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Succession Planning: Is It time to Throw Linus Under a Bus?

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On Thu, 2018-09-06 at 12:57 -0700, Linus Torvalds wrote:

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> On Thu, Sep 6, 2018 at 12:44 PM James Bottomley
> <James.Bottomley@hansenpartnership.com> wrote:
> >
> > I think a vote amongst the Maintainer Summit attendees might be the
> > way to elect a new leader, but others probably have different
> > ideas.
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> I *literally* suggested that this is why it would be best to do it
> without me in Vancouver.
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> Because what better opportunity for a palace coup than when the old
> dictator is off gallivanting? It's very traditional.
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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. You can't afford to leave them around, you see: they can pop up later and spoil the new republic inordinately.

So, I think if we're running a sanctioned palace coup, we really need you around to anoint the successor(s).

James

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