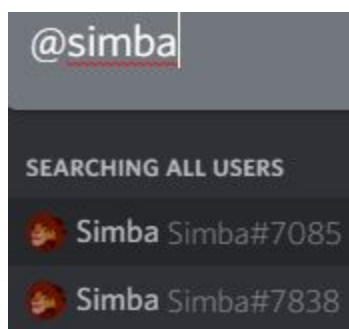


1. Introduction

- **You are your own best pair of eyes! Come and experience FM for yourself.**
<https://discord.gg/N4Vzzcq>. The people defaming Simba, FM, YiffLinks, FurLinks and related organisations simply wish to frighten you away. Come and find out the truth for yourself. There is a very good reason that they do not want you in FM: because that means that you will (quite rightly and quickly) see through their fabrications.
- This document addresses at a high level the general claims and 'evidence' provided by some uncouth users on Twitter against Simba, FM and related organisations, and dispels every piece of 'evidence' they have raised thus far. It is possible that in the future, we will release another document going into more detail on individual points.
- There are around **12-15k** furies present across all of the communities and services that we run. The number of people who have provided 'evidence' is estimated to be **10-20**, and many of these may be a single person using multiple accounts. This is approximately **0.1-0.2%** at most of the furs who have encountered Simba and the places he runs, meaning that **99.8-99.9% are completely uninvolved in these rumours**. It is entirely reasonable, as in any large community, that somewhere **between 1-in-500 and 1-in-1000** members may turn out to be serious trouble causers or trolls just for the sake of it. Thankfully, the vast, vast, vast majority of people in FM and our other branches love and appreciate everything we do, and enjoy making us their home.
- **Almost all of the logs presented that include 'Simba' are fakes constructed by people who make clone accounts, using his name and avatar, for example as shown in the below (Simba#7085 is the real one, Simba#7838 is a fake):**



- As such, any 'evidence' which appears to show Simba is unreliable at best, baseless in practicality, because there is no direct proof provided that it is the 'real' Simba.

- The following sections address all of the untrue claims brought against FM, exposing as falsified the 'evidence' presented by the defamers through a mixture of its internal contradictions, and lack of logic.
- As a general overview, the 'evidence' presented is not first-hand, lacks consideration of context, misplaces burden of proof, and incorrectly places blame on existence of words instead of actions taken, advocating for censorship.

2. Pedophilia

- **These claims are disgusting. We cannot begin to express how terrible it is to falsely assert such things about a person. To do so is to put that person under scrutiny for one of the most heathen things imaginable. Those who are doing so should feel nothing but pure, irrefutable, irredeemable shame for their actions. May they never cast such awful, untrue allegations against another person again.**
- Testimony by banned users: complete lack of evidence. No screenshots of anything at all incriminating: simply claims without basis. If this actually happened, surely someone would have irrefutable evidence of it, but none has ever been shown, and when called for, excuses are made as to why it supposedly cannot be shown (other than the simple fact that it does not exist).
- FA discussions: Second-hand evidence, no evidence showing context of messages, or any proof of what is claimed.
- Discord has NSFW provisions built in (channels can be marked as 18+ only), and this is used for every such channel. Anyone under 18 is not allowed in any 18+ channel under any circumstances, at any time. **Our administrators are notified whenever a person takes or removes a role (custom-made bot functionality), and all of these are reviewed very quickly, because we have a very competent, large and active staff team (about 80 members).**

3. Racism

- FM does not have any interest in what a person's skin colour is. People are good or bad based on their actions, not based on what they look like. Claiming otherwise is absurd. We do not have any data on the skin colour of our members (it would be a rather strange thing to ask, and is irrelevant), but **every furry is welcome in FM, as long as they treat others respectfully and kindly.**

4. Doxing

- No proof of any actual doxing is given, simply claims that it was done. All of these claims are resolutely denied at the highest level from FM's perspective.
- Most of the claims relating to doxing discuss people other than Simba, with zero proof presented that he owns these accounts. Nor is proof provided that any of these other people actually did any doxing.
- One of the logs references Fluffy, who has not been active in FM for years, directly proving its illegitimacy and therefore that whoever provided this 'log' is completely without basis for the rest of their 'evidence'.
- R3m1xphys1x and others have attempted to dox Simba and have openly disclosed information about him, still publicly available. This is bizarrely hypocritical given they claim he is the one doxing.

