

INTERNET IS SERIOUS BUSINESS

Now You Know The Whole Story

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INTERNET IS SERIOUS BUSINESS PART 1: DOODLES (Steve Gattuso)

Introduction to Part 1

In January 2005, Doodles (Steve Gattuso) decided it would be funny to take pictures of people at Further Confusion and then post them on Something Awful for mockery purposes. Unsurprisingly, this did not go over well with his friends. Doodles later realized how stupid he had been and apologized after receiving a well-earned and much-deserved chastizing for his little stunt. It just goes to show that they think it's all FUNY AND LULZ until it affects them personally.

We hope Doodles has learned a valuable lesson from all this, but the real lesson everyone learned is that **Doodles shouldn't be trusted with a camera ever again.**

Xydexx suggested Something Awful Goons ought to concentrate on being funnier instead of instigating trouble at furry conventions, because if they continued to push their brand of "humor" into RL venues it would only be a matter of time before someone got hurt. The issue of Goons causing trouble instead of being funny had actually been raised by Xydexx several months earlier.

The salient clue-by-fours issued by Xydexx are **highlighted** for your convenience.



A Modest Proposal

 [xydexx](#)

2004-08-31 07:42 pm UTC (link)

C'mon, now. Who's blowing what out of proportion?

Okay, so some guy drove hours and hours to pull a prank on furries and ended up making himself look like a joke instead. BFHD. You thought it was funny. Good for you. **I thought it was kinda lame, myself. Not because it gives me an excuse to run around and go ZOMG FURSECUTION!!! I like you guys always think we do, but rather because anti-furry humor is so passé at this point.**

It's not really funny or offensive so much as it's just tiresome.

How would you react if a furry dressed up on a ghillie suit and installed half a dozen furry flags at a gooncon?

Honestly, I'd think that'd be kinda lame too. I mean, what's the punchline?

"Woooooooh, the scary furries are watching you!" Hide your plushies or something like that. Whoop-de-doo.

If SA prides itself on being a "comedy website" so much, why are your forums so

infested with puerile little dingalings? Yes, okay, fine, I'll concede there's occasionally something funny there: One of your Goons suggested attending a furry con dressed up as a Big Game Hunter, with the pith helmet and toy musket and so forth. See, I think something like **that** would have been **funny**. But, no, instead y'all keep coming up with this lameass "TEH FURRIES R PATEHTIC LET'S SEE WHAT WE CAN DO TO PISS THEM OFF HURR HURR HURR" crapulence.

Enough already.

You wanna make fun of furrries? Fine, go ahead. We can take a joke. But please, please, please, encourage your fellow Goons to come up with material that's actually **funny** for a change, okay? Raise the bar over there and everyone wins: You get to weed out the puerile little dingalings from your forums, and we get some quality humor from you guys for a change.

Think about it, seriously. Because if y'all insist on continuing to come to furry conventions with the intent of causing problems and annoying people, I really do think it's only a matter of time before somebody ends up getting hurt.

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SUMMARY

Many of these so-called "humor" websites suffer from a lack of funny material. They think if a joke is funny one time, then repeating it 1000 times makes it 1000 times as funny. They endlessly parrot and recycle material, to the point that they aren't funny or offensive, just tiresome.

Folks like [Squng](#) and [Triggur](#) claim the source of amusement for Goons comes from our alleged reaction to their antics... they imagine we get angry about it or something. I dunno, pretty much the only reaction I've had to their antics for years now has been an exhausted sigh and an eyeroll and wondering when they'd come up with jokes that were *actually funny*.

The inability to come up with new material is apparently a problem for other websites besides Something Awful (i.e., i-Mockery came up with an *ever-so-original* "Geek Hierarchy" in 2008, while trying to figure out what they could do to prevent their forums from becoming another 4chan/YTMND clone). But that's a discussion for another place and time.

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PART 2: SQUNQ (Bobby Holiday, Robert Wagman)

Introduction to Part 2

Xydexx, well known for his friendly wackiness and good humor¹, somehow succeeded in making certain individuals (who constantly claim not to take anything on the internet seriously) take the internet too seriously.

Xydexx suggested if Something Awful Goons continued to instigate trouble at furry cons, it would eventually lead to violence. He later got bored with the whole thing and deleted his posts, but they were reposted by Squnq (Bobby Holiday, Robert Wagman), who claimed this was some sort of victory. Squnq later [admitted](#) he was putting his own peculiar spin on things to try to make Xydexx look bad.

Xydexx doesn't deny making these posts, and points out the irony of Something Awful Goons and their apologists getting their panties in a twist because of something he said on the internet. This is funny because *they're* the ones always whining about people taking the internet too seriously. The fact that they constantly (to this day!) go batshit insane over these posts of his is concrete proof that these guys can dish it out, but can't take it.

Xydexx has no problem making these posts public because these days he uses them as a sort of Internet Gullibility Test. In a nutshell, people who are gullible enough to believe Squnq's bullshit are people he's better off not associating with. **This test never fails.** Today, the ONLY person gullible enough to believe Xydexx has some sort of vendetta against Goons is [Triggur](#).

Interestingly, Squnq agrees that Doodles taking pictures at the convention was going too far. He also claims the majority of Goons find behavior like that funny, but then inexplicably backpedals in the same response and says it's passé. In fact, aside from his paranoid delusions that Xydexx has some sort of vendetta against Goons, one wonders just what exactly Squnq is going on about.

