
Subject: Re: The Pointfix and the Game Listings
Posted by [Spoony](#) on Tue, 03 Nov 2009 14:12:31 GMT
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tanzying wrote on Tue, 03 November 2009 07:44 Many people have posted against Spoony, citing his past behaviour in other debates (the impression I get is that this mostly refers to the pointfix debates) as a reason why his opinion should not be considered.
and since I keep asking what i've actually done wrong in these past debates and nobody can answer, i hope you can see it for the bullshit cop-out it is.

excuse me, but i never refused to consider anybody's opinion on the pointfix NO MATTER HOW pathetically they acted.

tanzying wrote on Tue, 03 November 2009 07:44 However, Spoony's reactions to such posts have been consistent. When he feels that someone has wrongly accused him, he responds immediately and heatedly to defend himself and demonstrate his displeasure. Occasionally, he will also send his opponents messages with sarcastic and scathing tones (examples would include sentences ending with 'eh?' , 'hmm?' , 'excuse me, but no'). He is entitled to do all this. It's his personal opinion and personal style of argument.
all true, and i don't see what's wrong with defending myself when i'm attacked.

tanzying wrote on Tue, 03 November 2009 07:44 Another thing Spoony consistently does is to state that TT is more qualified than the Jelly community to wield the authority of the a00 nicknames, because he thinks that TT is respected for their work on renegade and was accomodating to dissenters on the pointfix debate, wheras Jelly has not been so accomodating on the a00 name issue. I cannot say whether such a view is correct, especially since I haven't even read the pointfix debate. Spoony also consistently uses words like 'appaling', 'ridiculous', 'despicable' etc to describe how the Jelly community has been treating him. Again, nothing wrong with this. It's his personal opinion and personal style of argument.
again, true.

tanzying wrote on Tue, 03 November 2009 07:44 People do not appreciate being called appaling, ridiculous, despicable, liars, [insert negative term here], whether they have actually been so or not.
you lose me at "whether they have actually been so or not". wtf? listen to what you're saying. you're saying if someone cheats or whatever, you shouldn't say so in case you hurt their feelings because then you'll be the bad guy?

tanzying wrote on Tue, 03 November 2009 07:44 Similarly, people also do not appreciate being told that they are being unreasonable and that the other party is being 'the better man'. It provokes an instinctive angry reaction in them,
true, of course.

tanzying wrote on Tue, 03 November 2009 07:44 the very same reaction that I believe Spoony experiences when he is charged by what he views as an unfair accusation.
no, not the very same reaction at all. in one case the person is angry because they're being shown up for what they are, in the other case they're angry because they're being falsely accused.
enormous difference between the two.

tanzying wrote on Tue, 03 November 2009 07:44Spoony may not mind people being angry at him or disliking him.

true again, i do what i think's right and i say what i think, regardless of whether it will upset people or decrease my popularity. i think everybody has noticed this by now. you can, at least, credit me with brutal honesty.

tanzying wrote on Tue, 03 November 2009 07:44But what he DOES want is for Jelly to give up the a00 names. This can be done either through EA or XWIS intervention (unlikely), or if Jelly himself decides to do so. If Jelly is angry at him, why should he? Even if it is logically the fair thing to do. Emotions decide a fair portion of human action as well.

hypothetical question for you. when people were demanding a server-side choice of the pointsfix or not, and if we (TT) decided to refuse this because we were angry at being asked, would you be saying "well, if TT are angry at you, why should they give you this?"

tanzying wrote on Tue, 03 November 2009 07:44(This paragraph is entirely my hypothesis) Spoony may have directed the bulk of his replies to the Jelly community, and not Jelly personally. But whether or not he has directly angered Jelly himself, I think it is possible that every reply Spoony makes to a Jelly community member subconsciously angers Jelly himself.

well, for quite a while i was a jelly community member; i've donated to the server a few times, i played there a lot, i used to be a moderator, i was there when it very first started, i led the jelly team in quite a few community matches. and yet when i'm the one under attack for no reason (i'll give you two examples, 1. two moderators publicly assert that i cheat, i say no i don't, i get relentlessly attacked by the community just for saying i didn't cheat. 2. a jelly moderator goes to incredible lengths to lie to everybody to slander my reputation at clanwars, for the sole and specific reason that he hates the pointsfix and he wants to make the official ladder look bad somehow) - when this is done to me, is jelly angry? if he was he didn't show it.

tanzying wrote on Tue, 03 November 2009 07:44Firstly, the *JELLY* community bears Jelly's own name. Secondly, Jelly likely knows and thinks well of some of the community members that have been offended by Spoony, and humans tend to stand up for their friends instinctively. see above for the flaw

tanzying wrote on Tue, 03 November 2009 07:44Thirdly, Spoony makes a few statements that seem to generalize the Jelly community, of which Jelly himself is a part of. (/hypothesis) generalisation is not always unreasonable.

tanzying wrote on Tue, 03 November 2009 07:44Spoony, you could have discussed this privately with Jelly first. I believe that one big reason why Jelly is angry with you is because you chose to discuss this matter with massive publicity. I dont know what kind of relationship the two of you have in renegade/real life. But surely it is possible to be a little accomodating on your side? If it was really important to you that the issue be publicised so that public scrutiny can ensure it's not a shady deal behind closed doors, you could have first privately persuaded Jelly to the point where he would be prepared to come out on your side OUT OF GOODWILL when you eventually went public. You could then have all the public scrutiny you wanted. I never used this as a defence during the pointsfix debates.

tanzying wrote on Tue, 03 November 2009 07:44You talk about TT having been the 'better man'

in the pointsfix debates. I don't know, I wasn't there. Why don't you be an even better man by not trying to rub this into your opponents?

This is yet another example of someone asking "why is spoony trying to do Y" when spoony is actually doing X. the question is meaningless. ask me why i'm doing X and then the question is worth answering.

tanzying wrote on Tue, 03 November 2009 07:44: Is the Renegade community, or defending your logic and yourself against character assassination attempts, more important?

It sounds like you're saying: when people lie to make you look bad, don't defend yourself because if you do, you'll offend your accusers and this will damage the Renegade community.

tanzying wrote on Tue, 03 November 2009 07:44: Stop creating so much anger, so that people can think with logic instead of emotions.

firstly, if somebody can't think with logic then i put it to you that it's their own problem. secondly, most of the time the anger is not justified. again, when several jelly mods publicly asserted that i cheated and i said actually no i didn't, they reacted with anger. when i said i liked the pointsfix and i gave lots of reasons, they reacted with anger. shall i go on?

tanzying wrote on Tue, 03 November 2009 07:44: I think its great that you are willing to spend so much effort and time on the Renegade community, doing what you believe to be in its best interests. It's earned my respect, and I wish you good fortune in your endeavours. I offer my opinion and suggestion in hopes that it will expedite your good work.

tl;dr. Spoony, you need to win more hearts and less minds.

if you strip away the rhetoric you've basically said: when you're attacked, don't defend yourself because if you do you'll anger your accusers. thanks for the advice, but no thanks.