5. Transphobia

- **This is one of the most insulting claims.** FM has had hundreds of trans members and admins in the past, has hundreds currently, and will have many more in the future. **FM is unequivocally pro-equality.** It disgusts us that to promote an extreme agenda, some people would choose to claim otherwise, but such is life.

We are pro-trans, and the attempts to deny trans furries our wonderful home, when they in many cases need support and love is disgusting. **The people claiming these falsehoods about us are anti-trans themselves, and indeed anti-furry, because they have more interest in pushing a repressive agenda (and even more outrageously, pursuing false journalism for commercial reasons) than actually taking care of trans furries in the way they damn well deserve to be taken care of, as deserves every reasonable, respectful furry and person.**

As an example of how we provide help, support and care to our members when they need it, we highlight here our anonymous advice chat. In #advice, all community members have the ability to ask for help on whatever problems they are facing, and receive high-quality advice and support. We include an example here to show how the process works, and to demonstrate the support we actively and consistently give and offer to all of our members. Simba himself is involved right down to the base level, and interacts as a member equal to all others, instead of hiding away in an ivory tower:



FurryMenagerieBot BOT 12/23/2018

Anon 58: I feel like I can't breathe. Panic attack and depression all day. I just want to lay down and give up. I don't care anymore. I just want to be alone. But I want people in my life. I pushed them all away. I'm scared. I did this to myself. I shouldn't have lied. But I did. And now the people I loved hate me. We haven't spoken in years. Not since the last radio show. My friend died that day. I was mourning. I couldn't be bothered to fix what I had broken with the others. I don't know that I can ever have a normal friendship again. I am scared. I think thats normal. I should still do it. I don't know why I'm typing this out. I have a good life from the outside looking in. But inside I feel destroyed. A ruined person. I want to be loved so badly by someone. I have a wife that loves me dearly. And I should be thankful of that. But I am a greedy bastard. And I know that. I want the normalcy that is a friend again. I miss it so badly. I try to make people like me. But I know that it only makes me harder to approach. Harder to like. Harder to feel normal around. I know I am not normal. But even with that I desperately want that one shred of normalcy. I don't think its real anyways.



Simba 12/23/2018

Anon 58: Ooof. Rough. But the overarching sentiment is that you're blaming yourself for things that I'm honestly not convinced are your fault. Grief is a powerful emotion. The cavalcade of emotions you describe seem to be fallout from what happened.

Strip everything back and start at the beginning. You need to learn to love yourself again. To forgive yourself. To acknowledge that you aren't to blame.

Death of friends is very hard to take, and I know perfectly well how it can lead you to blame yourself. For several months, I was in a pit of anguish when my best friend killed himself, a few years ago. There were always the thoughts of "what if I hadn't gone to work that day", "what if I told him one extra time how loved he is", and so on. But you cannot blame yourself. To do so will destroy two lives.

To forgive yourself; to renege from using yourself as a scapegoat, is necessary to move on. Maybe speak to your friend. Let them know, however you find it best on a personal level, that you miss them, and will never forget them, but you need to move on and continue to live. And ask for their blessing.

Once you sort out this, and regain your self-love, the rest will follow in kind. But one cannot build a castle without first laying a foundation. (edited)

The disgraceful irony of the transphobia claim is that by pushing their lies (and specifically and directly targeting trans furies who are with us), those who seek to defame us are treating the trans population differently. That is unacceptable. *That* is treating someone differently based on their LGBTQ+ status.

The below shows an example of this sort of behaviour, where one of the perpetrators (who follows us on an anonymous alt account to get around the block on his main account, which in itself is a poor but fair reflection on his character) directly calls out one of our trans followers in public in an attempt to turn them against us.



This sort of behaviour is disgusting. Look at what is being done objectively. We treat all trans furies under our umbrella with the same love and care as all other furies. It never is a topic of discussion. We would never single someone out like our defamers do, based on orientation or anything else.