The salient clue-by-fours issued by Xydexx are **highlighted** for your convenience.

This has already been debunked elsewhere, but for the record anyone who seriously thinks I support violence against Something Awful needs to have their head examined.
—Xydexx 00:21, 4 October 2006 (UTC)

¹ It is a **well-documented fact** that Xydexx traded his sense of humor in 2001 for some magic beans. Strangely enough, he still manages to laugh at himself—and sometimes even at jokes that are, y'know, actually funny.



But if you didn't want your picture up?

 [xydexx](#)

2005-01-25 21:04 (link)

Oh god no. Not TROLLS. That's it, shut down the fandom, some comedy website forums generated a few trolls who laugh at people that can't laugh at themselves.

Y'know, people keep giving us this lame excuse that we can't laugh at ourselves. The point, which SA Goons and their apologists can't seem to get through their skulls, is this:

**YOU
ARE
NOT
FUNNY**

I don't put much stock in the blame-the-victim "you're making yourself a target" argument, either. I'd probably find some appeal in that argument if I thought conformity was a virtue, but fortunately all that went out the window when I came out in 1988. -:)

I notice the incident at Texas FurryCon got brought up as an example of how not to react to goons, and I must admit, sitting on goon's cars and preventing them from

leaving until they signed something was pretty lame. The goons just laughed about that afterwards and it just showed them they have nothing to fear (although, I watched the video of the incident and the panic in that one goon's voice was pretty evident) from doing this again.

What should have happened, IMHO, was that the furries should have surrounded the car and pelted it with rocks, or even dragged them out of the car and beaten the holy fuck out of them. It's one thing to tell goons "stop fucking with us," but, as the old saying goes, actions speak louder than words. So if that's what it takes, then that's what it takes, y'know?

It's worthwhile to note the last time I suggested it's only a matter of time before Something Awful's antics led to someone getting beaten up, their response was along the lines of "HAW HAW HAW I'D LIKE TO SEE ONE OF THOSE HAMBEAST BEARDOS TRY IT!" and lots of flexing of internet muscles and such. I found this reaction curious, considering another thread on the forums at the time was from a goon bemoaning how he and his friend had unwisely mouthed off to a drunk guy and gotten his car windows kicked in as a result.

But don't worry, no matter how much Something Awful goons instigate, furries would never resort to physical violence! We're so peaceful and loveable and carry around plushies and stuff! Well, actually, there was that time where someone stole a guy's plush otter "as a joke" at Confurence 8, and the guy beat the holy fuck out of him in retaliation, but I'm sure someone is bound to say there's no danger of anything like that happening to goons.

Ohwell. At least I can take consolation in knowing when it does happen, I'll be first in line to say "I told you so." -:D

Feel free to disregard all this advice as you have in the past.

Hey, it's only the internet, right?

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Re: But if you didn't want your picture up?

 [squng](#)

2005-01-25 21:04 (link)

To respond in kind,

**YOU
ARE**

IN THE MINORITY IN YOUR BELIEF

See, as long as the MAJORITY of people find these antics funny, the SA goons are going to continue with it. They don't care that furies find it unfunny. They care that the majority, their site viewers and tens of thousands of forums participants, do. And as long as furies continue to react with fear and panic over SA poking fun at them or having some fun at their expense, SA will continue to do it. The other large, organized fandoms have for the most part gotten over themselves and don't even blink when someone pokes fun at their stereotypes, but furies still go very vocally batshit over it.

As for this whole "SOMEDAY SOMEONE WILL GET HURT AND HAW HAW THEY DESERVE IT I TOLD YOU SO" bandwagon I've noticed you on as the SA vs furry arguments continued to get more heated, hey, if it happens, it happens. But honestly, it won't. Nobody's tried to even assault Sibe (that I'm aware of), who's done more damage to furry and individuals within than SA in combination ever has. It won't for two reasons: One, litigious fear, as a good majority of furies are in the US where police are called and assault charges are laid for even poking someone in the chest with your finger, and two, internet mockery is very impersonal, very few people, furies included, can project their feelings they express over the internet into real life. Feeling angry at someone saying things on the internet does not usually translate into wanting to punch them in the face IRL, the way it would if those same things were being said directly to someone's face.

It's been happening for four years now. Noone's been punched out yet and no charges have been laid. I'm still waiting.

(Reply to this) (Parent) (Thread)



Xydexx

Mm-hm.

 [xydexx](#)

2005-01-25 21:04 (link)

And as long as furries continue to react with fear and panic over SA poking fun at them or having some fun at their expense, SA will continue to do it.

Which is why furries should stop reacting with fear and panic, and start reacting with blanket parties for goons to show up at furry cons. :-)

As you said, this has been happening for four years. What you don't mention is how the goons have escalated it from mere mockery on their own website, to going out and disrupting furry communities online, to attending furry conventions and causing trouble there. Obviously, the "ignore them and they'll go away" tactic hasn't worked because they keep instigating more and more shit with us.

So maybe what needs to happen is for two-faced SA Furs like doodlesthegreat to be called on the carpet more often. Maybe a few goons need to get sent back to the forums with their noses bloodied to drive the point home.

