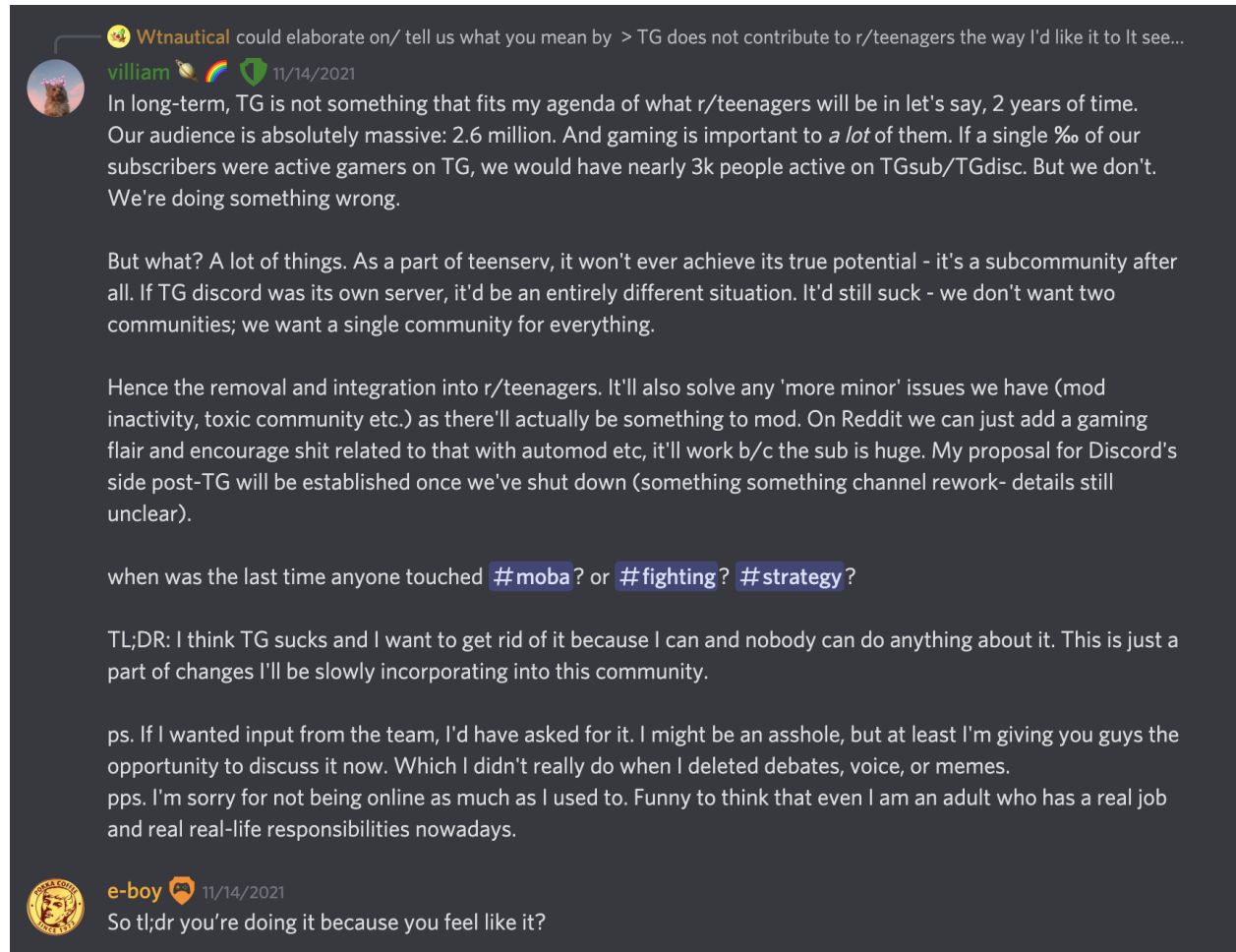
This message was sent on the 10th of November 2021 in response to my message. Each point of mine was responded to in a manner I felt was disappointing to say the least. Upon reading this response, I came to the understanding that r/teenagers was not the democratic institution I had thought it to be. Contradicting statements regarding his supposed valuing of democracy created further confusion for the mod team, and ultimately, all that was achieved from our initial rebuttal was a few day's delay.