- Ex-member complaints: Certain words do not automatically mean transphobia.
 - **No one would ever be removed for being LGBTQ+, or ever has been.** If any admin ever did this, they would be **permanently banned**. One ex-member who claimed they were discriminated against also claimed they had been in our Discord for far longer than our Discord has even existed, proving their disingenuity and unreliability further.
- @daddydober: The 'evidence' only shows confrontation; does not show what situation caused the confrontation. Simba has always maintained that the person was disallowed access because he sent Simba real life straight porn, unsolicitedly, as a provocation, knowing that Simba is gay and would dislike it. The person somehow scrambles the resultant lack of access granted into being related to trans status, and subsequently attempts to elevate this claim to the silly accusation that FM is anti-trans.
- Harassment by (ex-)members of FM: Any members who harass others are demoted of their status and/or kicked/banned depending on severity, and do not represent us. FM is not a childminding service. We have 12-15k members across all platforms. People are autonomous.
- 'Transphobic' joke and comment by Sparky: The joke was not about trans people at all. It was a satirical jab at the nature of modern society, and referenced a plethora of contentious topics. It is a repost of a well-known piece from outside the furry fandom entirely.

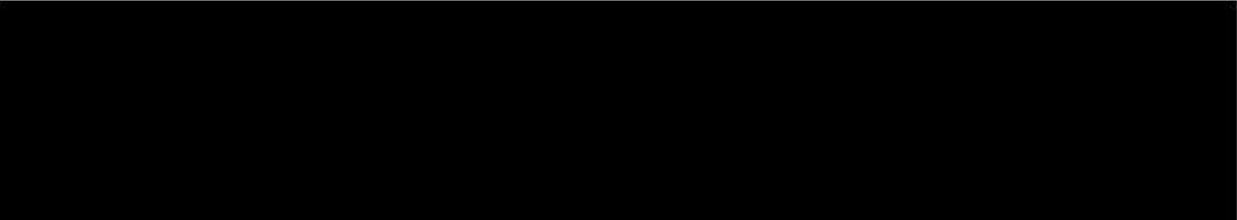

6. Personal Threats, Harassment and Abuse

- A useful piece of knowledge before assessing any of this evidence is that **Simba blocks everyone who is banned from FM on his personal account**. This, of course, means that Simba has no communication with them (you cannot send messages to a blocked user). This in turn invalidates almost all 'evidence' refuted in this section in one fell swoop, but just in case, everything is assessed individually below.
- One of the main perpetrators of the defamation against Simba and FM, called HeroOfNone, seeks out peoples' email addresses if he cannot contact them on Twitter (or they do not respond) to "warn them". An example of such an email is below. These are sent completely unsolicitedly, and constitute direct harassment (if people wanted email contact from people on Twitter, they would list their emails):

 heroofnone <heroofnone@gmail.com>




To: 


Currently FM has been the center of some drama after it came to light that FM's leader, Simba, had an abusive past of racism, transphobia, abuse, harassment, doxxing users, and alleged pedophilia from


Here is a Twitter thread made by @dogpatchpress going over some of the screenshots from discord and telegram

<https://twitter.com/DogpatchPress/status/1066817848985640960?s=19>

Here is a Google document organizing several of those tweets as well as my personal experience with the group.

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ZLTFZXH0OGN-cXMK-4QhHvSBJoQI3LkPBTAavYzWwY>

Thank you for your time.

A common theme throughout, that you probably have noticed by now, is that those who are attacking Simba and FM are actually guilty themselves of the actions they accuse us of (for example doxing, transphobia and harassment).