More likely, though, the goons would just go totally batshit over furries some more. I mean, they were gonna do that anyway, y'know?

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Xydexx

You're not funny, you're tiresome.

 [xydexx](#)

2005-01-25 21:04 (link)

You're right, it has been happening for four years now. Goons have escalated this from mocking furries on Something Awful, to disrupting furry communities online, to showing up at furry conventions to start trouble.

Anyone who says "ignore them and they'll go away" at this point is lying, because clearly goons are still going totally batshit over furries after four years even though everyone else thinks your comedy gold is passé.

(Reply to this) (Parent) (Thread)



Re: You're not funny, you're tiresome.

 [squng](#)

2005-01-25 23:27 (link)

They showed up at one con. I was at AC and MFF last year. No SA folks present. A rumor of "goons running around taking photos" floated around MFF, but no photos or

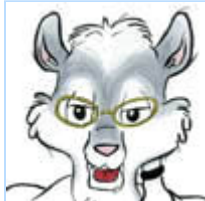
mention of MFF occurred on SA during or after the con. And no reports of SA folks showing up at FC occurred either, aside from Doodles' posting of some photos he took, which didn't disrupt the con any.

The 30,000 people who have paid 10 dollars to use SA's forums (some of whom have paid the 10 dollars over and over again even after being banned) would disagree with your feeling that their humor is "passé". So would the over 100,000 readers the SA main website has. So would the millions of people who tune in to reality TV shows where people are humiliated for money. People like watching others be poked fun at and mocked, because it disconnects them from their own problems and weaknesses. That is how people are, many furries included. You can blame that on the decay of society, but a whole library of books could be written debating that issue and it isn't prudent to debate it here.

However, you do not understand SA's forums as you are not a member there that I know of. I have actually moderated their forums, therefore I have a greater understanding of how they work than you or most people discussing the issue do. Comedy on SA has a short lifespan. Catchphrases and posting trends on their forums become quickly run into the ground and go from being hilarious to bannable in a span of mere months. The forums are groupthink, it's like a school of fish in nature. The person who posted the "Fur and loathing in Texas" thread on SA has been permanently banned from the forums for unrelated reasons, mostly his being a complete douche to other forumers. People posting "LOL LOOK AT THIS FURRY" threads these days tend to get mocked for retreading old material, and their threads are sent off to the gas chamber (SA's locked "shit thread forum").

So that's why goons aren't showing up at cons right now. The material is old, and they know that. Occasionally something new and unheard of comes along, and it's laughed at, and then they move on. There's been rather limited "goon activity" in furry of late, if you haven't noticed. Most of the "trouble" in furry is being caused by furries themselves.

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Re: You're not funny, you're tiresome.

 [squng](#)

2005-01-25 23:38 (link)

Oh, and as for "two faced SA furs like Doodles", to quote from your more lengthy comment which you deleted for whatever reason, it is my opinion that going to the furry con to gather material for posting on SA **is** taking it too far, the majority of online mockery of furries stems from photos and art which is posted online by said furries, publically viewable, for anyone to look at. By posting their pictures and art online, they are giving people full permission to mock them. You don't post art in an art gallery then whine if critics say it's crap.

You of all people are fully aware that if you hang your fetishes out in plain view for the world to see, that some people will voice their negative opinions on them. And you're fully aware of how easy it is to ignore such opinions and not be conformist in the face of adversity. However, a majority of furries lack that thought process. Do you see me making any attempt to hide the fact that I draw gay furry spooge porn despite being an

"SA fur"? I post it publically in my livejournal, for christ's sake.

(Reply to this) (Parent)



Wow! Tiresome and dishonest, too!

 [xydexx](#)

2005-01-25 21:04 (link)

They showed up at one con.

They've shown up at Texas FurCon, Feral, Anthrocon, and Further Confusion. That makes four cons, not one.

I was at AC and MFF last year. No SA folks present.

I have a picture of goldenzoltan at Anthrocon that says otherwise.

The 30,000 people who have paid 10 dollars to use SA's forums (some of whom have paid the 10 dollars over and over again even after being banned) would disagree with your feeling that their humor is "passé".

And yet...

People posting "LOL LOOK AT THIS FURRY" threads these days tend to get mocked for rereading old material, and their threads are sent off to the gas chamber (SA's locked "shit thread forum").

Wait, I'm confused! I thought you said mocking furries wasn't passé?

So that's why goons aren't showing up at cons right now.

Uh-huh. How did TheNewMeat like Further Confusion 2005? Did he get any funny videotape of the event, or was that another goon? Who was his partner in crime?

The material is old, and they know that.

Oh, okay, I get it. **It's old, but it isn't passé. Thanks for clarifying that...**

There's been rather limited "goon activity" in furry of late, if you haven't noticed.

You should learn to be more honest.

(Reply to this) (Parent) (Thread)



Re: Wow! Tiresome and dishonest, too!

 [squng](#)

2005-01-27 01:17 (link)

GoldenZoltan is a furry.

I was at AC 2K4 and noone from SA showed up other than the "SAfurs", myself included. Since we're all furries, the point is moot. We partied and drank a lot, and all bought badges and had a good time. Can't say anything about Feral since I wasn't

there. Noone went to FC.

