[Ksummit-discuss] [MAINTAINER TOPIC] Succession Planning: Is It time to Throw Linus Under a Bus?

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On Thu, 2018-09-06 at 13:59 -0700, Linus Torvalds wrote:

> On Thu, Sep 6, 2018 at 1:51 PM James Bottomley

> <<u>James.Bottomley at hansenpartnership.com</u>> wrote:

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> > It's happened occasionally, but it's not very traditional. Usually

> > when people do a palace coup replacement, the tumbrels are waiting

> outside to cart the old dictator off to their sticky end.

> This has taken a dark turn.
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You were the one who mentioned dictators ... I was perfectly happy with the bus.

- > I do want to point out that I brought the question up last year on > the spot. I didn't get any reaction then. I was thinking me not being > around would have been more conducive to discussion. But whatever.
- OK, so we could still have a plebiscite in Vancouver; we have the room and the time still reserved. It could propose a succession plan and just present it to you. I admit there's precedent; it's how we did the next TAB chair for instance.

However, I really think for an orderly succession plan, you need to be part of it rather than having a palace coup which could end up being really messy and divisive. I suspect people treated your proposal last year as more of a joke last year because they didn't think you were serious. If you're really serious about doing this, let's try to come up with the succession process in Edinburgh in October and see if we can run a Maintainer Summit with the new Leadership in Vancouver in November.

James

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