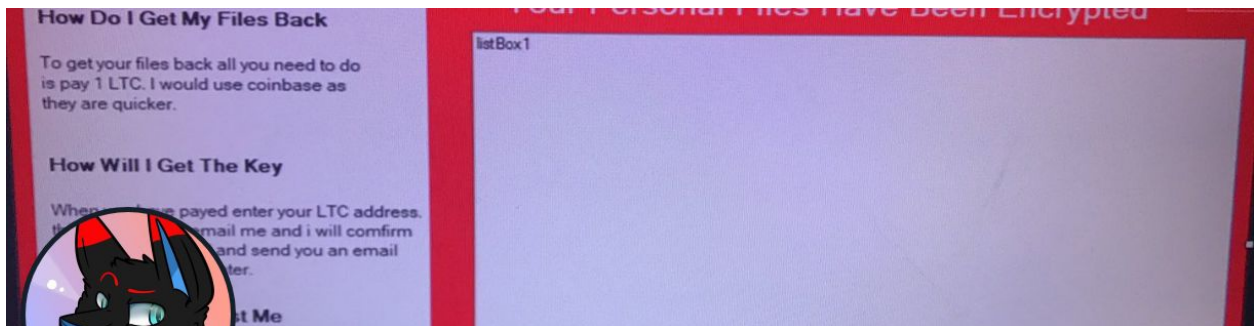
- Next, we have WolfLTD1, who provided second-hand 'evidence', with no proof of legitimacy. This person was in fact banned because he was bragging about installing RATs (heavy spyware/virus-type software) on furies' computers in voice call, and it was not in fact Simba who banned him, but another admin. He also set this in his profile, which was another contributing factor to his ban.



His own Twitter account has the following profile:



His banner also displays a photograph of ransomware software:



This is yet another clear corroboration of the motif that the defamers are accusing Simba of actions that they themselves commit: blatantly, openly and publicly.

- Next, VladSnakeDragon. He did not simply ask about things, but instead immediately wanted to delist from our free advertising services (which we of course granted; we are doing people a large favour when we advertise them to our thousands of members on our @YiffLinks and @FurLinks platforms on Telegram) because of what he had heard. He also claimed to be making that choice for another member, instead of letting them speak for themselves.

The ban reason claimed by Vlad is totally incorrect. Simba engaged perfectly civilly with Vlad despite the confrontational approach he took, including Vlad behaving aggressively in public in a group with around 300 members, which contained a member of the Telegram user support services.

Vlad admitted his motivation very directly, and we show it here:



Simba does not work for Telegram, nor has he ever, and peacefully disengaged with Vlad, as was shown in Vlad's own 'evidence'. Therefore, the claims that somehow Simba "attacked [Vlad's] Telegram account" are ludicrous. One user cannot attack another's Telegram account. That is not how Telegram works. No information is given on how any friends of Vlad's were treated, why they were removed, or even who they were. Nor did Simba ever attack Vlad himself. The logs, once again, show that Simba behaved calmly, civilly, and appropriately to disengage from Vlad's approach.

Fundamentally, this is yet more evidence pointing to people simply having a personal problem, and, when taken in conjunction with a convenient "blame Simba" culture, elevating things to try to make them into something far larger than they actually are.

This is another very clear show that the defamers are performing the very actions they accuse Simba of: in this case, blatant harassment.

- Other poor-quality 'evidence, for example that shown involving Lazei, Dove and Rezen, generally suffers from the following issues that result in its invalidation:
 - No proof at all is offered that any 'alt' accounts are Simba, or even that they know Simba. No context is provided (no original posts relating to the cause of the confrontation). 'Evidence' is second-hand, which is inherently unreliable.
 - There is no context provided. It is not clear how, or why, any confrontation came about.
 - The burden of proof is misplaced throughout. It has been placed on Simba to disprove; not on the defamers to prove beyond reasonable doubt. This is not how burden of proof works, and so any such 'evidence' is summarily dismissed.
 - There is no proof (even illegitimate) in many cases offered that the accusations have any ties at all to Simba (for example the bullying on cringeandarchy).
 - The claims made don't match the 'evidence' shown for those claims (for example in the Steam messages, there is no threatening to spread rumours, and no

belittling real life appearance as claimed). Indeed, the other user seemed to be the aggressor in this situation instead, acting wholly unreasonably.

- Blatant kinkshaming is employed (regarding financial domination) without any evidence to support the claims made.

7. Sexual Harassment

- 'Evidence' given has nothing to do with sexual harassment as claimed by Dogpatch.
- If anything, the screenshots show Dogpatch failing to understand Simba's points, which were stated multiple times.
 - Shifts blame onto Simba instead of the group owner.
 - Ignores explicit statements that the chat does not allow minors.
 - Becomes unresponsive when pressured.
- At the time, Simba was not aware of Dogpatch's history, and so didn't recognise his antics as a blatant journalistic tactic to try to spin a story for the sake of spinning a story. This is evident throughout all of Dogpatch's conversations, should you wish to trawl through his Twitter over the past several months.