As expected, the confusion was met with further clarifying questions from other members of the team, as calls for elaboration as well as further transparency felt justified.

Part 4

Until the 14th of November 2021, there was no response from Vilhu, leaving the team in a state of disarray, as the fate of Teenagers Gaming seemed to hang in limbo. We couldn't tell if our responses had been successful in deterring the termination effects, or if at any moment Vilhu would make the announcement.



The screenshot shows a Reddit post by user **Wtautical** with the text: "could elaborate on/ tell us what you mean by > TG does not contribute to r/teenagers the way I'd like it to It see...". Below this is a reply by user **villiam** (profile picture of a cat) dated 11/14/2021. The reply contains several paragraphs of text discussing the future of TG (Teenagers Gaming) and its integration with r/teenagers. The text mentions a massive audience of 2.6 million, the importance of gaming, and the goal of having a single community for everything. It also mentions the removal of TG from r/teenagers and the integration into the main subreddit. The reply ends with a question about the last time anyone touched certain gaming topics. Below this is another reply by user **e-boy** (profile picture of a meme) dated 11/14/2021, which says: "So tl;dr you're doing it because you feel like it?".

Wtautical could elaborate on/ tell us what you mean by > TG does not contribute to r/teenagers the way I'd like it to It see...

villiam 11/14/2021

In long-term, TG is not something that fits my agenda of what r/teenagers will be in let's say, 2 years of time. Our audience is absolutely massive: 2.6 million. And gaming is important to *a lot* of them. If a single % of our subscribers were active gamers on TG, we would have nearly 3k people active on TGsub/TGdisc. But we don't. We're doing something wrong.

But what? A lot of things. As a part of teenserv, it won't ever achieve its true potential - it's a subcommunity after all. If TG discord was its own server, it'd be an entirely different situation. It'd still suck - we don't want two communities; we want a single community for everything.

Hence the removal and integration into r/teenagers. It'll also solve any 'more minor' issues we have (mod inactivity, toxic community etc.) as there'll actually be something to mod. On Reddit we can just add a gaming flair and encourage shit related to that with automod etc, it'll work b/c the sub is huge. My proposal for Discord's side post-TG will be established once we've shut down (something something channel rework- details still unclear).

when was the last time anyone touched #moba? or #fighting? #strategy?

TL;DR: I think TG sucks and I want to get rid of it because I can and nobody can do anything about it. This is just a part of changes I'll be slowly incorporating into this community.

ps. If I wanted input from the team, I'd have asked for it. I might be an asshole, but at least I'm giving you guys the opportunity to discuss it now. Which I didn't really do when I deleted debates, voice, or memes.

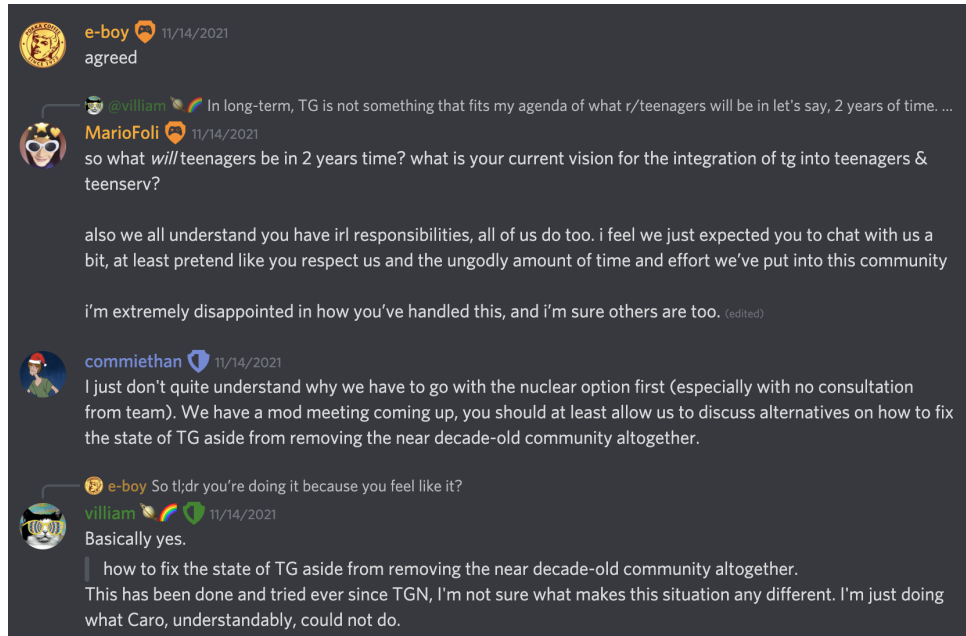
pps. I'm sorry for not being online as much as I used to. Funny to think that even I am an adult who has a real job and real real-life responsibilities nowadays.