The 30,000 people who have paid 10 dollars to use SA's forums (some of whom have paid the 10 dollars over and over again even after being banned) would disagree with your feeling that their humor is "passé".

"Their humor" referred to all of their brand of comedy including mocking of others, not just mocking of furies. Furry subjects on SA are currently old news. Mockery of others isn't and never will be. It's like I've said many times - they get bored and move on to other things. Your original attacks were against SA's brand of humor in general, not specifically directed at SA's mockery of furies.

TheNewMeat is not from SA. They are from CYD. There is no user on SA named "TheNewMeat" or "The New Meat". Produce an SA forums thread link please. Back up your attacks with actual evidence. Running a search on the term "further confusion" returns zero results on SA related to furry at any time this year. Running a search on "furry" returns no results connected to FC aside from Doodles' thread.

But you don't have an SA account so you can't actually check, you're just assuming, which you're real good at, I know. So here, I'll save you the 10 bucks and link you to every single SA forums thread actually about furies in the main General Bullshit forum which matched the term "furry" that was posted in since January 10.

<http://forums.somethingawful.com/showthread.php?s=&threadid=1437995> - posters mock the original poster for retreading old shit.

<http://forums.somethingawful.com/showthread.php?s=&threadid=1436361> - Thread sent to gas chamber.

<http://forums.somethingawful.com/showthread.php?s=&threadid=1432257> - Thread derailed and becomes pointless arguing between "who cares" and "kill all furies" types.

<http://forums.somethingawful.com/showthread.php?s=&threadid=1431369> - Ditto.

<http://forums.somethingawful.com/showthread.php?s=&threadid=1429391> - Rather short thread about a misprint on a school team T-shirt which says "furry" instead of "fury".

<http://forums.somethingawful.com/showthread.php?s=&threadid=1427741> - Inevitable thread about Rush Limbaugh's report on the furry con. Turns to shit and is closed after 3 pages.

<http://forums.somethingawful.com/showthread.php?s=&threadid=1425699> - The thread Doodles was posting in.

<http://forums.somethingawful.com/showthread.php?s=&threadid=1422794> - "Weird furry commercial on MTV" - gassed after 29 replies.

<http://forums.somethingawful.com/showthread.php?s=&threadid=1420629> - Thread more about slash than furies. Posters question why original poster was searching for "werewolf porn" in the first place.

<http://forums.somethingawful.com/showthread.php?s=&threadid=1416633> - Thread on MTV documentary. Gassed.

<http://forums.somethingawful.com/showthread.php?s=&threadid=1410837> - Thread mocking JJcoolJ. Really, who the hell DOESN'T mock JJcoolJ.

You should learn to read. But it's okay, I can understand how frustrated you are, being the target of endless mockery from both furies and SA for the last 7 years does that to a guy.

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what

 [xydexx](#)

2005-01-25 21:04 (link)

tl;dr

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Re: You're not funny, you're tiresome.

 [xydexx](#)

2005-01-25 21:04 (link)

By posting their pictures and art online, they are giving people full permission to mock them.

By showing up at our conventions to instigate trouble, goons are giving us full permission to treat them with the exact same courtesy as they've shown us. Fair's fair. Free speech is a two-way street.

Here's the interesting thing, though: For all the shit goons delight in dishing out, it amazes me how they crumple like a used Kleenex with boogers and tears and vomit mashed into it when someone gives them a taste of their own medicine. It's all a Big Joke until it's their ox that's getting gored. There's your real comedy gold.

Isn't it funny how the goons who criticize us for taking the internet too seriously go completely batshit when they read something furries say on the internet that upsets them?

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Re: what

 [squng](#)

2005-01-30 20:34 (link)

Geez, I must have made a real good point in order to get Xydexx to delete every single one of his posts in this thread. Keep on proving me right.

If you're scared to stand by your words because I might prove you wrong, don't step up to the plate. That goes for any "furry white knights" who want to stand up and defend the fandom from the evil forces of SA without knowing a goddamn thing about what they're talking about. Start working on fixing the fandom before worrying about fixing its critics.

(Reply to this) (Parent) (Thread)



Xydexx

Stop taking the internet so seriously.

 [xydexx](#)

2005-01-25 21:04 (link)

Geez, I must have made a real good point in order to get Xydexx to delete every single one of his posts in this thread.

Yeah, I'll let you get the last word and proclaim yourself the winner if it makes you feel better, dearie. All it really proves, however, is this:

I spent my weekend hanging out with friends at a party, playing Taiko and DDR, meeting new people, sledding down the hill in my backyard on an inflatable whale (ooh!), and watching movies with my boyfriend, and

you spent your weekend arguing on the internet.

Congratulations! Enjoy your victory! A WINNAR IS YUO! -:D

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Re: Stop taking the internet so seriously.

 [squng](#)

2005-01-31 17:55 (link)

I spent my weekend hanging out with friends at a party, playing Taiko and DDR, meeting new people, sledding down the hill in my backyard on an inflatable whale (ooh!), and watching movies with my boyfriend, and

you spent your weekend arguing on the internet.

If you consider spending about a half hour out of 5 days to be "investing a lot of time", then so did you, sweetheart. :)

January 25-27 wasn't a "weekend", either, but that's semantics. I'm sure you had lots of fun during the week too, as did I. I'm actually amazed you've held this "I had fun all day while you were arguing" gambit back as long as you had, you usually use it by the second reply.

