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Subject: Re: The Pointsfix and the Game Listings  
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To me, Spoony seems to be more interested in winning the argument on why jelly should give up the a00 names, rather than actually getting jelly to give the names up. I believe that the latter will not automatically follow if he succeeds in the former.

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. Some have also included insults directed at him. I believe that these points, whether justified or unjustified, are irrelevant to the topic of discussion.

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?', 'hmmm?', 'excuse me, but no'). He is entitled to do all this. It's his personal opinion and personal style of argument.

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 accommodating to dissenters on the pointsfix debate, whereas Jelly has not been so accommodating on the a00 name issue. I cannot say whether such a view is correct, especially since I haven't even read the pointsfix 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.

People do not appreciate being called appaling, ridiculous, despicable, liars, [insert negative term here], whether they have actually been so or not. 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, the very same reaction that I believe Spoony experiences when he is charged by what he views as an unfair accusation.

Angry people start to dislike the person who made them angry. It's human nature. Whether they are angry for a logical reason or not is another issue altogether.

Spoony may not mind people being angry at him or disliking him. But 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.

(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. Firstly, 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 Spooky, and humans tend to stand up for their friends instinctively. Thirdly, Spooky makes a few statements that seem to generalize the Jelly community, of which Jelly himself is a part of. (/hypothesis)

Spooky, 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 don't know what kind of relationship the two of you have in renegade/real life. But surely it is possible to be a little accommodating 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.

People keep telling us, "Jelly owns the names, he can do whatever he likes with them". If Jelly, OUT OF GOODWILL, thinks that relinquishing the a00 names (or whatever compromise can be reached) is a good idea, this statement would not be so problematic.

Spooky, whether you win the logical debate or not, the only way you'll get Jelly to give up the a00 names is through positive emotions. You 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? Why let them bait you into angry outbursts which they will only use to further derail this topic? Is the Renegade community, or defending your logic and yourself against character assassination attempts, more important? Stop creating so much anger, so that people can think with logic instead of emotions.

I think it's 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. Spooky, you need to win more hearts and less minds.

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