e-boy 11/14/2021

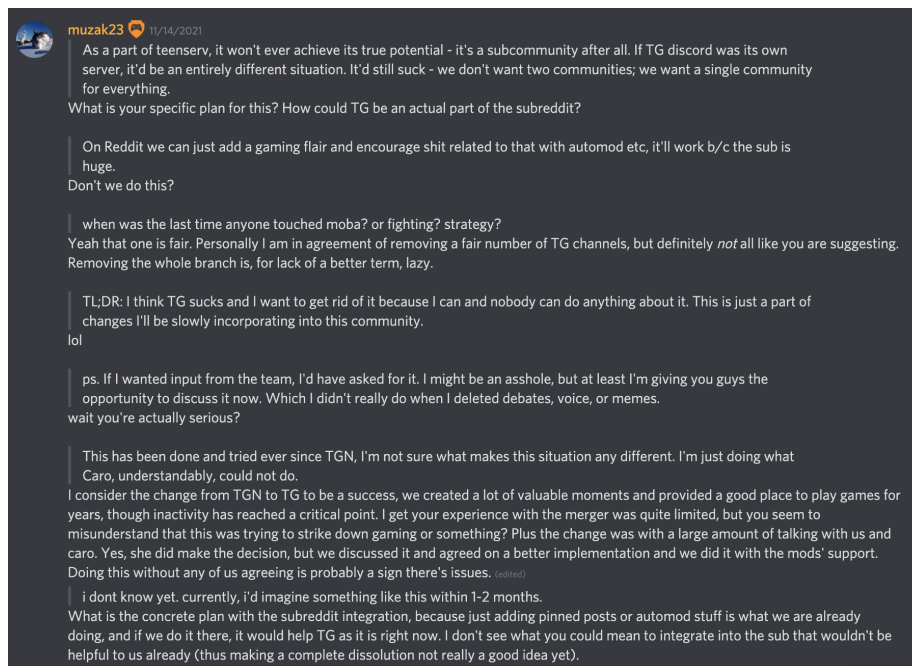
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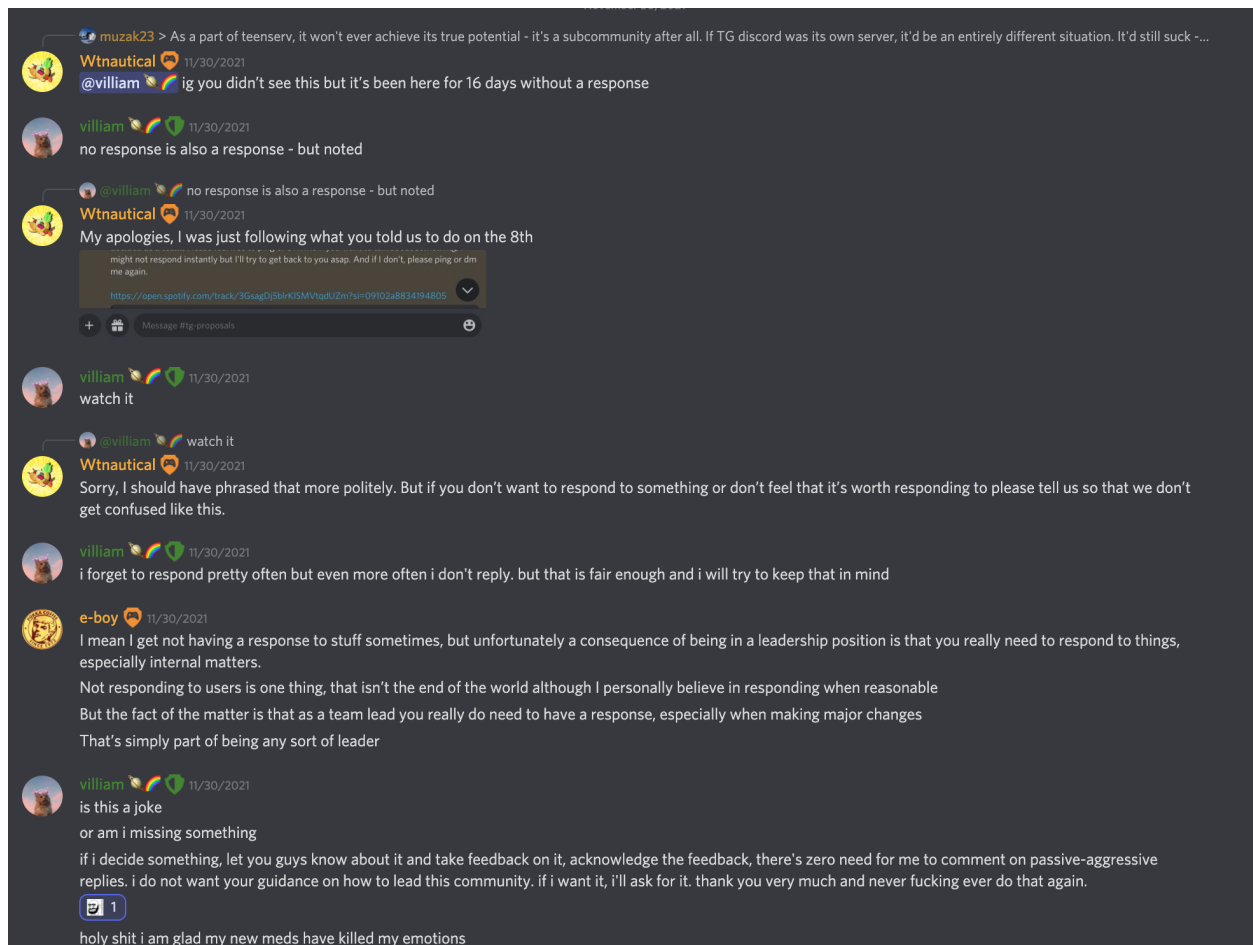