You replied in length to every one of my posts, so if I'm a "loser", so are you. Deleting them doesn't make you "less of a loser", it just makes you look like someone who can't stand by their words and tries to use the "HA HA I DIDN'T MEAN ANY OF THAT I WAS JUST TROLLING" defense when their arguments are dissected and lit on fire by someone better educated on the issue.

Good try, but you're not as good at this as I am, as evidenced above. Keep practicing, though.

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Re: Stop taking the internet so seriously.

 [xydexx](#)

2005-01-25 21:04 (link)

You are a steaming dollop of condiments and if you want to have a serious discussion about this you shouldn't tell me not to take the internet seriously, you lame excuse for a hornet's crispy gangplank.

(Reply to this) (Parent) (Thread)

SUMMARY

So does Xydexx support violence at furry cons? No, of course not. That's just stupid. What he does support is these guys getting new—preferably *funnier*—material instead of parroting the same tiresome crap like they always do.

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PART 3: TRIGGUR (Kevin Kelm)

Introduction to Part 3

Squnq's incoherent ramblings were just that. I didn't bother responding after a while, because who in their right mind would believe what Squnq says? Besides, for years I've had the following policy in place when dropping out of flamewars: **Anyone who is gullible enough to believe what trolls say about me is someone not worth associating with.** It's sort of a litmus test for idiocy, and as you'll see, it never fails.

Today, the ONLY person gullible and stupid enough to seriously believe I have some sort of vendetta against Goons is Triggur. I first became aware of this in a post about an unfunny flash animation (that I had the *audacity* to call unfunny!) where Triggur was complaining people who didn't laugh at it didn't have a sense of humor.

PROTIP: If you have to *tell* people to laugh at your jokes, they're probably *not* as funny as you think they are.



Re: haha, yup

 [triggur](#)

2006-08-15 03:15 am UTC (link)

See, this is exactly the problem. You take this crap so seriously that you, personally, Xydexx Squeakypn0y, really are, let's say,... 40% of the reason they attack furies in general.

Because you've appointed yourself Herr Generale Leader In The Crusade Fighting Against The Bad Guys What Tease Furies and you're always the first one leading the charge, you're the one shrieking loudest when there's some kind of attack. You're the one champing indignantly publically calling them names like immature little boys and so on. I don't necessarily disagree, but your ongoing outrage *is why it's so much fun for them.*

Yes, this is where we disagree. You think you're the brave leader fighting against these people, and I think you personally are reason number one they do it in the first place... because your responses are always so amusingly outraged. I mean really, you're on record saying you think they need to be rounded up and beaten. They want to get under your skin... and every time you openly demonstrate that they succeeded.

"Ignore them and they'll go away?" Actually, yes. Eventually. Not immediately. But if YOU stopped caring what they thought and just did your thing and didn't turn every attack into a big deal, yes, they WOULD eventually go away. Moreover, it wouldn't actually matter whether they stopped or not, because-- by definition-- you wouldn't actually care.

Now, you can't assert that the people who say "ignore them and they'll go away" are lying, because at no point in the intervening time has the fandom (yourself included), actually tried it. Cuz unfortunately, most of the fandom has to ignore them before it stops being so much fun. At any rate, Herr Generale, I don't think you're helping matters a bit.

You already know this is true. In your own words, "let's face it nothing makes them totally lose their shit faster than OMG XYDEXX." You already know they're reacting primarily to you. You already know that your aggressive stance on the matter fuels them rather than dissuades them. You already know that the more you react, the funnier it is to them and the harder they push. It's not working, Herr Generale.

It's tautology, but if you didn't care, then they wouldn't matter to you. And if they didn't matter to you (and the rest of the fandom collectively), I assure you it would come to a whimpering end.

Because unlike the fox thing in your little comic, *there is absolutely no response you can muster that matters to an internet bully*. No matter how much you fantasize about it, you can't beat them up. No amount of angst or argument on your part is ever going to end it because the angst and argument are what they're after. You play... they win.

So the only answer left is not to play.

(Reply to this) (Parent) (Thread)

I've dealt with Triggur's histrionics before, but this little tantrum of his took the cake. Let's dismantle his response a piece at a time:

You take this crap so seriously that you, personally, Xydexx Squeakypn0y, really are, let's say... 40% of the reason they attack furrries in general.

What I'm getting from this is that Triggur doesn't think violence against Something Awful Goons is anything that needs to be taken seriously. I'd disagree that I take this personally; my standard response is an exhausted sigh and an eyeroll. Like the oft-parroted claim that we cry "[FURSECUTION](#)", the alleged reaction exists more in *their minds* than in reality.

Because you've appointed yourself Herr Generale Leader In The Crusade Fighting Against The Bad Guys What Tease Furrries and you're always the first one leading the charge, you're the one shrieking loudest when there's some kind of attack. You're the one champing indignantly publically calling them names like immature little boys and so on. I don't necessarily disagree, but your ongoing outrage is why it's so much fun for them.

I haven't appointed myself any such thing. **I'm just a dude expressing his opinions on the internet like anyone else.** My opinion is that these guys aren't funny and need to get new material. Apparently they, like Triggur, go into shrieking fits of rage and take it personally if someone doesn't find their lame jokes funny.

