

# Playing Chess with a Pigeon

Kimmeh's personal view on all that has happened so far

## First of all

*I do not write this as staff, nor for any of the staff members. These words are mine.*

I know full well that some of my screenshots are an intrusion. I would like to apologize to what I only know as “the girl server” in particular, because a couple of my screen shots came from there. I never joined or otherwise participated in this server.

There has been no one person sending me the screenshots from the other servers. I only used screenshots shared to me by multiple people.

## Staff

First of all, I'd like to tell you more about what our staff is like.

The reason we were staff is because we all started the server together. We decided to all have equal voting power in order to make sure no one could pull another yeetening.

Here's a quick outline of nearly everything we did as staff:

1. We organized Secret Santa for Sparky and her kids.
2. We organized Secret Santa for everyone else.
3. We blocked Sparky from opening the server up to her friends on a few occasions.
4. We were making excuses for Sparky, who was dragging her feet on the Abs information dump she never delivered.

## Staff roles and terminology

### Server owner

Discord requires one person to be the server owner. Every server has an owner.

A server owner is the most privileged user.

- They can delete (yeet) the server.
- They can appoint or demote admins and mods.
- They can change names, server settings, and which region the server is hosted in (EU, US, Asia, and so on).
- They can add, create, and edit every single role.
- They are able to see every channel.
- They can invite anyone.

## Admin

Admins are not required. They are the second most privileged user on the server.

- They can add, create, and edit roles below them in the hierarchy.
- They can change names, and most server settings.
- They are able to see every channel.
- They can appoint and revoke mods, admins.
- They can invite anyone.
- Admins cannot modify the Admin role or the Owner role.

## Mods

Mods are not required. In our server, they're functionally identical to admins, except they can't make server settings, and they can't appoint/revoke mods or admins.

Mods cannot modify the Admin role, the Owner role, or the Mod role.

## Staff rules

The staff has a number of rules that we agreed on while starting the server.

Saturday, 24 October 2020

## Lost Words Voice Chat Meeting

IN ATTENDANCE: SPARKY, KIMMEH, MEGS, GOLDIE, LUSH.

### Role of owner/admin/general server administration

- Sparky talks about her first time owning a server. Feeling +++ pressure as a people pleaser to keep people happy. Feels conflicting directives but acknowledges good intentions. Dichotomy between wanting to be leader vs rule by group. Wants to sit down as a group and establish expectations as owner. What is Sparky's role? Leader or 'owner' or both?
- Goldie asks what Sparky feels comfortable with. Goldie feels equal responsibility. Sparky and Meg and Lush agrees. Meg feels if total stalemate then Sparky may have more influence. There are 9 identified admins. If we go by majority vote we would also find majority.
- [REDACTED]
- Discussion around executive board member roles - for quick decisions. Goldie suggests not time sensitive votes then 5 members for a majority. Otherwise whoever is online majority. Members are in agreement.
- Sparky feels better with identifying clear roles/responsibilities. Meg confirmed the group does not have these expectations of Sparky. Group are happy.
- To confirm: Sparky is owner in name, but responsibilities are equal amongst admins. We will clarify this to members via a bulletin (?). Not urgent for action. We are a democracy.
- Discussion around admin vs mod roles - more mods in future. Admin is not just doing technical stuff. Goldie doing a very good job at crowd control. We are happy with 9 admins.
- More mods in future based on active times/timezones/admin online times. This suggestion by Kimmeh is pinned in admin chat. Members are in agreement with this motion.

*The blotted out portion is a person's full name.*

### Yeet

This is a term I'm sure you've seen, but I want to explain it anyway. It's what Abs did to Locked Away. It means irrevocably deleting an entire server.

## Sparky tried to do what she accused us of doing

*Full disclosure; I've known about the Fremds server from the very beginning. I know what's being said about us, and what kind of rules Sparky has said she wants for it.*

*You should know that this is not what she tried to lay out for Lost Words.*

Our big fallout happened because Sparky sent us a manifesto. She first sent it to a few of us in private, asking for our input on it, one by one. She said that most of the other staff members had already approved of it, and even though I didn't particularly *like* what she had written, I thought that if everyone else approved of it, then I'd be fine with it too. I've been known to over-analyze statements in the past, and wasn't about to make the same mistake again.

Her manifesto clearly defines a hierarchy in which she would be the most privileged, Sammi and I would be the second most privileged, most of the staff would then have slightly fewer privileges yet, and Mal, Meg, and Azza were singled out to have the least privileges.

I am definitely at fault here. When Sparky initially brought up her ideas to make changes I initially encouraged her. However, at that point I still trusted her, and it didn't cross my mind that she would betray us. Upon posting her manifesto to the whole staff, I soon felt like I had been misled and lied to; essentially all staff felt blindsided, and since my approval was based solely on everyone else approving it first, I realized that I had been lied to.

This is her full manifesto. She posted it in a staff room called #mod-min:

January 11, 2021



**sparky** 01/11/2021

Hi everyone! I hope you are doing well! First off, I want to mention how proud of our server and our staff I am. We've been an excellent team and we have an amazing community. We've been through so much together and yet this is one of the most healthy communities of friends I've ever seen.

Now, its a new year and some changes are on the horizon. Much of these changes we've begun to discuss as a group, but unfortunately, due to many variables, we haven't really been able to fully go through with some of our more major plans.