8. Impersonation (Pyxaron)

- Simba has known both the original and impersonating Pyxaron for around ten years. The original has a kink for being impersonated, and gets along well with the impersonator in private (for example, he was a member of the impersonator's private Discord server the last time Simba himself was in there, and communicated pleasantly with him at all times). However, part of the original Pyxaron's kink extends to public denial, and this is where problems arise, because the original forces other parties into his kink by doing this.
- The impersonator quietly enjoyed things in FM and functioned as a coherent member of the community. Both he, and Pyxaron, were allowed to stay because the history and desires of both were very well-known by Simba, having known them both for around a decade, and having previously discussed things at length with both of them on this and a range of other related topics.
- The original started to complain to admins within a month of being in FM, and also sent a friend in to complain to admins about the impersonator. This is an expression of the public denial part of his kink (pretending not to like the impersonation in public). He was warned, and subsequently banned for wasting the support staff's time.
- He continued to send friends in intermittently to complain on his behalf. There are six documented cases of such in our admin logs.

- The impersonator was banned shortly after this because he was doing unsolicited advertising in direct messages, and this was reported to our support admins. His ban had nothing to do with the original, or the original's friends' harassment.

9. Ties to Xanadu and Alt-Furries

- FM is apolitical, and always has been. It is not the case that if a certain party supports you, that you share their politics. We do not ascribe to any politics. Our values and goals are simply to provide a warm, loving home to any furry who deserves it. And that is what our actions reflect.
- It is suggested by the defamers that we should exclude people because their political leanings differ from their own. We have thousands of members and admins across a broad range of the political spectrum. Much as we would never exclude someone for being LGBTQ+, we would never exclude someone for being a Trump supporter, a Hillary supporter, or any other such thing. To claim that we somehow should, or should distance ourselves, is remarkably insular. We estimate that around 40% of our members are from outside the USA: there is a whole world outside of American politics.
- Dogpatch has attacked many, many, many other furries and furry groups. This divide and conquer strategy is effective if people do not defend one another. This is the clear motivation of our defamers here. We know basically nothing about Xanadu or alt-furries. Our concern is our community and the well-being and happiness of our members.
- The 'evidence' of a link displayed is the fact that a person (Zrcalo) spoke at one of our debates (the motion was "is being a furry healthy?", see <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JZAI-MNb6VU> should you wish to listen), as all our community members are entitled to. **Zrcalo was chosen out of a few people who volunteered, in chronological order, by a person who is prestigious in the real-world debating scene, and who we are lucky enough to have as one of our debate admins. This person is not a furry himself, so the whole idea that somehow Zrcalo was chosen because of Xanadu is clearly total nonsense.** The fact remains that FM has no interest in politics: we are a furry community, not a political entity.
- **FM is based on respect, kindness and love.** Hate from any side, be it far-left, far-right, or wherever else, is categorically intolerable. Somehow tying this into politics is, again, absurd. Both sides have their demons, and we want nothing to do with anyone who flies the flag of those demons, whichever side they may be on.

10. Rebrand.ly/Blackmail Claims

- Recently, a couple of people have claimed out of the blue that the rebrand.ly links FM uses are for the purpose of blackmail.
 - **The true purpose is simply so that the links we give are more aesthetically pleasing and functional.** On sites that do not allow customisation of URLs, the links otherwise often include a long, random string of letters and numbers. These are time-consuming to memorise. They are unwieldy and impractical. It is much neater to be able to offer <https://rebrand.ly/fmtwitter>, <https://rebrand.ly/fmfacebook>, and so on. Uniformity is pleasant.
 - The information rebrand.ly gathers is, we are told (having never used it for this purpose, it was news to us), is the same level of information as what Google Analytics gathers. **Given that Google Analytics is present on almost every single website, if a person genuinely has a problem with rebrand.ly, they should probably stop using the Internet altogether.**
 - There was no reason for choosing rebrand.ly over any other rebranding site other than that it was the first one that came up when we made the decision to make our links look nicer several months ago. If anyone is an expert in this, and has useful input, feel free to let us know.
 - The whole idea claimed overall in this section by these people is remarkably silly. It used to be the case that angry people in video games would shout “I’m going to get your IP and hack you!” These claims are no less ridiculous.