And I'm totally justified in calling them immature little kiddies: I've been around long enough to know more than half of them still live with their parents; one of them even had

his computer priveleges taken away because he was spending too much time making snarky comments about me on the internets instead of concentrating on his schoolwork. How's *that* for comedy gold?

I mean really, you're on record saying you think they need to be rounded up and beaten.

It's called **hyperbole**—a rhetorical device in which statements are exaggerated. Hyperbole is used to evoke strong feelings or to create a strong impression, but is not meant to be taken literally. Anyone who takes that statement literally (especially after [Squng](#) admitted he was putting his own spin on it) is gullible and stupid.

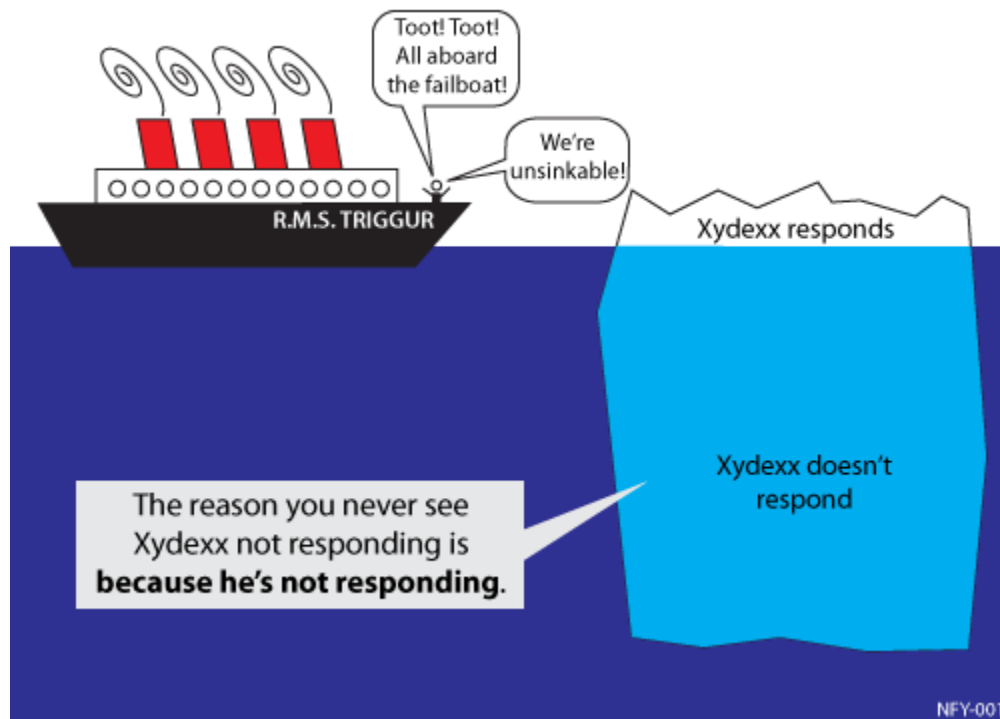
The fact of the matter is, I have a long history of opposing violence at Furry conventions. And all anyone ever needs to do to find that out is [ask me](#). Despite Triggur's delusions that I've got some sort of vendetta against Goons, I'm actually quite approachable.

"Ignore them and they'll go away?" Actually, yes. Eventually. Not immediately. But if YOU stopped caring what they thought and just did your thing and didn't turn every attack into a big deal, yes, they WOULD eventually go away. Moreover, it wouldn't actually matter whether they stopped or not, because-- by definition-- you wouldn't actually care.

It has been demonstrated that ignoring asshats only makes them try harder to get a reaction, because that's what they want. It has also been demonstrated the only way to deal with asshats is not to ignore them but to give them a taste of their own medicine, measure for measure. The downside is that means stooping to their level, and I'm generally too nice or too busy to bother. In reality, "ignore them and they'll go away" means "don't respond to people who love to dish it out but can't take it." The bottom line is these guys are cowards who couldn't argue their way out of a wet paper bag.

Now, you can't assert that the people who say "ignore them and they'll go away" are lying, because at no point in the intervening time has the fandom (yourself included), actually tried it.

Ahhh, but they, and Triggur, *are* in fact lying. See, the gaping flaw in Triggur's reasoning here is that he's claiming *he's never seen me not respond*. (HINT: The reason he's never seen me not respond is **because I'm not responding**.) It's as though Triggur were on a cruise ship made of fail, and he didn't believe there was an iceberg under the water because he couldn't see it. Kinda like this:



Triggur only sees the responses I make, not the responses I don't.

Fact is, I drop out of flamewars and ignore these asshats so frequently they've coined a term for it: [Pulling a Xydexx](#). At the end of the day, when I've biked 40-something miles, gotten some exercise, taken some pictures, frightened the wildlife (RUN, BAMBI, RUN!!!), and am pretty damn happy with myself, all these internet kiddies have to show for it is some snarky little comments about the guy who GOES OUTSIDE. (Alas, I *still* haven't been able to come up with a witty response to their insults that boil down to "HA HA, YOU WENT OUTSIDE"—maybe I'll come up with one on my *next* bike ride.)

I'm not mad at these guys at all. I *pity* them.