Many of these variables are simply due to the way our server has been set up- rushed and without much time to plan and discuss, and having to make many decisions in the moment.

However, I have been doing not just a lot of thinking, but a lot of research. And I've been talking with leadership from other servers- people with long-term experience. People who've run into some of these very same variables as we are today or similar ones. I've discussed these issues with several other staff as well and really put a lot of thought into this and taken a lot of advice too.

With this new year, we will be making some changes to the way our staff is organized. Now, first off, I want to clarify that *none of these placements are personal in any way*, but, rather, I've been paying a lot of attention to everyone and what you all do and how best your strengths and skills are applied and want to place you appropriately so that this server can be run accordingly.

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Now, yes, there will be a slight difference in power in that admins will have a final say in major decisions. **However**, mods still have a very important voice and we still want and need your valuable insight.

Narrowing down the number of decision makers improves our ability to make necessary changes in the server. But it doesn't mean we don't want your advice or ideas. Its just to make things more streamlined.

Before any of the staff changes take place, I'm posting this so that you all have a chance to discuss and perhaps give your own ideas if you have them *before* they take place.

Of course, if you have questions or anything, please ask. Please know that this was not a decision made lightly but it is only with the server's best interest at heart for the long-term. I want us to remain a stable, functioning community for a long time and I think we all knew in our hearts that 8 admins and one mod was not really feasible in the long-term.

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(Winnie, please let me know if you want a specific title-- we all know you like for the other staff to be able to change your name so you need a different role-- but- it just seems cute for you to be the server's Winnie but you are still staff for sure.)

The conclusions from this discussion will take place 24 hours after the initial post regarding this topic. So please let us know if you have any questions, thoughts, or ideas. [@here](#)

This does not open a discussion. This is her telling us what will happen. She backtracked on this almost immediately and said she *actually* just wanted to open a discussion. I will leave it up to the reader to determine how truthful that statement was.

Moreover, **this is exactly what she accuses the current staff of doing**. If this isn't someone trying to implement a shadow government, I don't know what is. Simply put, when she didn't get her way, she went out of her way to burn our current server down, and caused a lot of hurt and stress in the process. I will expand on this further down.

Certain people like to hang the fact that I initially approved it over my head. I'd like to address that here by quoting myself:

January 22, 2021



ApocaGRINCHstic Today at 12:01 AM

I do want to state that the idea Sparky originally had was brought to a handle of you guys, myself included, who approved of the idea. In a conversation with Kimmeh and myself, it was proposed that she write the message, and so she did. Kimmeh and I both READ and APPROVED word for word her statement and told her to post it.

 @ApocaGRINCHstic I do want to state that the idea Sparky original...



Kimmeth Kimbobertson (GLD) Today at 9:14 AM

I agreed to it ONLY because sparky said she already talked to most of the others. I already explained why I took back my support; the others were blindsided. Meg's statement is my other big reason. Sparky lied to me to get my support. (edited)



Breakfast For One Today at 12:04 AM

I never approved the idea. She kept telling me "this is how servers work, you just don't understand discord" and so I finally said "well let's see what happens" and I never ever approved of opening the server and told her flat out if she did I would no longer be active. So no, not everyone agreed. Additionally, you're saying what we had a problem with "you all have equal say in the decision making process you just don't get any say in the final decision, only us three do." How can both be true?

Now, back to the manifest. You may wonder why Mal, Meg, and Azza are only mods and not senior mods. Personally, I foolishly assumed that they had already been talked to, and this is what they wanted. This turned out not to be the case, and I would like to come back to this later.

Naturally, after reading this manifest, we all had a lot of questions. The main one being "why". We never got an answer as to why, of course. Instead, Sparky did what she always does when she doesn't want to explain herself; she claims authority by virtue of rigorous "research". When you press her on said research, she will stall endlessly, tell you that she's working on an answer, and eventually she'll hope you forgot about it. Keep pressing her, and she will refer to "pages in an essay she wrote in her brain". I noticed the exact same pattern when she was supposedly working on the Abs information dump.

What she did say was that she had noticed a "problem".

Another very important question was why certain people were mods and others were senior mods. Yet another very important question was “how do you expect us to agree when we don’t know what the *problem* is supposed to even be”.

Here’s a conversation I had about the “problem” in private. At this point I still believed that I could reason with her:



**sparky** 01/12/2021

Listen

Sometimes

Just

Ya gotta be the bad guy

(Me, not you)



**Kimmeh** 01/12/2021

dunno, I don't think our community needs a bad guy.  
that's one of my main gripes with this. what are we  
bad guying for? 🤔



**sparky** 01/12/2021

And then you step back

I dont mean an actual *bad guy*

Its a saying



**Kimmeh** 01/12/2021

I know, my "bad guy" here is in context



**sparky** 01/12/2021

When you see a problem and someone else doesn't,  
when you bring it up, to someone else, it seems like  
you are *creating* a problem. -thus, you become the  
*bad guy*. But. Whether others saw it or not- the  
problem was still there. And now it is being  
addressed.