11. Closing High-Level Comments

- The main perpetrator of the attacks (Dogpatch) is a well-known defamation ‘journalist’ who attempts to create drama and flame wars against popular members of the furry fandom in order to promote his brand. It is widely believed that he does not actually believe the evidence presented against us (and is very aware of its shortcomings), but simply is spinning the situation to gain followers. This is unfortunate, and clearly unethical, but is fairly typical as a journalistic practice. This is his general motivation. This happens across almost all news reporting, and is just a sad consequence of the fact that, unfortunately, negative headlines sell more copies than positive headlines.

His personal integrity is, of course, beyond compromised by choosing this course of action, though from a professional standpoint, it is fairly normal in his industry, and one cannot claim that he is ineffective. There could be a whole case study written on his efficacy (the primary reason is actually lack of competition, and lack of organisation from his opposition, rather than objective competence), but that is an interesting sociological research paper that may unfortunately never be written. He remains a fascinating individual, and someone who we would love to discuss things with in person, perhaps at the convention we plan to host in 2020.

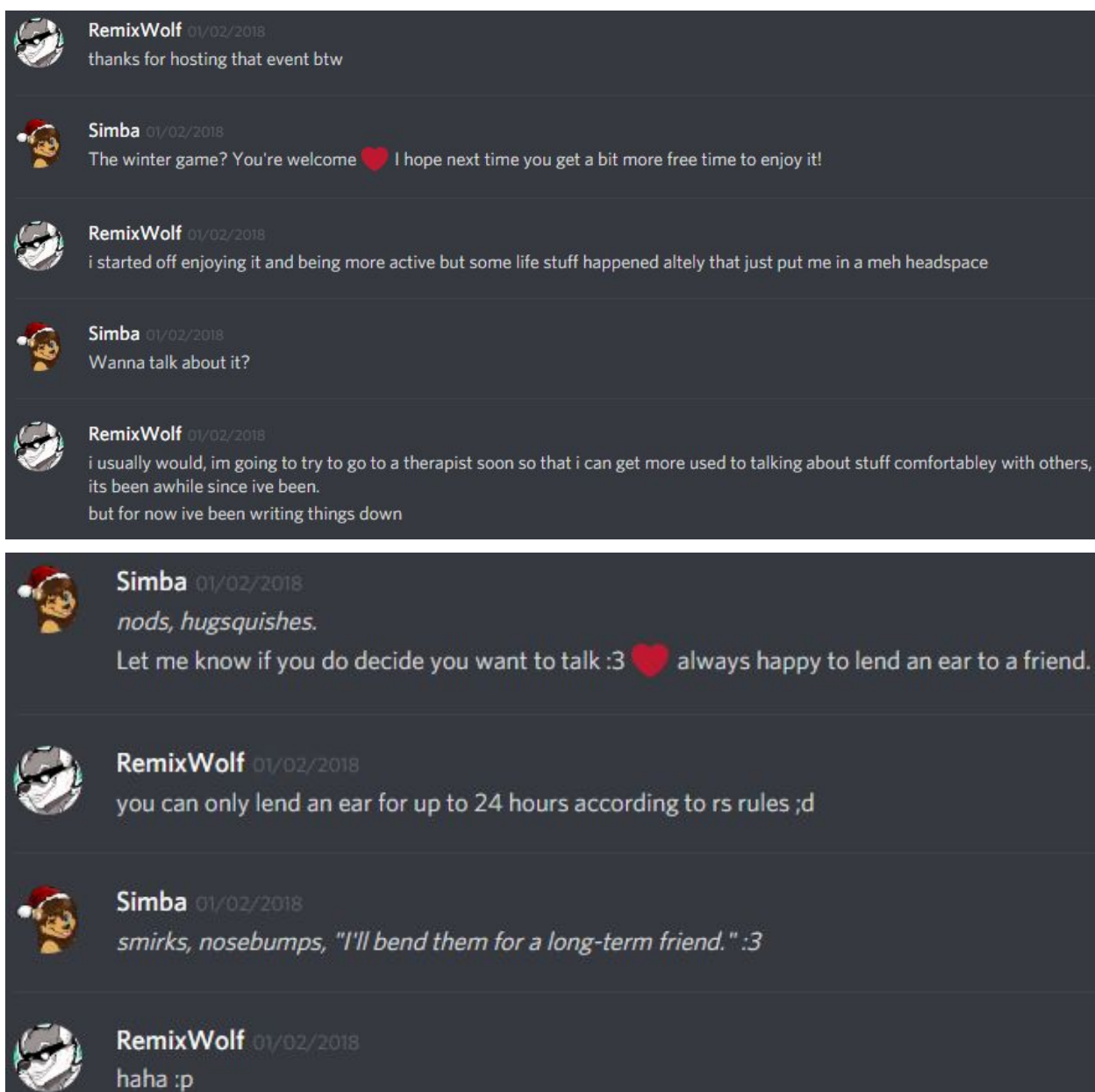
For clarity, it is important to state that we have done no in-depth research into Dogpatch's other cases. **Running FM takes a remarkable amount of time and energy, and our resources are best spent providing the best experience possible for all who we have the privilege to get to know, and who choose us as their home.** It may well be the case that some of the others Dogpatch has targeted are legitimately problematic people or organisations. We cast no judgement on this. **However, readers are strongly advised to exercise caution and perform their own research, as categorically the 'evidence' Dogpatch collects, as is proven thoroughly in this document, is unfortunately full of holes.**