In your own words, "let's face it nothing makes them totally lose their shit faster than OMG XYDEXX." You already know they're reacting primarily to you. You already know that your aggressive stance on the matter fuels them rather than dissuades them.

Except my "aggressive" stance consists of **simply existing and doing my own thing**. Nothing I do or don't do is going to fuel or dissuade them. They've never needed a reason to lose their shit over me (and half the time, like Triggur, they lose their shit over things I don't believe or haven't done).

The irony thing is that for a bunch of people who claim to not take the internet seriously, they sure do freak out a lot when something doesn't fit in their little bubble of normalcy.

No matter how much you fantasize about it, you can't beat them up. No amount of angst or argument on your part is ever going to end it because the angst and argument are what they're after. You play... they win.

Trolls lose by default, so whether I "play" or not is irrelevant. It doesn't matter what they say, whether I react, or how much of a loser they think I am, because when they "play" **all it does is show how desperate for my attention they are**. So they lose.

For the record, my fantasies usually involve guys in inflatable rubber deer costumes. If these guys were smart enough, that might be a game they could actually win. (OTOH, that would involve them being more creative than parroting lame internet jokes from 2001, so I doubt it's gonna happen.)

BUT WAIT, THERE'RE MORE! Here's the part that shows Triggur really doesn't have a clue:



Re: If You Respond To This In Any Way, I Win.

 [triggur](#)

2006-09-01 07:15 pm UTC (link)

Has this really been gnawing at you all this time?

Well, either you did or did not say the things on that page (which all sound to me basically like the kinds of things you say).

Their stance is that you posted them and then deleted all the comments.

What is your stance? Did you or did you not say, "**Which is why furries should stop reacting with fear and panic, and start reacting with blanket parties for goons to show up at furry cons. -:-)**" ?

It's perfectly reasonable to admit you said it but you didn't really mean it, or it shouldn't have been said. That's fine, everybody makes mistakes. If that's the case, I won't bring it up again.

> *If You Respond To This In Any Way, I Win. ... people... are gullible and stupid*

C'mon, Karl. If you're truly on the high road here, I know you're above that level of commentary. This issue can be discussed rationally without ad hominem attacks.

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*What is your stance? Did you or did you not say, "**Which is why furries should stop reacting with fear and panic, and start reacting with blanket parties for goons to show up at furry cons. -:-)**" ?*

See, this is a question Triggur probably should have asked **before** getting himself all worked into a froth and claiming I wanted to beat up Goons and calling me Herr Generale and such. But like I said, it's a litmus test. Anyone who takes Squnq's bullshit at face value instead of asking me directly is someone I'm better off not associating with. (REMINDER: This test never fails. **Never.**)

And seriously, if the little unicorn smiley face at the end of that sentence isn't a clue that [I'm not being serious](#), I don't know what is.

Oh, wait... that's right... I take *everything* seriously. At least according to some people. -:)

If you're truly on the high road here, I know you're above that level of commentary. This issue can be discussed rationally without ad hominem attacks.

Someone who spent his whole first response calling me Herr Generale is in no position to complain about ad hominem attacks.

Someone who spent his whole first response screeching in impotent, misdirected rage about wholly-imagined vendettas is not someone who is going to discuss the issue rationally.

Be that as it may, all I said was that the only people who say I support violence against SA Goons are gullible and stupid. That's not ad hominem, that's the truth:

- **gullible** - easily duped or cheated. Triggur was duped into believing Squnq's claim that I wanted to beat up SA Goons. *That's gullible.*
- **stupid** - lacking intelligence. Triggur decided to shriek with rage about it all over his LiveJournal rather than man up and ask me about it. *That's stupid.*

I had pretty much written Triggur off after his ginormous dramatic temper tantrum. In November 2007, I heard through the grapevine he wanted to make amends, but my gut feeling was he was just trying to position himself better to stir up more drama. Especially since his request wasn't even directed at me.

Then in April 2008, I got an e-mail:

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Date: Sat, 05 Apr 2008 08:00:29 -0600
From: Kevin Kelm (kkelm@triggur.org)
Subject: Xydexx
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I know we've had our differences and disagreements over the years.

I want to apologize for how I've carried myself in them.

--Triggur

Anyone who knows me knows nothing stops me in my tracks faster than an apology. I don't like making enemies and am quick to forgive people. Maybe too quick. I wrote back:

Apology accepted.

Be well.

--Xydexx

And after that, everything was fine.

Until Triggur flipped out again and had another ginormous dramatic temper tantrum. (On the bright side, I now know precisely what an apology from Triggur is worth.)

And I can also say with confidence that people who believe what trolls like Squnq have to say instead of asking me directly are the sort of people I don't need to associate with.

SUMMARY

Without exception, the only people who say I support violence against SA Goons are gullible and stupid.

XYDEXX: Still the Squeakiest

Despite people's best efforts, Xydexx persists in being Xydexx. Even though he's a moribund tourist attraction devoid of lulz, people never seem to stop freaking out about him—usually over things he never did to begin with. He supposedly wields immense and terrifying power in the furry world as ~~North Korean Tour Guide~~ Publications Director and spokesman for #1 Furry convention Anthrocon, where he spends a whole year putting together a conbook that nobody has ever read. This is apparently part of his plan to replace Furry fandom with gigantic quivering monkeypants.