Sometimes this process can get p messy. But its  
important nonetheless



**Kimmeh** 01/12/2021

you have to tell us what the problem is, though,  
because it's still not clear, bb



**sparky** 01/12/2021

Also

I've thought more on one of your questions

This is not about opening the server

That is just what led me to realizing the issues in functioning of our server

Or at least part of it



**Kimmeh** 01/12/2021

okay, well opening the server is something huuuuge that we need to talk to everyone about, not just staff, imo



**sparky** 01/12/2021

Yes, exactly

I'm well aware

I'm on break, don't worry

I just wanted to tell you that. Bc when I get asked that, it keeps not sitting right bc I knew the answer was no, but I knew it was related and I was like why are my thoughts so abstract sometimes I hate this



**Kimmeh** 01/12/2021

ohh okay, well sorry about that, and thanks for telling me ❤️



**sparky** 01/12/2021

Anyway, answering no directly in that moment felt like it would lead to it seeming dishonest later when im like okay now that we've figured all this out- first order of business: new members?

I still don't know what the alleged problem is supposed to be, or why we need a bad guy.

This was her first response to all of our questions:

January 12, 2021



**sparky** 01/12/2021

Okay, I've gone through and gathered all of your questions (please let me know if I end up missing one) and I'm going to take my time answering each and every one as thoroughly as I can. Earlier with many questions being asked at once and some high emotions in the moment, it was very difficult to collect my thoughts and give each of your questions and concerns the attention they deserve. I may not get through each one tonight but please allow me time to get through each one and I will answer them in the order that I have them. If you have follow-up questions or comments, that's fine, but I may not get to them until I've address prior ones *fully*. please bear with me. This is going to take a while.



**sparky** 01/12/2021

The first thing I would like to address is not necessarily a question but a concern many have brought up- and a valid one. Its a three-part concern. While they all seem separate, I am seeing similar themes among them.

1. That this is a unilateral decision.
2. This goes against our agreement to all have equal say.
3. That this is a sort of hierarchical structuring that limits some of your power.

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I do realize my language was rather blunt previously. And I perhaps could have emphasized *more* that this was a discussion of what the current plan looks like rather than this is what was for sure happening.

The time limit was simply because we have a pattern of never reaching certain conclusions on big changes or decisions and have a lot of difficulty with consistent communication. This is no ones fault. It has more to do with differing time zones, schedules, busy lives, and trying to balance this among so many of us while also trying to get everyone to have a say.

I have been working on ways to solve this problem for quite a while. Trying to find alternative methods. I even have two half-made surveys sitting around in some files on my computer when I thought "hey? Let's try meeting by survey!" Writing the surveys, I discovered that this would still lead to needing to meet and discuss and we'd be back at square one-- or to me having to make a final decision based upon all of your insights and opinions which could yes, be much more efficient, but, that I'd have to get your approval to do this and this would take another discussion on whether or not I should be able to make a decision based off of the survey.

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Many of you are just happy to be in the community. I think that is wonderful. But here is the thing. Its not where it needs to be yet. There's still a *lot* left to be done in this community before its fully running and functional.

But, to many of you, this doesn't sound right. When I say this, I often get "like what? What needs to change? Why? Why do we need that? Why should we want that? Why change anything at all?"

**And I want to clarify, that these are valid questions.**

Because of course you want to know these things!

But when the old server was falling apart- I began a plan. Long before I talked to winnie and sammi or anyone else about it. I began planning the new server. I began figuring out what was working and what wasn't. I made mental notes of how things could be improved and what the new community could be.

Of course, much of this ended up very differently than my original plan. A major part of it being *timing*-- but much of it was happy surprises, of course.

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But here is the thing. Some of these plans are abstract. Some of these plans are community-based or community led.

As it is, not only do we get stuck on decisions, but we get stuck on knowing what other things can or need to be done, because I'm not able to open discussions in the way I'd like to because I'm not able to even say anything directly to the community (outside of jokes) without several drafts and a majority approval just to hear feedback from our friends.

A place that has been meant to be a wonderful refuge with the people we love has become my bureaucratic nightmare of stalemates on progress and on the potential for progress.

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When we were all still raw from the old server, I was especially raw and still dealing with abs. Any time I took any stand for authority, I was compared to abs. It was a sore spot and it broke me inside. Like a lot. I dont think any harm was meant here. In fact, in retrospect, I see its extremely common for the owner to simply run things. But the way those comments stung at the time- - it really hurt me and I rejected any and all authority and threw out my original plans and instead asked for equal power from all staff. Yes. I asked for that. Yes. I agreed to that. Yes, I was wrong. It doesn't work. My original plan- which I had stated at the very beginning- and very much matches up with the above organization- will not be *perfect*, but it can work a lot more efficiently than our current system.

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But as I've said, I've talked to people who've owned, adminned, modded, (or still do any of these) *long-term* community-based servers similar to ours. Servers that have failed and servers that are still going strong after many years. Many of them have been through this very same issue. And have told me- it eventually kills the community. I dont want to sidetrack and get into all of their experiences, but ive learned a lot in the past few weeks and one thing I've learned is that I just have to step up. That many of you aren't going to like it, but if I want to get things done, I need to do them.

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Now, I obviously will still take your opinions and ideas just as seriously as I do now. And will still seek them out. But, I'm also going to be- with the admins-- making a final decision on what to do.