- The secondary perpetrators (Heroofnone and R3m1xphyz1x) are, respectively, a person who attempted to steal a significant number of members from one of the game guilds that FM runs (and almost the entire guild itself), and one who has openly been attacking Simba and many other community members for around a year (on Twitter and elsewhere).

Hero is not someone who we feel it is reasonable to make amends with. He has proven himself to be relentlessly vindictive, to the point where, explicitly at multiple points in this document, we have shown how he has directly targeted people to promote his own agenda and attacks against us. We do not believe that he would have initiated things against us, but, given Dogpatch's lead, he has been a major contributor, despite being clever enough to understand the fragility of the 'evidence' that he is pushing. That, along with his harassment of individuals, is unforgivable.

UPDATE: At the eleventh hour, having been confronted by multiple people with the evidence shown in this document, **Hero has withdrawn almost all of his accusations and allegations against Simba and FM**, and has deleted a number of tweets. Given this clear backtracking, we advise strongly that any defamation you may have heard from Hero be immediately disregarded.

R3m1x is one of the greatest examples of how the wrong information can have devastating effects to someone who is experiencing poor mental health. Simba has kindly provided the last ever conversation between them for display here:



Unfortunately, Remix was taken in shortly after this by negativity stemming from someone completely outside of the furry fandom, who would gain in an external context from Remix and Simba breaking ties. Remix and Simba had known each other and been close for a number of years.

We do not believe that Remix would have chosen to act as he has without the lead of that person. We feel that he was taken advantage of in his state of poor mental health. And that since then, he has been a victim of what in psychology is known as the 'consistency principle'. This is an evolutionary trait that anthropologists believe stems from the need to simplify decision making. In essence, it means that a person is very

likely to continue to follow a path that they are already walking down, even in spite of very real and objective logic that indicates they should not.

Perhaps one day Remix will return home. That path exists. But it might be very long.

- The tertiary perpetrators are random banned members who just appear to be opportunistically jumping on the bandwagon to get back at FM for being banned. It is not clear how many unique people are involved, and we suspect many who have provided 'evidence' to be the same person using multiple accounts.

12. Thank You!

If you got this far, thank you for your time and energy reading this. A lot of work and thorough analysis has been performed on our side to present things clearly and carefully here, which is why it has taken quite a while.

If you would like to hear about Simba's motivations for why he has created FM and grown it into the loving home it is today, please take a few minutes to listen to <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kxSSqXaqTIs>, where he discusses this on voice chat.

We will finish absolutely as we started.

You are your own best pair of eyes. Come and experience FM for yourself.

<https://discord.gg/N4Vzzcq>

With our everlasting kindness, warmth and love,

The FM Administration