

Title: Ape Alert: Fuckery Afoot?

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About a month after I started this sub, I noticed signs of my account being screwed with. Little things. Glitches, or so it seemed. One thing that happened was that while I was asleep, my account would be sending "Thanks for the award" messages that (I absolutely did not send in my sleep) to accounts with 0 karma or no comment or post history.

This happened for two weeks before I enabled 2FA and changed all my passwords, started using more discrete browsers, etc. I know I should have done a lot more to prevent shit like this from happening, but I was naive. I believe this was an effort to compromise my device or account or obtain personal information.

Around that time I would see "You are not allowed to post in this community" for almost every ape sub. Which was bizarre, since I had not even posted or commented in some of them. It turned out that if I tried to post anyway, it went through. Weird, right? Another glitch...■

By the time I figured out that something was really off, Reddit suddenly wouldn't load when I attempted to reach out to others. Posts were removed for no reason at all. And of course, the usual downvoting fiasco. Not to mention on a sub of 700 people at the time, 500 were strangely online at four am. Typical bullshit, but the sub was and is restricted so I figured the feed of information would be fine. I was wrong.

A little over a week ago, when sorting by NEW, TOP, or CONTROVERSIAL, more than 1000 of my posts on that sub were rendered invisible. I sought help from Reddit, but they were not able to explain or remedy it, so I ended up reposting all 1700 or so posts. I just finished reposting. I also removed all mods because I had no idea whose account may have been compromised without them knowing, either.

I logged out today and looked at my sub as an anonymous user and saw the "top posts" were wildly upvoted but relatively unimportant posts and the others were simply—white. Blank. More glitches, right?

I have always figured this was happening to other subs and other users and/or mods, but now I'm certain of it. Please make sure you check your posts and your feeds. Sort by different methods and see what stays and what disappears. If it says you are not allowed to post here, try anyway. And finally, of course clear whatever you can and use 2fa and new passwords. Log out on all devices before doing so. Backup everything in different places. Make a few Discord friends that you trust, if possible. And print a fucking hard copy of all of it. This is the only guarantee to protect the DD and information. Also, please get a VPN on all of your devices. There are some very good sites out there that do all the heavy lifting for you. I wish I had done that sooner, but it's better late than never!

Please let me know via chat or in the comments if there is anything else you've noticed so I can make sure to check for it, too.

All right. That's it. I just saw a hell of a lot of posts and comments about some similar issues and wanted to bring this to the table. I would imagine worse is happening to others including threats and "suicide reports". I've had a few apes talk to me about how much they're contending with regarding their work for this community and it sucks. Let's deal with this together if we can. God, that sounds really fucking cheesy. Anyway, I'm off to backup more shit.

Cheers,■

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