-- also, please note, I'm still going to be addressing more things a little at a time. Please continue to be patient. I can't cover everything at once.

Notice how she acknowledges questions, then refrains from actually answering them. Instead she only claims to have done her infamous “research”. To this day, we still don’t know what the actual problem is or what these important things are supposed to be.

## Sparky leaves the server for the first time

Her response to all of our questions, and to us pointing out that she used a lot of words to confirm what we thought she was saying before, was to leave and come back a little while later. In most cases, when someone leaves a server to “take a break” is not really about taking a break. It’s making a statement. It makes people worry. It commands people’s sympathy.

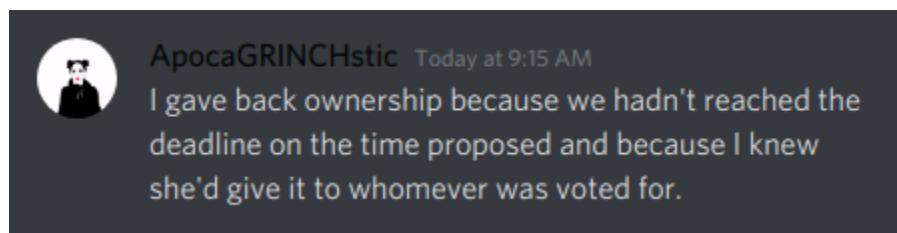
Now, while she was gone, she decided to hand the server to Sammi. Needless to say, she didn't discuss this with anyone else. Sammi has always been defending and siding with Sparky, and as such, most of the staff were already suspicious of her.

In response to our suspicion, we quickly called for a vote on who should be the new server owner. I'll be the first to admit this was a rushed decision. We had good intentions. Winnie was nominated as a *temporary* owner, and a clear majority of staff voted for him. Note that the term *owner* here refers to the person who has the yeet button. They are one step over admin, and can change server settings, and (un)appoint admins and mods.

Sammi was the only one (somewhat unsurprisingly) clearly against the vote, with one other staff member being on the fence, and when time came to actually give the server over to Winnie, Sparky magically reappeared on the server. Unsurprisingly, ownership was immediately given back to her. This is something only Sammi could have done. It's not possible to take ownership of an existing server; it can only be given.

Obviously, Sparky letting herself in like this confirmed our suspicions against them both.

This is how she defends her decision:



However, if she was so sure what would happen, why not give it straight over to Winnie? With an already clear majority in favor of Winnie, why does it matter that we didn't hit the deadline? At this point, I lost *all* of my trust for Sparky, and most of the staff lost trust in Sammi. At this point I felt that I had to set my foot down, and this conversation happened:



ApocaGRINCHstic 01/14/2021

I'd still like to consider Cabin as owner.

And yes, they've been asked and they are fully willing.



sparky 01/14/2021

I think cabby is a good idea



Kimmeth Kimbobertson (GLD) 01/14/2021

hi. we voted to let winnie have the server already,  
though. 😐

we can have a new vote for cabs. third party would be  
good, I see no problem with it.



azzacura 01/14/2021

@Kimmeth Kimbobertson (GLD) (pssst. you've voted on ...  
That is to make my point that I'm def ok with him  
temp, but longterm needs some more consideration



Kimmeth Kimbobertson (GLD) 01/14/2021

in the meantime, I don't like what's happening right  
now. this smells, and if we don't start respecting the  
vote system right now, I'm stepping down.



sparky 01/14/2021

Hmm



Kimmeth Kimbobertson (GLD) 01/14/2021

@sparky @ApocaGRINCHstic now's the time.



**Mal - Meg is still v pretty** 01/14/2021

It feels a bit weird that we've voted with a clear majority for a new server owner (temporary) and this has now been ignored with the ownership being transferred back to Sparky. I'm glad you're back on staff Sparky, but as Kimmeh said we've implemented a system and we should stick with it.



**sparky** 01/14/2021

So what does the community think about this vote?  
I'm trusting you guys got their opinions and permission to vote on this



**Kimmeth Kimbobertson (GLD)** 01/14/2021

it doesn't matter given the system we've set up.



**sparky** 01/14/2021

Oh



**sparky** 01/14/2021

Did you get their permission to set up this system?



**Kimmeth Kimbobertson (GLD)** 01/14/2021

did you?



**sparky** 01/14/2021

My whole plan was to be able to ask what the community wants



**Kimmeth Kimbobertson (GLD)** 01/14/2021

well you still can, but meanwhile the ownership goes to winnie.



→ **sparky** @Kimmeth Kimbobertson (GLD) well you still can, but me...

**sparky** 01/14/2021

Nope



**ApocaGRINCHstic** 01/14/2021

I'm cool with whomever as owner. Sparky came back and since she was previous owner, I handed it back knowing she'd give it to whomever was voted in eventually.



→ **Kimmeth Kimbobertson (GLD)** @sparky Nope

**Kimmeth Kimbobertson (GLD)** 01/14/2021

okay.



**sparky** 01/14/2021

That's not how that works

This isn't a power thing

This is a community thing

@sparky Nope

Kimmeth Kimbobertson (GLD) 01/14/2021  
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sparky 01/14/2021  
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Kimmeth Kimbobertson (GLD) 01/14/2021  
this is a trust thing. you've ruined it. I'm out.

