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Subject: Does CaptKurt ever give up, honestly?

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ACK, the reason he doesn't give up is because you're going exactly where he wants you to with this.

Now, from this point on, I'm not talking about just CaptKurt, but anyone who's ever spammed, ridiculed or just generally annoyed anyone else on any level.

Here's the thing, he made that page, and I'm sure everyone who supports him saw it.

The majority of the board members (most of whom support you, but some are neutral towards the situation) probably would not see most of his attacks on you if you didn't flaunt them everywhere. It doesn't matter whether you do it in a negative light or not, but now most everyone has seen it one way or another, whether or not they think it's funny or serious.

Making fun of them or getting extremely angry with them is what spammers want you to do, whether they know it on a conscious level or not. They want attention, and any kind is suitable. If you blow up and flame them, it's attention. If you just simply laugh at them, it's attention, and posting it for EVERYONE to laugh it at is even more of the same attention.

It's exactly the reason any spoiled brat does bad things; they couldn't get the positive attention, so they try for negative as a last ditch attempt to get any attention at all. I'm sure you've all heard that a million times, but it doesn't seem to sink in to all too many people on the internet...

After all, you don't see people spamming dead forums do you? If they wanted to do it for the fun of it, there's more than enough abandoned message boards that no one would care about. But no, they do it on active forums because they want to get a rise out of people.

I'm not trying to sound like a psychologist, although I'm sure I do, I'm just saying that common logic explains these things.

By continuing to provoke spammers and give them attention by doing things like posting their annoying little escapades on public forums, you're just fueling them with more attention and an even greater desire to spam and flame more.

Thus, in fueling them, you're announcing one of two things.

Either (1), you want them to get angrier - and I can assure you, they're not - which will solve nothing. They're not getting angrier, so they won't get so angry to the point that they stop. They'll just keep going until they get bored, which may be quite awhile if they're so deprived of attention.

Or (2) You enjoy making fun of the spammers. Well, in that case, you're just fulfilling their little escapades through the dictionary. Which are indeed funny, I've got to admit, looking at the words the fools decide to pick out because they look big...but you're just admitting to him that you it's funny by posting it, and thus: giving him more attention. It all comes back to that.

We all know the way to make an deliberate idiot stop is to just ignore him. If he's not getting any positive or negative attention, he'll just stop. There's no point in continuing if no one cares.

So why can't we seem to do that? Well, consult the reasons above. I think ACK's reason for doing it is because he finds it fun to ridicule the people who ridicule him.

Hey, I'll admit, it can be fun to fulfil that primal urge to retaliate against an enemy and crush them...But uh, hey, let me fill you in on something. No one's crushing anybody on the internet. Nobody's going to give in, collapse and see the "wrong of their ways". Ultimately one of the opposing enemies will leave, yes, but it won't be because of the barrage of insults. If anything, it'll be the tedious boredom of keeping up with it.

So, in conclusion...It doesn't matter how fun it is to verbally maraud someone over the internet just because they acted like an idiot. That's exactly what they want you to do. So, at the expense of losing a little bit of self-entertainment, I think constraining your instincts is but a small price to pay for keeping the community a much more welcoming and enjoyable place, to which new members may actually wish to come.

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