Xydexx allegedly once stole a gigantic 18-foot tall inflatable reindeer from a local mall to use for sexual purposes, but nobody saw him do it and you can't prove anything, so ha ha.

Everything You Wanted To Know About Xydexx But Didn't Care Enough To Ask About

Winning Arguments By Running Away From Them

Xydexx first came to the attention of the Internets at large years ago when Portal of Evil flipped the fuck out to hilarious effect over his Inflatable Animal Fetish Page. He responded by quietly moving the real page to higher ground and letting the PoE link go 404, musing that PoE would suck pretty hard if they were nothing more than a collection of dead links. PoE editor Kthor responded by [removing the page from the archive](#), but then added it back when he realized he said he'd never remove the page from the archive.

The Internet Gullibility Test

Some people think Xydexx is so mean he once punched a hole in Lowtax's head just to see what was on the other side. (It was actually Uwe Boll that did that, not Xydexx.)

Back in January 2005, untrustworthy internet shitstain [Doodles](#) was getting flak for taking pictures of furies at a furry con and posting them to Something Awful for the lulz. Xydexx pointed out that if SA Goons kept instigating furies it would eventually lead to physical violence. He eventually deleted his comments when got tired of the drama, which internet mass debater [Squng](#) immediately seized upon as some sort of lame internet victory, and told anyone gullible enough to believe him that Xydexx



Who could have stolen this gigantic inflatable reindeer?



And what were they going to do with it?



We have our suspicions!

wanted to beat up Goons. Xydexx posted a [rebuttal](#) of Spindoctor Sqnq's absurd interpretation of his deleted posts, but nobody cared. Sqnq left the internet forever a few years later in a fit of troll's remorse.

Since 2007, Xydexx has maintained a sort of litmus test that people who believe what trolls have to say about him are people he's better off not associating with. It is worth noting that in three years, this test has NEVER FAILED.

Today, the only person still butthurt and gullible enough to believe Xydexx has some sort of vendetta against Goons is a whiny third-rate, washed-up, middle-aged, hypocrite named [Triggur](#), who is currently frothing with histrionics and screeching with rage over whatever it is he imagines Xydexx has done.

Pulling A Xydexx

Xydexx has little time or patience to deal with trolls on the internet and for years has followed a fairly predictable pattern:

- Get sucked into arguments with idiots on the internet
- Realize he has better things to do than argue with idiots on the internet
- GO OUTSIDE
- Lather, rinse, repeat.

Xydexx bikes more miles in a year than some trolls do in their entire lives, and that's just [fucking awesome](#).

Xydexx still doesn't have a witty response to trolls who say "HA HA, YOU'RE GOING OUTSIDE!" If Xydexx ever drops out of an argument with you to go ride his weirdo bike around, laughing at him for going outside is a surefire way to make him cry!

Procrastination As An Art Form

Responding to trolls is such a low priority for Xydexx (who is usually too busy having buttsex marathons with all the giant inflatable reindeer that he might possibly have stolen) that it takes him anywhere from two months to two years to reply. This apparently makes Xydexx so intimidating that coward Simbab was inexplicably too afraid to ask if he was a Debian developer.

Xydexx's behavior has frustrated the trolls to such a degree that they now respond like a bunch of trained sheep and go into a snit whenever he deliberately makes a post and then deletes it. He recently caught denizens of Vivisector red-handed, much to their embarrassment, obsessing over him and making the usual wild speculations over all the BIG SEKRITS!!!! they found—or at least they think they found—in his *deliberately-deleted* posts.



Demigod of Internet Seriousness

It is a well-documented fact that Xydexx sold his sense of humor for some magic beans in 2001. Now he takes everything absolutely seriously. **Do not be fooled** by the fact that he plays a **redonkulous squeaky inflatable unicorn** on the internet, it is merely a **ploy to deceive you!** Indeed, Xydexx is a **Festering Malignancy** that must be abolished, which is why so many people justifiably **seethe with rage** at him! Please join an angry mob near you! Xydexx's despicable actions are legendary and he must be stopped! **Xydexx once got in trouble for UNNECESSARY SMILING.** Being such a bastion of good humor is INEXCUSABLE, because Xydexx is supposed to take everything SERIOUSLY! And the worst part is, **XYDEXX DOESN'T KNOW HOW TO LAUGH AT HIMSELF!** Simply appalling!

Quotes

- "Little does anyone know this is just another plot of mine to take over the fandom and replace it with gigantic quivering monkeypants."
- "Greenreaper can go paint himself with noodles dipped in mayonnaise while stuffing carrots in his nornhole for all I care. And indeed, it would probably lend him more credibility than he has now."
- "Some folks freak out when I buy new sneakers, and it's been proven more than once that the folks who freak out about me have way more issues than I do."
- "Is there a Hungarian version of Chuck E. Cheese? Perhaps there is not enough cheese over there, so he is always Hungary? We shouldn't let the KGB intimidate Dr. Agon as they obviously have been doing, and we shouldn't allow GreenReaper to protect the Men in Black either! I assure you my apologies are 100% sincere and am being totally serious as everyone knows I have no sense of humor and take the internet very seriously! Ask anyone, I am a Demigod of Internet Seriousness!"

External links

- [Get on my horse. My horse is amazing.](#)