@ApocaGRINCHstic I'd still like to consider Cabin as own...

azzacura 01/14/2021  
I think I'm missing a big part here. Never saw you suggest cabs, I missed sparky getting back, and I missed the part where the vote was changed

Kimmeth Kimbobertson (GLD) 01/14/2021  
please remove my staff roles.

Please note a few things. When we first created the server, we decided to steer as a committee, and we decided to vote on every significant decision. Why are we in the committee? Because we started the server, it worked, and we didn't really have to do anything, anyway.

The most important thing we had done so far was to organize Secret Santa.

Another thing to note is that my staff roles were never actually removed. I'm still an admin, although now I'm okay with it again, since Winnie is the temporary owner. However, before he was made owner our votes clearly weren't honored. In that situation I'm not actually staff, I'm just a pawn. Hence my reason for wanting to step down.

I also want to point out that I know that what I said can easily be taken out of context, which is why I wanted to be the first to post it.

At this point, Sparky made the following post in #server-ideas:



sparky 01/14/2021

@everyone

In my absence, it has come to my attention that the question of who should own the server has become a question for staff. Upon realizing that members have not been given any say in the matter, I have returned in order for you all to express as a community what it is that you would like to do with this server. For now, lets hear who you feel most comfortable with owning the server. At that time, I will hand the server over to whomever the community decides upon as a whole.

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This serves no purpose other than to worry people and make it seem like there's a power struggle. It's a dishonest, flailing move by someone who is desperate to remain in control. It was done with no regard to whom it would hurt, and marked the beginning of her attempt to burn our server down.

At this point we already guessed that she would open a new server and poach our community.

## Why were some people mods (and not senior?)

Before I move on with the story, I have to talk about mods and senior mods.

I don't know for certain why Azza was put into the mod category.

I have learned that Sparky seems to have a personal vendetta against Mal. I can't tell you why, but I have been told nasty rumors I don't care to repeat. She was put into the mod category to demotivate her and make her leave.

Sparky sees Meg as a pushover. This screenshot is a great example:



Breakfast For One Today at 12:04 AM

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## Sparky stirs up trouble

Sparky made another abrasive post in #server-ideas, further spreading rumors about a shadow government and a power struggle. Up until now the power struggle was all hers, and the only shadow play I know of was her trash talking Mal and trying to make her leave the server.

If you don't agree that leaving the server was a statement, this certainly was.

I have been told, but won't repost screenshots, that Sparky was already approaching server members about opening a new server the very next day. They said we were probably trash talking her, when in fact she was the one doing it.

As I mentioned before, we already knew that her actions were intended to discredit the staff, make people upset and worried, and eventually bleed all the members from it so she could start a new server.

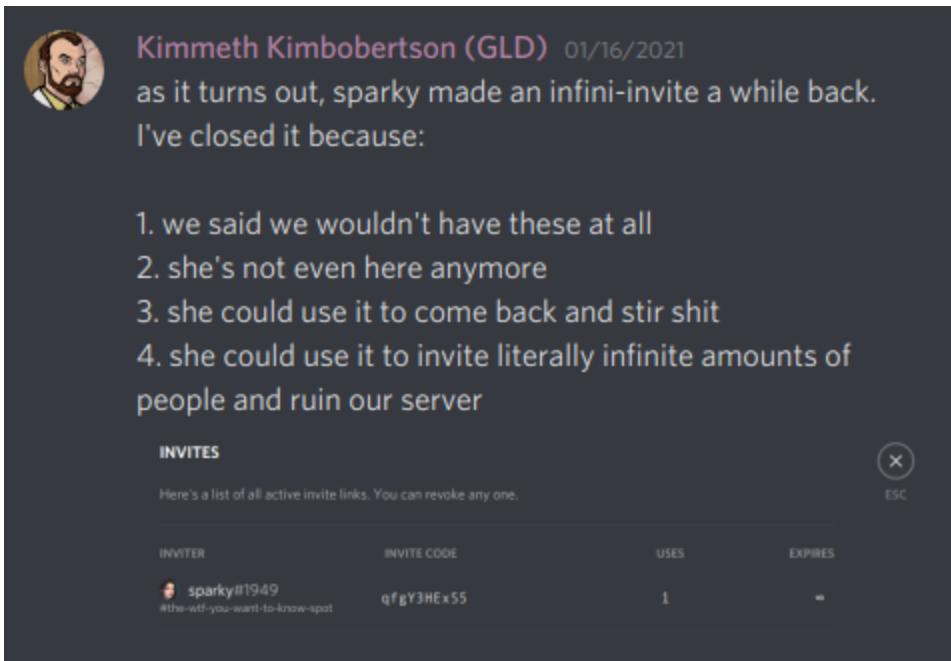
It was at this point that I had a little snoop around in the server settings. I thought it was weird that Sparky managed to come back just in time to get the server back that first time. I found that she had created an invite for herself, both without time limit, and without usage limit. We have rules against that, since we're a closed server. Invites must be single use, they can only be given to former Locked Away members, and they can only be valid for a short time. Having an invite of this kind implies a few things:

1. She can invite herself in at any time. This is useful in case she wants to come back again and stir things up more.
2. She can invite literally anyone, including tons and tons of people. This would be very useful in case she wanted to destroy our server by an influx of strangers.
3. She did this by the end of December, suggesting she planned it weeks in advance.