Several moderators were quick to respond to this, and fortunately, they weren't met with days of stonewalling this time. It was clear that many were reaching their breaking points. Vilhu's determination to terminate Teenagers Gaming was made obvious to us, and the situation felt increasingly dire.



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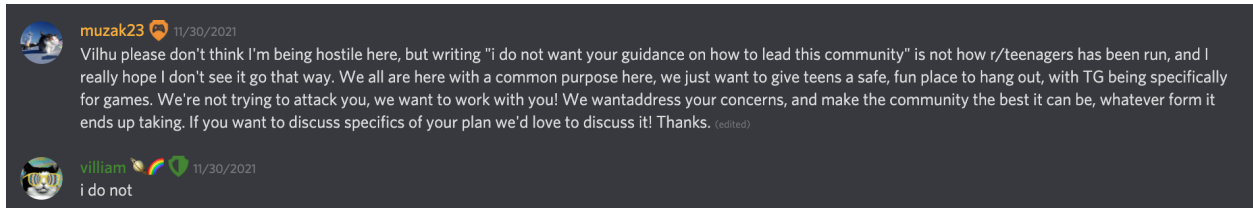
After this brief skirmish, there was no response from Vilhu until the 30th of November. As one can assume, it was impossible to predict when, if ever, he would respond. As previously stated, we feared that he may just drop the announcement at any given point, an action I found hard to put past him. Of course, there was a sense of desperate hopefulness within the silence, ever hopeful that he would change his mind, and everything would go back to normal. Nevertheless, it wasn't to be.