The screenshot shows a Discord server settings page for the '#lounge' channel. On the left, there's a sidebar with 'LOST WORDS' sections for Overview, Roles, Emoji, Moderation, Audit Log, and Integrations. The main content area is titled 'INVITES' and contains a message: 'Here's a list of all active invite links. You can revoke any one.' Below this, a table lists one invite entry:

INVITER	INVITE CODE	USES	EXPIRES
sparky#1949 #the-wtf-you-want-to-know-spot	qfgY3HExSS	1	∞

This security threat has already been closed.



Kimmeth Kimbobertson (GLD) 01/16/2021  
as it turns out, sparky made an infini-invite a while back.  
I've closed it because:

1. we said we wouldn't have these at all
2. she's not even here anymore
3. she could use it to come back and stir shit
4. she could use it to invite literally infinite amounts of people and ruin our server

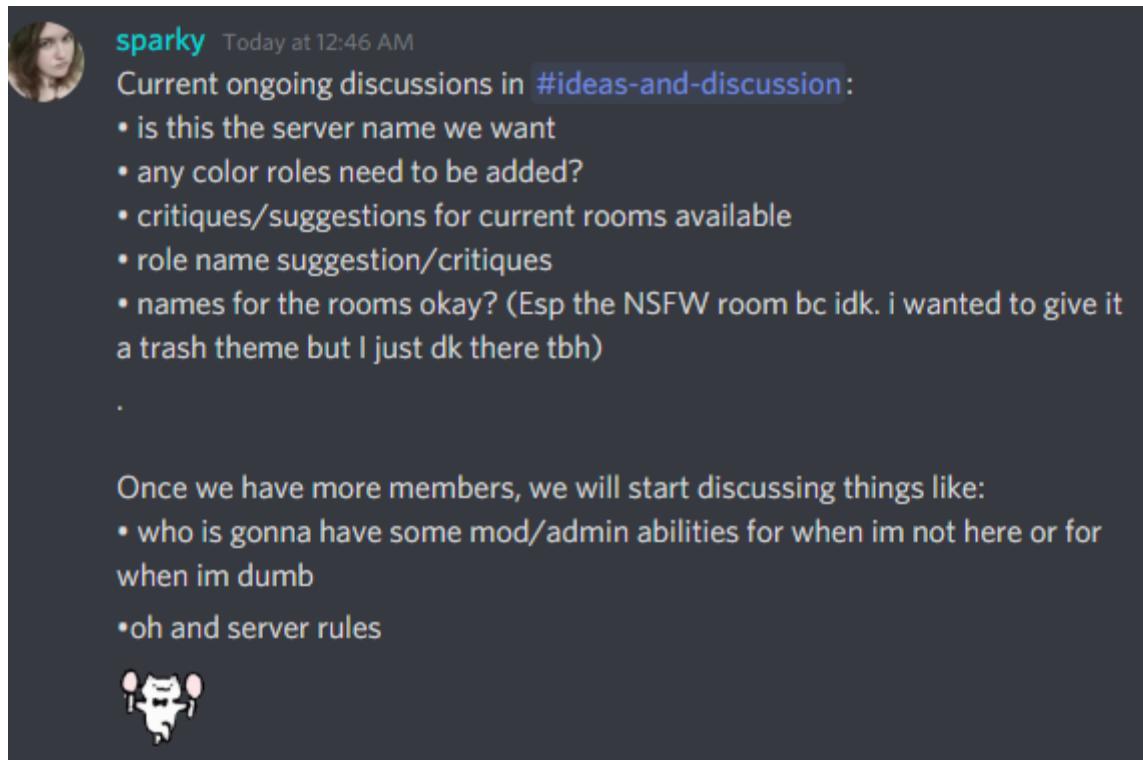
INVITES

Here's a list of all active invite links. You can revoke any one.

INVITER	INVITE CODE	USES	EXPIRES
 sparky#1949 @the-wtf-you-want-to-know-spot	qFgY3HEx55	1	•

ESC

Then she started a new server. One problem for her seems to be that after her post about shadow governments, she couldn't exactly set herself up as the sole owner and leader of a new server. It would look bad, so she posted this:



 **sparky** Today at 12:46 AM  
Current ongoing discussions in **#ideas-and-discussion**:  
• is this the server name we want  
• any color roles need to be added?  
• critiques/suggestions for current rooms available  
• role name suggestion/critiques  
• names for the rooms okay? (Esp the NSFW room bc idk. i wanted to give it a trash theme but I just dk there tbh)

Once we have more members, we will start discussing things like:  
• who is gonna have some mod/admin abilities for when im not here or for when im dumb  
• oh and server rules



However, I already hear members worry that she's starting to make decisions on her own.



**sparky** Today at 10:18 AM

Okay, so, here are people that have been mentioned to me or that I personally think would be excellent:

@Apocalypstic

@Cub

@Sofyun

@Glassweaver

@cabinboy

@azzacura

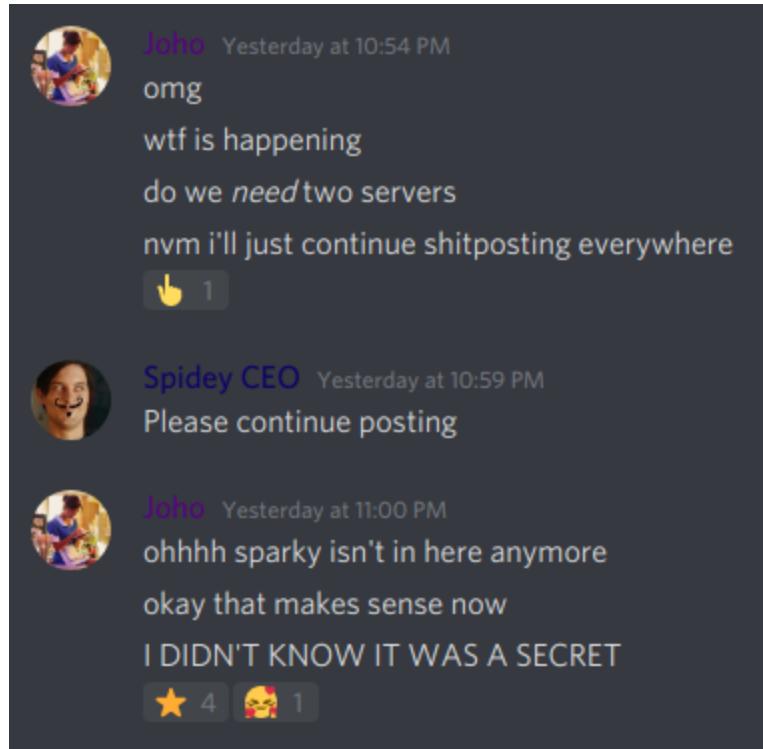
(okay the last two havent joined yet, but if/when they do)

(edited)

My personal guess is that she'll hold a closed vote, then she'll "take the results into consideration", and pick whoever she wants for staff behind closed doors. Obviously with no regard to the votes. I'm calling it now. For your own sake, make sure someone trustworthy does the tallying, or better yet, use an open voting tool where everyone can see all the counts.

## In summary

1. She tried to manipulate us into thinking everyone was okay with her taking the server.
2. She stalled, left, the server, came back, and...
3. ...she tried to make the server owner issue a public matter.
4. When she didn't get to keep it, she left again, but not before posting a long and abrasive message in #server-ideas.
5. She then left before we could defend ourselves.
6. We decided that if we were to start defending ourselves now, it would look bad as *she* couldn't defend herself.
7. Meanwhile, she was stirring things up in DMs and on servers, telling people the entire staff team (except, of course, Sammi) needs to be replaced, and generally throwing us under the bus.
8. At this point, she started setting up contingency plans, in case shit would hit the fan. She can literally claim that nothing she did was actually her fault, and we'll be stigmatized if we don't forgive her. It's definitely the lowest thing she's done so far.
9. Next, she opened a new server, conveniently neglected to invite all of the former staff (in fact, she never even mentioned it to us). Please refer to this handy-dandy screenshot:



*Don't worry, Joho, we already knew.  
The server's name is "Fremds" and it consists of most of the active users of LW plus a lot of Sparky's own friends.*

## Her sudden case of DID

**Please understand that these opinions are MINE. I do not speak for the rest of the staff or anyone else. If you have problems with what I am saying here, take it up with me.**

Sparky is a master manipulator, and I have learned some of her tricks.

1. Whenever she wants people to follow her without question, she will refer to "research" she's done. She will not share said research.
2. She will try to garner authority. This is usually done by dragging a third party into the mix, and leaning on their credentials. Sparky loves to mention that her mom is an influential psychologist.
3. If you go back and read chat logs with her, you'll see that she probably pulled this tactic on you as well.

The above two points are why we never saw an information dump on Abs. Not only did she refuse to share the research so we could help her write, but she invited her mother to a VC call where we had a big discussion about him.

She then endlessly stalled until the community seemed to have healed, and then the tune changed from “let’s release the information everyone wants” to “do we even need this anymore”? I’ll admit she had me fooled. I believed that the community had healed and that people didn’t want to open these old wounds again.

Fun fact: Sparky was the one who motivated the rest of us to leave Locked Away. This is what caused the original yeet. I’m lucky to have gathered evidence against Abs on my own. I don’t, however, trust any of the things Sparky promised to put in the info dump. Please pressure her to actually dump the information she promised, and watch her squirm.

Back to her DID. For those of you who might have missed out:

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NEW MESSAGES

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Jan 20, 2021



sparky Today at 03:55

Completely unrelated to the stuff in the server that took place recently,

I am having a very bad time the last couple days.

Together with a trusted friend and my mother (a psychologist) and some research on all of our parts and some internal digging on my part, etc, we've figured out that I likely have some form of DID. Discovering this has been incredibly enlightening, yet incredibly upsetting. I feel simultaneously like I understand so much and so little about myself right now. And like my whole mind is currently the most confusing place that ever existed.

My mother wishes for me to seek treatment for this, but the issues are that the deep trauma stems from a psychiatrist and I have issues trusting those in the therapy profession.

I'm scared to be saying any of this rn. Bc im scared that any and all things I say or do will be invalidated now. Im still me. Idk. Im having a *time*.