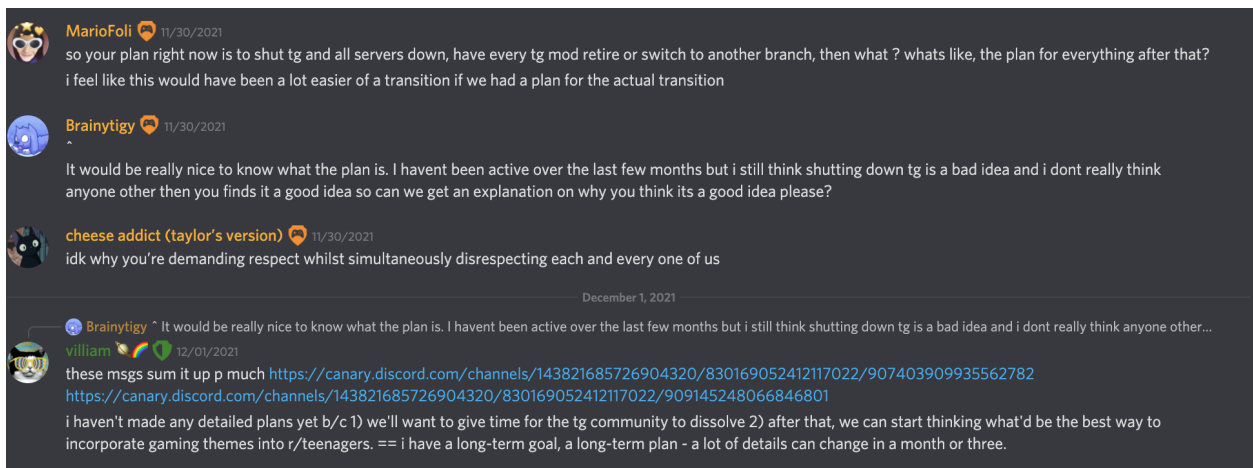
After a prompt, Vilhu finally returned to the channel, and had this exchange with an undisclosed moderator, and then with ABlazingEBoy. Once again, feel free to interpret this however you'd like.

Part 7

It was upon waking up to the previous exchange did I come to the realization that I wanted nothing to do with a moderation team where this was the sort of attitude our superior treated us with.



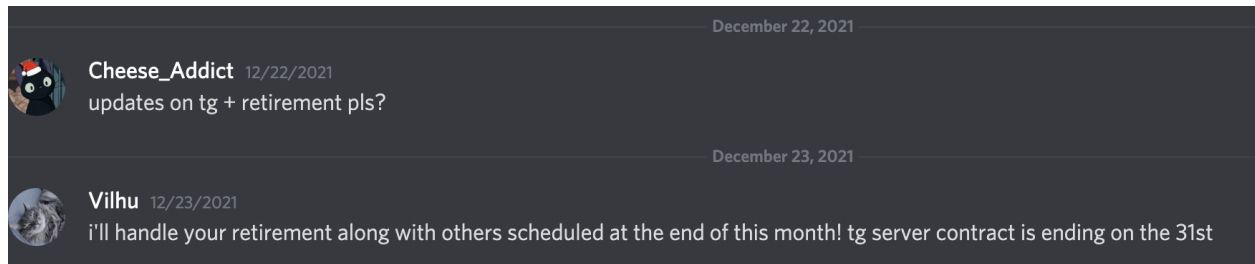
My disdain was further exemplified by this brief exchange between muzak23 and Vilhu, where it became incredibly clear to me that our opinions held no value to Vilhu, and at this point, there was nothing we could say to sway him.



Once again, more clarification was asked for, as well as a somewhat snide comment from me that I struggle to regret. By this point, we had reached December 2021, and we still felt like no progress had been made. Fortunately, a slightly deeper insight into Vilhu's plans were provided, I suppose.

Part 8

Until the new mods announcement was made, we were all under the impression that the closure of Teenagers Gaming would be announced along with this, giving us a period of time to have a sending off party. Yet when the announcement came out, there was a distinct lack of any Teenagers Gaming related information, excluding the lack of new Teenagers Gaming mods. My retirement was supposedly imminent, so I dared to poke the tiger with the stick, and privately ask Vilhu for an update.



As seen, his final plan, despite our best efforts, was to close Teenagers Gaming, without any warning for the general userbase mind you, on the 31st of December 2021.

To all the people I've met along the way,

Thank you.

With love,

Cheese_Addict

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