**sparky** Today at 10:00 PM

All I've figured out so far is that one of my personas seems to be a child's interpretation of a female Atticus Finch. I wish I was her today. But im just the scared little hiding girl



**sparky**

If you see a regular name but notice the word 'bot' beside it in chat, participating in conversation, it's likely pluralkit! This is a bot that translates your messages under a new name, and is often used by systems (*systems* being a term for a network or collection of alters within an individual with DID or OSDD). Do not be alarmed, it is, in fact, an actual *person!* 😊 (edited)

*The last picture is her retconning a bot Sorry added in order to remind you, all the time, that she most certainly has DID.*

Make no mistake, this was not a sudden realization; she's lying to you.

She's using her old tactics; she's done "research" that she won't divulge, she has one or more unnamed "friends" agreeing with her, (who I guarantee you are not medical professionals, if they even exist), and she's dragging her mother's credentials into this.

Of course, she already set up a little pitfall for anyone who might question her; she's scared of seeking treatment. How very convenient!

This is a hideous tactic designed to accomplish a few things:

1. If things don't go her way, she can now literally plead to a lesser crime, stating her *alter ego* caused all the problems.
2. If the LW staff won't immediately forgive her, she can play on the stigma related to mental health.
3. This is designed to play on your feelings, and make you support her. If she said this to you. This is insulting; she sees you as extremely gullible.

This whole idea most likely came about because Goldie was worried about her mental health. This exchange happened a few days prior to her DID announcement:



Goldie Jan 12, 2021 20:18

The first message you sent yesterday, that didn't feel like you.

It was harsh, straightforward, decisive and didn't leave much room for discussion. Maybe a little colder than what i am used to from you. Businesslike.

The messages since then have been a little the same.

Even here in dm. Although it's warmer and a little more of the Sparkle i know.

Something has changed in your communication. And if that's just a new you for the new year or you wanting to make changes that's okay.

I am telling you this so you can check with yourself if something has changed in case you maybe hadnt noticed.

I am telling you this without judgement and out of a place of care for you. And i won't judge you for any decision you make regarding that. But i will ask you for some patience for me to get used to it in case this stays



sparky Jan 12, 2021 20:24

I'm still the same person. I havent changed at all. It may just be that perhaps there is a view of who I am or who I should be that I am not currently conforming to.

I am currently being more serious rather than playin

Because this is serious to me.



I am currently being more serious rather than playful.  
Because this is serious to me.

I play around and act silly a lot. But I think its often forgotten that I am actually a very observant and studious and willful person. That is my core self too. Its just not usually on the outside.

I still have just as much love and care, but my other parts of me are up to bat as well. Im just here and im still me.



**Goldie** Jan 12, 2021 20:25

Okay, you know yourself best. I just wanted to make you aware.

I hope you can be patient with me while i figure out how to adjust.

I think the others might need some patience as well, but i'll leave that to sort out between you and them



**sparky** Jan 12, 2021 20:26

I have unlimited patience for 7 of you 😂

And limited patience for one

My feelings will get hurt. But I will always stick it out and work through everything to the end here. Im set on finding a working solution for us all



Fun fact: DID is a highly controversial diagnosis because it is thought to be accidentally brought about through a psychiatrist's suggestions rather than from outside trauma.

## Things that don't fit anywhere else

### Brain essay examples

I'm trying to reason with Sparky in DM, but she insists that someone must be the bad guy, for some reason. She's referring to her "brain essay" in an attempt to garner authority.



sparky 11/14/2020

But in general, even when manic, there's a lot of knowledge and reason that goes into every action like this. I just dont always have the mood to explain why *people just need to trust me* 😂

Sometimes I wish I could just say, "because I already wrote a 40 page research paper on this exact topic in my head and forgot most of it, but this was the conclusion so let's just skip the debate please bc I've already addressed this argument on page 4."

But instead I say "that's a good point" bc im polite 😭



**sparky** 01/11/2021

And this is something I've also had to learn as a parent-- and I'm no longer raw from the abs shit-- so I'm mama now.

Sometimes you (well, me) have to be the bad guy. You have to do things that others won't like but its for the greater good.



↪ @sparky And this is something I've also had to learn as a parent-- and I'm no lon...

**Kimmeh** 01/11/2021

sure, but remember we're a team



**sparky** 01/11/2021

And sometimes they won't understand, but they will when they're older



↪ @Kimmeh sure, but remember we're a team

**sparky** 01/11/2021

Yes. But also, we have to be a *functioning* team

Refer to page 24 in my brain essay on why this is being done



**Kimmeh** 01/11/2021

yes but we're not a functioning team if I'm not in the loop. I'm kinda finding out about this thing super last minute, and I wish someone would have roped me in



**sparky** 01/11/2021

Honestly

You have a valid point.



**sparky** 01/11/2021

Honestly

You have a valid point.

1. My actual plan was to just keep watch until I had a more clear indication that there was anything going on in the server.
2. Idk if you've noticed this but sometimes I see things before everyone else but no one takes me seriously and its frustrating and makes me not say anything until the shit is deep enough that there's no denying
3. We all love mal. And im not trying to disparage her. And I dont want to cause people unnecessary bad feelings
4. Back to #1- the thing happened late last night before going to sleep and then I was like. Welp

What about the title?

I'd like to finish off by explaining this essay's title:



Thank you for hearing me out.